

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 7, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

OCTOBER 7, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Mayor Weaver. Mayor Weaver introduced Giovanni Ahern who was a Town Hall Meeting participant.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Giovanni Ahern led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present:	Tina M. Beilke	Sylvia McIvor
	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Joerg Seifert
	Joseph A. Marchese	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon D. Vana, 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. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 3, 2013 City Council Meeting
– September 26, 2013 Special Town Hall Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 3, 2013 as presented.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer, Seifert
	Abstain:	McIvor
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the minutes of the Special Town Hall Meeting of September 26, 2013 as presented.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert
	Abstain:	Marchese
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman McIvor received e-mails from residents from the subdivision behind Wal-Mart regarding concerns about posted graffiti. Chief Brown clarified that the postings were considered tagging, which is not gang affiliated. Administrator Vana noted that the tagging was removed immediately by Public Works. Chief Brown noted that tagging is considered criminal damage to property.

Alderman Kenny received a communication from an individual, who wanted to remain anonymous, regarding speeding on Darien Club Drive; the offender was apprehended.

Mayor Weaver...

...received a thank you from the owner of Wild Orchid for the ribbon cutting.

...received an e-mail from Naveen Venkatapathi commending the service received from Mary Wintermute in the Building Department.

...received an e-mail from John Sipp of 1114 Hinsbrook expressing gratitude for the successful rear yard drainage project at Hinsbrook and 69th Street.

...received a letter from Helen Kos of Alpine Banquets expressing gratitude to the Public Works Department for their assistance in clean-up of damage caused by the storm in June.

...received a letter from Louise Jachim of 317 Holly expressing gratitude for the beautification project in the Marion Hills area, and commended the contractors, and Director Gombac for all his efforts.

...received a letter from Claudia Manley, President of the Board of Education, Hinsdale Township High School District #86, extending gratitude for hosting the Town Hall Meeting on September 26, 2013, and expressing a desire to have the meeting become an annual event.

Alderman McIvor...

...advised that it has been determined algae is not the problem at the pond off Beller. Director Gombac advised that he is communicating with the Park District regarding this issue.

...advised that residents have expressed concern about the potential hazard of dead branches on Ash trees. Director Gombac advised he will address this issue during the Department Head Information segment of the meeting.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION – FIRE PREVENTION MONTH (OCTOBER 2013)

Mayor Weaver read into the record a proclamation declaring October, 2013 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Darien.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION – FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (OCTOBER 2013)

Mayor Weaver read into the record a proclamation declaring October 2013 as Filipino American History Month in the City of Darien.

Ruben Salazar, Adviser and Past President of the Filipino American Association of South DuPage, and his wife Merle accepted the proclamation. Mr. Salazar thanked Mayor Weaver and the City Council for the proclamation and recognition of the contributions of the Filipino community.

C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION – DARIEN LIONS CLUB CANDY DAYS (FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013)

Mayor Weaver read into the record a proclamation declaring October 11 and 12, 2013 as Darien Lions Club Candy Days in the City of Darien.

Darien Lions Club President Jim Kiser and Chairman of Candy Days Art Kardatzke accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Darien Lions Club.

D. PRESENTATION – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING 4-30-13 & LETTER

Tim Gavin, Audit Manager of Sikich presented the highlights of the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2013, and reviewed the Auditor’s Communication. Mr. Gavin also reviewed the changes that will go into effect April 30, 2016 in Pension Fund reporting. He advised the audit went well with the full cooperation of the City Accountant, Treasurer, and staff. He noted that the city received the cleanest opinion and highest level of performance that can be provided. Treasurer Coren thanked Mr. Gavin and Sikich for their professionalism, and inquired how the City of Darien compares with other municipalities. Mr. Gavin responded that Sikich was extremely pleased with the cooperation received from the city, and Darien compares favorably with other communities. He added that the Management Letter may be viewed as a score card for any deficiencies in the city’s financial performance. Administrator Vana advised that the Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed the report in great detail.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona

...invited all to Meet & Greet the Mayor on October 21, 2013 at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

...thanked Chief Brown on behalf of the Municipal Clerks of DuPage County for his enlightening talk regarding “Gangs in the Suburbs” at a meeting held in Darien on October 2, 2013.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown reported:

- There have been a rash of burglaries over the last two months and urged residents to be vigilant and call 911 to report any suspicious activity. He offered suggestions to avoid becoming a victim to crime.
- The transition away from the DARE program has begun with the drug awareness component being incorporated into each school's curriculum. The Police Department has begun relationship building with the schools and students, and is providing visitations to the schools, as well as working on presentations and programs tailored to each school district.

Director Gombac reported:

- The tree trimming contract with Homer Tree is on this evening's agenda; they are offering the same tree trimming pricing as last year, which includes private property tree trimming as well as removals.
- Emerald Ash Borer treatment has been completed on 2400 trees, with completion of removal of 120 of the 312 slated to be taken down; the remaining 192 trees should be removed by mid November with restoration to be completed as weather permits.
- In regards to the Ash trees that have been treated and identified with sucker growth and dead branches, staff will take a "wait and see" approach to determine if the branches leaf out in Spring of 2014 or if additional Ash Tree removals will be brought forth as a budget item for 2014. Any dangerous dead limbs will be removed immediately.
- Tree replacement will begin in one or two weeks.
- Although the September 27, 2013 deadline for private property tree planting has passed, residents may still be able to take advantage of the program.
- Reported on efforts City has taken to promote economic development.
- Due to funding issues, Chase Bank will not begin construction until late 2014.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 13-14-09

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve payment of Warrant Number 13-14-09 in the amount of \$503,770.22 from the enumerated funds; and \$246,678.39 from payroll funds for the period ending 09/05/13; for a total to be approved of \$750,448.61.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor,
Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 13-14-10

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 13-14-10 in the amount of \$381,966.42 from the enumerated funds; and \$269,246.18 from payroll funds for the period ending 09/19/13; for a total to be approved of \$651,212.60.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor,
Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – AUGUST 2013

Treasurer Coren reported that with the completion of the annual audit, the summary reflects differences between projected balances from the actual audited numbers. The most significant difference is a positive in the amount of \$847,000 more than anticipated in the General Fund. In keeping with the policy established last year, Administrator Vana will be requesting Council to consider transferring the additional funds to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of August 2013:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$5,241,047; Expenditures \$4,032,875; Current Balance \$2,979,181
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,781,029; Expenditures \$1,483,426; Current Balance \$1,170,098

<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$178,877; Expenditures \$137,809; Current Balance \$333,777
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$2,109; Expenditures \$51,900; Current Balance \$692,928
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$3,024,182; Expenditures \$2,244,607; Current Balance \$4,590,673
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$263,911; Expenditures \$86,838; Current Balance of \$184,933

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairman Schauer submitted the minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting of September 3, 2013. He announced the next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

Police Committee – Chairman McIvor announced the next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese advised the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee Meeting of August 26, 2013 have been submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

A. A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- B. RESOLUTION NO. R-89-13** **A RESOLUTION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (GENERAL MAINTENANCE-EMERALD ASH BORER-ASH TREE REMOVAL)**
- C. ORDINANCE NO. O-25-13** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (VEHICLE) (2003 FORD TAURUS)**
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-90-13** **A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH HOMER TREE CARE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,000 FOR THE CITY'S 2013-14 TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM**
- E. ORDINANCE NO. O-26-13** **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-3-7 "CLASSIFICATION OF LICENSES AND FEES" AND SECTION 3-3-8, "CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LICENSE," OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A CLASS M LIQUOR LICENSE**

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Administrator Vana announced the Goal Setting Session will take place on November 13, 2013.

Alderman McIvor expressed concern and frustration with the lack of communication and responsiveness of the DuPage County Housing Authority. She requested a representative from the entity be invited to attend a City Council Meeting to provide an explanation as to what services they perform. Mayor Weaver noted that Dan Cronin removed and replaced the entire board. Administrator Vana added that there is a new Executive Director as well. Mayor Weaver directed staff to invite a representative to a City Council Meeting.

Alderman Seifert advised that he attended the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District 5K walk held at Meyers Woods, and hopes it will be an annual event.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk