

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 19, 2014 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

MAY 19, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Weaver led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present:	Tina 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
Lynn Dubman, Deputy Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
John B. Murphey, City Attorney
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Service
Ernest Brown, Police Chief
Gregory Cheaure, Police Sergeant

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** - May 5, 2014 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 5, 2014 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

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer...

...received a telephone call from Mike Magee of 1302 Iroquois regarding coyotes living under the deck of a nearby home. Mayor Weaver recommended residents watch the educational coyote video on the City’s website. Alderman McIvor reminded residents that coyotes are scavengers and stressed the importance of not feeding wildlife, and to keep trash contained. She suggested residents contact Willowbrook Wildlife Center for suggestions on dealing with coyotes. Assistant Administrator Coren noted that small pets are in danger due to territorial issues, but there have been no documented attacks on humans.

Alderman Beilke...

...received a call from Jerry Haley of 516 Easy Street requesting the City expedite dealing with an unsightly, dying parkway ash tree that is infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Director Gombac will review.

...received communication from David Siebold of 7317 Sunrise regarding an overgrowth of dandelions on City property located adjacent to his home near the High School ball field on Sunrise and Elm, and concerns regarding a parking issue. Alderman Beilke suggested Director Gombac monitor the parking on Brookbank, Evans, and Elm prior to

addressing other parking issues around the high school. In regards to the overgrowth of dandelions, Director Gombac advised that there is no budgeted line item for treatment of this and nine other City owned detention basins and large parkways. Alderman Marchese noted that many residents take care of cul de sacs and parkways with their own lawns. Alderman Beilke requested Director Gombac determine the cost of treating those properties. Administrator Vana recommended treatment pricing for the ten properties be obtained and submitted to Municipal Services Committee for review. Mayor Weaver concurred.

Alderman McIvor...

...requested Director Gombac contact the Park District to follow-up on the algae overgrowth in the Farmingdale Village ponds.

Mayor Weaver...

...thanked the Darien Chamber of Commerce, and the many volunteers for their hard work on the Darien Dash. She noted there were 442 participants, and that the event was very well organized.

Alderman Kenny...

...received communication from Joan Kielbasa of 7210 Richards, whose property backs up to Fairview in Downers Grove, regarding a problem with dandelions. Director Gombac advised that he has contacted Downers Grove regarding this problem and has not received a response.

...received communication from the resident at 7113 Summit regarding smoke from a neighbor's fire pit which is infiltrating her home. Alderman Kenny advised that there is nothing the City can do, and requested that residents be respectful of their neighbors when using fire pits.

Alderman McIvor thanked the Darien Park District for the 40th Anniversary celebration.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Clare Bongiovanni provided an update as follows:

- Welcomed new Chamber Member DiAnna McCarter of HR Concierge of Illinois.
- Announced the 14th Darien Dash was a great success, and extended gratitude to: the sponsors, volunteers, supporters of the event, Race Director Ted Schauer, the Darien Dash Committee, Steve Hiatt and the Darien Lions Club, Kris Sant, Darien VFW Post 2838, Mayor Weaver, former Citizen of the Year, Cathy Marchese. and Clare Wagner.
- Congratulated Lace School on their \$1,000 Darien Dash award for having the highest student participation.
- Congratulated the Darien Park District on their 40th Anniversary.
- Announced the Darien Park District will be hosting a Farmer's Market every Wednesday from June 11 through October 8, 2014.
- Announced the Darien Chamber is excited to sponsor the first concert of the summer on June 11, 2014 featuring Heartache Tonight at Darien Community Park.

Clare Bongiovanni welcomed and introduced Pat Hirshman, Debbie Sherwood, Bill Bowman, Deb Coulman, Jolene Bazon, and Comfort Dog Shami of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Pat Hirshman of the Communication Team spoke of St. John's annual events, participation in community events, and the sharing of the church with various organizations. Debbie Sherwood, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, explained the program's curriculum, activities, events, and pricing. Bill Baumann, Chairman of Elders spoke of the Early Learning Center and Safe Haven Program. Jolene Bazon spoke of the interaction between Comfort Dog Shami and the people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, special events and in disaster response situations.

Clare Bongiovanni welcomed and introduced DiAnna McCarter of HR Concierge of Illinois.

DiAnna McCarter provided her business and educational qualifications, and enumerated the services of her human resource business. She announced that, in addition to her company being the newest member of the Darien Chamber of Commerce, she has been appointed to their Board of Directors.

Alderman Kenny congratulated Clare Bongiovanni on her performance at Dancing with the Starz.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Deputy Clerk Dubman announced that Darien City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana introduced Mark Morrissey and Edward F. Paliatka of Darien Pointe, LLC, the proposed purchaser and developer of Heritage Center. Mr. Paliatka spoke of the proposed development which he feels will greatly improve the appearance and aesthetics of the area, provide a nice shopping area, and improve parking for the apartments and the center.

Assistant Administrator Coren provided an update on the City's Electric Aggregation Program, and the one year, accepted bid. He advised that the market has changed significantly, and the City was unable to get the low rate from two years ago. He noted that, as in the past, residents will have the ability to opt out at any time. The new rate will go into effect with the July, 2014 billing.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac...

...announced that the City secured a \$1,600 grant towards the four LED fixtures which have been installed at the intersections of 79th and Farmingdale Drive; Gigi Road and Richards Road; Beller Drive and Ailsworth; and Bailey Road and Greenbriar Lane. He advised that the cost savings will be monitored with the goal of street light replacement throughout the city.

Alderman McIvor requested an update on the redevelopment construction of the Ide Christmas Tree Farm.

Director Gombac reported...

...a time table has not been received to date. Engineering has recently reviewed the storm water calculations. The City is waiting for A Letter of Credit for the 83rd Street storm sewer. Alderman McIvor requested any information on the development be communicated to the residents through Direct Connect.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 13-14-25

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve payment of Warrant Number 13-14-25 in the amount of \$424,360.94 from the enumerated funds.

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 14-15-01

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 14-15-01 in the amount of \$278,509.67 from the enumerated funds; and \$247,379.76 from payroll funds for the period ending 05/01/14; for a total to be approved of \$525,889.43.

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee – Chairman McIvor announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for June 16, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairman Schauer announced that the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for June 2, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RESCIND ORDINANCE O-15-14 AMENDING SECTION 9-3-2 (PROHIBITED PARKING) OF CHAPTER 3 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS) TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE.

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to rescind Ordinance O-15-14 Amending Section 9-3-2 (Prohibited Parking) of Chapter 3 (Parking Restrictions) Title 9 (Traffic Regulations), of the Darien City Code.

Administrator Vana clarified that this item was carried over from the last City Council meeting to clarify the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, McIvor, Marchese, 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 AMENDING SECTION 9-3-2 (PROHIBITED PARKING) OF CHAPTER 3 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS) TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE.

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the ordinance as presented.

Administrator Vana advised that the ordinance clarifies that there is no high school or event parking any time.

ORDINANCE NO. O-16-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-3-2 (PROHIBITED PARKING) OF CHAPTER 3 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS) TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC

REGULATIONS), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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 Belczak to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. A MOTION TO APPROVE:

- **THE PROJECT HOME CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION 5K AND 1 MILE WALK/RUN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ABSORB ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THIS EVENT. TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS WILL BE PLACED ON 71ST STREET BETWEEN CLARENDON HILLS ROAD AND BENTLEY AND THAT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE RACE**
- **USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE PROJECT HOME CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION 5K AND 1 MILE WALK/RUN WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:
5 K RUN - 71ST STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE AND FOLLOWING CHEROKEE DRIVE TO DARIEN LANE; NORTH ON DARIEN LANE AND FOLLOWING TIMBER LANE TO SEMINOLE DRIVE; NORTH ON SEMINOLE DRIVE TO 71ST STREET; WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE TO HINSBROOK AVENUE; EAST ON HINSBROOK AVENUE TO WILMETTE AVENUE; NORTH ON WILMETTE AVENUE TO 69TH STREET; EAST ON 69TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES; AND**

1 MILE WALK – 71 STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES

B. A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

C. A MOTION TO APPROVE:

- **THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014, BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M., SPONSORED BY THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB AND**
- **AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: FROM THE JEWEL PARKING LOT, NORTH ON CASS AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (HERITAGE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER AND FORMER BP PROPERTY)

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman McIvor to approve the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. O-17-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

**(HERITAGE PLAZA SHOPPING
CENTER AND FORMER BP
PROPERTY)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

A. DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST

Alice Brennan provided a brief history of Old Lace School and the Darien Historical Society. Debbie Kieras spoke of artifacts, archives, and programs to raise awareness. Warren Anderson spoke of the desire to remain a 501C3 organization, manage and collect artifacts, maintain Old Lace School, sponsor two annual fundraising events, budget a predictable amount of investment from the City, work with City staff on an annual budget, and allow for an annual audit of funds by the City. Dean Rodkin spoke of the benefits to the community to maintain and invest in the Darien Historical Society. Alice Brennan announced the names of the Darien Historical Society Board Members. Ms. Brennan advised that the lease arrangement between District 61 and the City is on the May 27, 2014 District 61 School Board Meeting agenda for review and discussion. Mayor Weaver stated that the City would be reluctant to invest without ownership of the property. Mayor Weaver requested Administrator Vana contact Superintendent Carlo to notify him of the City's desires. Alderman Seifert commented that he would be more inclined to invest if the City owned the property. Alice Brennan was unaware the City wanted ownership of the property and thought a 100 year lease would suffice. She clarified that the Historical Society is not asking the City to finance the \$42,000 for capital needs but is seeking an agreement for a steady revenue stream. A lengthy discussion took place on the Historical Society's need to prioritize projects, budget accordingly, set long term goals, and increase fund raising efforts. A brief discussion took place on providing an annual stipend for a specified use. Mayor Weaver suggested further discussion and review be placed on hold until District 61 makes a decision on the property. Administrator Vana

advised that he will contract District 61 to learn the topic of discussion at their meeting on May 27, 2014.

Matt Goodwin, Commander of the VFW Post 2838 announced the following events:

- Culver's will be participating in a Day of Giving fundraising effort on May 20 for the Honor Flight Chicago.
- Invited all to attend a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony at Clarendon Hills Cemetery on May 26, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.
- Invited all to attend a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony at Darien Community Park on May 26, 2014 at 11:00 A.M.

Commander Goodwin acknowledged that the VFW will be moving out of Heritage Center within the next 30 days, and thanked the City Council, Director Gombac, Administrator Vana, Assistant Administrator Coren, and City Staff for providing a home for VFW Post #2838 and for all their help and guidance.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk