

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 16, 2015 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

7:30 P.M.

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**

Troop 101 Boy Scouts, Thomas and Brian, led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Both scouts announced they were working on their Citizenship & Community Merit Badges.

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

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

Absent: Thomas M. Chlystek

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Paul Nosek, Assistant City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. October 27, 2015 Goal Setting Session

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the Goal Setting Session of October 27, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer
 Abstain: McIvor
 Nays: None
 Absent: Chlystek
 Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. November 2, 2015 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 2, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Kenny, Schauer
 Abstain: Beilke, Marchese, McIvor
 Nays: None
 Absent: Chlystek
 Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
 MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Weaver received a letter from a resident about the lack of communication regarding the home burglary on Concord Lane in the Hinswood Subdivision. Mayor Weaver advised no communication was shared because the burglary did not take place within the City of Darien.

Alderman Kenny received an inquiry from Ben Santore, 7300 block of Adams, regarding street sweeping. Director Gombac advised street sweeping began last week and will continue through the week.

Alderman McIvor received emails from residents after the windstorm inquiring about a post-storm collection of branches. As the severity of the storm did not affect residents citywide, Director Gombac advised pickup of branches will be handled on a case-by-case basis; residents should call City Hall.

Director Gombac recognized Public Works employees, Jeremy Schneider and Dave Brown, for being vigilant in calling 911 after noticing smoke and flames coming out of a house on 70th Street. Due to their quick response, Tri-State Fire Department rescued a puppy; the residents were not home. Mayor Weaver expressed how proud she was of their heroic efforts.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. TEMPORARY POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE – GREGORY THOMAS

Mayor Weaver announced the appointment of Temporary Police Chief Gregory Thomas, who will serve until a permanent replacement is appointed.

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Chief Gregory Thomas. There was a round of applause from the Council and audience, and congratulatory handshakes from the City Council.

Chief Thomas shared his background and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Darien.

B. COMED – SMART METER TRANSITION DISCUSSION

Terrie Simmons, External Affairs Manager with ComEd, introduced Mike McMahon, VP Automatic Metering Implementation, who provided an in-depth presentation on the Smart Meter Program and the deployment plan for Darien. Mr. McMahon addressed questions from the Council and the audience.

Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Simmons and Mr. McMahon for their informative presentation; she reminded residents that smart meter information will accompany their ComEd bills.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Marchese advised the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for November 23, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman McIvor announced the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. She advised the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for December 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB.

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Chlystek

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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

Alderman Kenny congratulated the Hinsdale South Football Team on making the Semi-Finals.

Alderman Schauer congratulated the Hinsdale South Cross Country Team for ranking 4th in State.

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 8:51 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 11-16-15. Minutes of 11-16-15 CCM.