

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 21, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Daisy Troop No. 1472 led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver presented each Daisy with a City of Darien pin.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Halil Avci	John F. Poteraske
	Tina M. Beilke	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Marchese	Joerg Seifert
	Sylvia McIvor	

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services  
Ernest Brown, Police Chief

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** — There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 7, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 7, 2011, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske,  
Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Clare Bongiovanni reported the following information:

- The Darien Chamber Excellence Awards event was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Congratulations to the Darien Chamber Excellence Award recipients:

Business Excellence Awards: Michael Overmann Ltd. and Slowikowski

Member of the Year: State Bank of Countryside

- The Darien Chamber is presenting a trip to Amalfi Coast Italy from October 30 through November 7, 2012. Trip includes hotel, meals, day trips and airfare from Chicago for \$2499 per person. The trip is open to the general public. For more information, contact the Chamber.
- The Darien Historical Society will host the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Old Lace Schoolhouse and Museum on December 4, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.
- The Darien Chamber Holiday Party will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club on December 13, 2011 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Weaver added that the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Expo was a huge success and thanked the participants and attendees.

Clare Bongiovanni introduced Harry Spataro from Harry's Sweat Shop.

Mr. Spataro...

...thanked Ms. Bongiovanni for her efforts in filling the vacant units at Chestnut Court Mall.

...reported that J. Vincent's Beauty Salon will be reopening by the end of the month.

...announced Santa will be arriving by fire truck at Oakridge Hobbies and Toys on December 3. He will also be greeting guests on December 4 and every Saturday through the season.

...advised there will be free gift wrapping on Saturdays and Sundays for mall purchases through the season.

...advised mall lights will be coming on the end of this week.

Mr. Spataro introduced Chris Robb from Oakridge Hobbies & Toys.

Chris Robb...

...advised that Oakridge Hobbies & Toys have been in the retail business for 20 years.

...invited all to visit the store to see the very unique display of stuffed animals, and the large selection of quality toys and hobbies.

...reiterated that Santa will be arriving by Fire Truck on December 3, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. and will remain until 4:00 P.M.; he will return on December 4, 2011 from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

...advised Oakridge Hobbies & Toys is a Toys for Tots donation center.

...urged all to support local businesses and to visit Oakridge Hobbies & Toys on Facebook.

Mayor Weaver added that Oakridge Hobbies & Toys was not just for children and urged all to visit the store.

Ms. Bongiovanni wished all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Weaver announced that Alderman Beilke agreed to be the liaison for the Citizen of the Year Committee, and expressed gratitude to her for taking on the task.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Ragona announced that City offices would be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana welcomed Police Chief Brown who started last week.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown gave a presentation of his vision and goals for the Darien Police Department. He reviewed the steps that will be taken in order to refine and enhance the department to serve effectively, efficiently with honesty, transparency and integrity. He noted that goals may change as he gets more involved, but there will be no sweeping changes.

Chief Brown stated that Deputy Chief Skala has decided to retire.

Assistant Administrator Coren reminded residents that this is the last week for the free leaf pickup.

Director Gombac...

...announced that double ground mulch is available by calling City Hall.

...advised that the last street sweeping has been conducted.

...asked for resident assistance by keeping storm sewers clear of leaves to avoid flooding.

Administrator Vana advised that refuse and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Assistant Administrator Coren noted that until the yard waste landfills are closed, leaves will continue to be picked up with a refuse sticker.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. **WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-13**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-13 in the amount of \$379,521.09 from the General Fund; \$194,920.76 from the Water Fund; \$629.76 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$18,212.60 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$211,616.82 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/03/11; \$21,506.05 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/03/11; for a total to be approved of \$826,407.08.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER, 2011**

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of October, 2011:

General Fund: Revenue \$7,951,153; Expenditures \$5,944,562; Current Balance \$3,468,001;

Water Fund: Revenue \$2,320,222; Expenditures \$1,866,645; Current Balance \$1,804,258;

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue \$382,277; Expenditures \$407,949; Current Balance \$55,318;

Water Depreciation Fund: Revenue \$814; Expenditures \$22,724; Current Balance \$112,593;

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$3,200,257; Expenditures \$1,881,133; Current Balance \$1,433,818;

Capital Projects Debt Service Fund: Revenue \$105,518; Expenditures \$52,375; Current Balance of \$55,345.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese announced the minutes of the October 24, 2011 Municipal Services Committee have been approved and will be forwarded to the Clerk’s Office for posting. He advised the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

**Police Committee** — Chairman McIvor advised the next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on December 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Chairman Poteraske advised the next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on December 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

13. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the City Council.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Weaver announced that during the Work Session New Business Items A and B were moved to the Consent Agenda as Items E and F; New Business Items C and D will be re-lettered as A and B.

Mayor Weaver reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

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| <b>A. RESOLUTION NO. R-89-11</b> | <b>A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPPORTING THE DUPAGE SENIOR CITIZEN'S COUNCIL BY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS, HOME MAINTENANCE AND WELL BEING CHECKUPS FOR DARIEN RESIDENTS IN THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00</b> |
| <b>B. RESOLUTION NO. R-90-11</b> | <b>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST TO PROVIDE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES IN DARIEN</b>  |
| <b>C. RESOLUTION NO. R-91-11</b> | <b>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO OBTAIN BIDS AND SECURE FUNDING FOR VIDEO PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT</b>   |

**TO OPERATE THE CITY OF DARIEN'S PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) ACCESS CHANNEL**

**D. ORDINANCE NO. O-25-11**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (CROSSROADS OF DARIEN PUD, 8350 LEMONT ROAD, BUILDING G)**

**E. ORDINANCE NO. O-26-11**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE TO THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2011-10: 1450 PLAINFIELD ROAD, MIDWEST FOOT AND ANKLE CENTER)**

**F. RESOLUTION NO. R-92-11**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM UGX INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE SNOW PLOWING AND DEICING SERVICES FOR THE PARKING LOT AND WALKWAYS AT THE DARIEN HERITAGE CENTER AND THE SIDEWALK PLOWING AND DEICING SERVICES AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF PRICES THROUGH APRIL 30, 2012**

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

16. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN (5-1-2010 TO 4-30-2014)**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman McIvor to approve:

**RESOLUTION NO. R- 93-11**                      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE OF POLICE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN (5-1-2010 TO 4-30-2014)**

Roll Call:            Ayes:            Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

                          Nays:            None

                          Absent:          None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

- B. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED CONVEYANCING DOCUMENTS WITH CHASE BANK (FORMER SHELL GAS STATION/75<sup>TH</sup> AND CASS)**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-27-2011**                      **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED CONVEYANCING DOCUMENTS WITH CHASE BANK (FORMER SHELL GAS STATION/75<sup>TH</sup> AND CASS)**



Alderman Beilke expressed a desire to see the property marketed for a better use that would generate sales tax. She was concerned that selling one parcel may adversely affect the development of the remaining parcels.

Alderman Seifert felt that not enough was done to market the property; he expressed concern with the future impact of ingress and egress. He would like to see a valuation of the parcels, and stated that he could not support the sale without more information.

Aldermen Marchese, Avci, McIvor and Poteraske spoke in support of the sale.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Avci, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske
	Nays:	Beilke, Seifert
	Abstain:	Schauer
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL**

Alderman Marchese announced the Darien Lions Club, in conjunction with the Darien Park District, would be conducting their annual food basket program; a donation of \$60 would provide enough food to feed a family for two weeks. It is anticipated between 200-215 families would be served. The baskets will be packed at Darien Park District Community Center on Fairview on December 16; food baskets will be delivered on December 17. Volunteers are welcome.

Alderman Poteraske invited all to attend the Darien Historical Society Annual Tree Lighting on December 4 at 4:00 P.M.

Alderman Avci asked if any progress had been made regarding a bus stop in Darien for Pace 755. Assistant Administrator Coren responded that two sites were explored but there was no interest on the part of the property owners. The city will continue working with Pace.

Administrator Vana advised that marketing of the remaining City-owned Cass Avenue properties was discussed at the Goal Setting Session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to adjourn.

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 11-21-11.  
Minutes of 11-21-11 CCM