

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 19, 2009 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

JANUARY 19, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was conducted with the assistance of Holly Jones, Winner of the “15 Minutes of Fame” auction item. The School District 63 participants, who were introduced by Mayor Weaver prior to the meeting, were as follows:

Holly Jones - Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
Jacquelyn Cameli - Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Jean Cote – Michael J. Coren, Treasurer
Sydney Locke - Halil Avci & Sylvia McIvor
Kirsten Gard - John Galan
Dakota Dapkus - Carolyn A. Gattuso
Hunter Dapkus - Joseph A. Marchese
Mallory Wall - John F. Poteraske, Jr.

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**

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

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

Present:	Halil Avci	Joseph A. Marchese
	John Galan	Sylvia McIvor
	Carolyn A. Gattuso	John F. Poteraske, Jr.

Absent: William Durkin

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer

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Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services
Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 15, 2008

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Poteraske has received several calls from residents complimenting the Municipal Services Department on their snow plowing efforts.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A. Mayor Weaver invited Alderman Gattuso, who is the City Council liaison to the 2009 Citizen of the Year Committee, to present the recommendation for the winner of this year's award. Alderman Gattuso read the letter of recommendation from the Citizen of the Year Committee to award Art Donner the title of 2009 Citizen of the Year.

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to concur with the 2009 Citizen of the Year Committee's recommendation and award Art Donner the title of 2009 Citizen of the Year.

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Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Pteraske
Nays: None
Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Alderman Gattuso announced that the 2009 Citizen of the Year cake and coffee reception will take place on February 17, 2009 in the Council Chambers. Alderman Gattuso congratulated Art Donner and his family. The Citizen of the Year dinner will be held on March 7, 2009 at Alpine Banquets. The celebration will also encompass the City of Darien Volunteer Recognition Night, the City of Darien's 40th Birthday, and the Darien Chamber of Commerce's 25th Anniversary.

It was moved by Alderman Avci and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve the following motion as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: DONALD HICKOK AND SUSAN VONDER HEIDE

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Pteraske
Nays: None
Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Donald Hickok and Susan Vonder Heide after which they received a round of applause from the audience and the congratulations of the City Council.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

... announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of January 21, 2009 has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

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... announced that the Planning and Development Committee Meeting of January 26, 2009 has been rescheduled to take place on January 20, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

... advised that the 2009 Darien Vehicle Stickers are now available.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report this evening.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Alderman Avci inquired if the city's salt supply will be enough to get through the winter.

Director of Community Development/Municipal Services, Daniel Gombac, advised that the city has currently utilized 75% of the salt allotment. There is approximately 750 tons of salt remaining. Staff has begun mixing sand with the salt.

Alderman Poteraske inquired why the city is mixing sand with the salt.

Director Gombac responded that since the city has gone through so much salt during this very unusual winter, a conservative approach of mixing sand with salt is being taken. The mixture provides additional traction in colder temperatures, and reduces the amount of salt usage.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 08-09-16

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve payment of Warrant Number 08-09-16 in the amount of \$436,423.52 from the General Fund; \$190,919.08 from the Water Fund; \$170,744.12 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$642.00 from the Special Service Area Tax Fund; \$32,812.08 from the Darien Dispatch Fund; \$381.35 from the D.A.R.E Fund; \$62,258.71 Debt Service Fund; \$306,556.87 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/18/08 and 1/1/09; \$43,037.50 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/18/09 and 1/1/09; \$43,726.36 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/18/09 and 1/1/09; for a total to be approved of \$1,287,501.59.

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Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske
Nays: None
Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

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B. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2008

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of December 2008: General Fund Revenue \$8,477,091; General Fund Expenditures \$8,455,848; Current General Fund Balance \$3,484,525; Water Fund Revenue \$2,333,861; Water Fund Expenditures \$2,045,908; Current Water Fund Balance \$886,689; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$420,071; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$448,277; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$44,848; Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$173,150; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$742,048; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$662,004; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$2,935,434; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$1,355,715; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$2,678,793; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$22,993; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$1,037,716; Current Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Balance \$436,519.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese advised that, due to President’s Day, the next meeting of the Public Works Water/Streets Committee has been rescheduled from Monday, February 16, 2009 to Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor announced that the Planning/Development Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. There will be a presentation by two economic developments consultants. There will be no meeting next week. The February meeting will be held on February 23, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske submitted the January 12, 2009 Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee for the record, and advised that the next meeting of the Administrative Finance Committee is scheduled to take place on February 9, 2009 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**

There was no Consent Agenda this evening.

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman McIvor to approve the following motion:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING TRAFFIC SIGNS IN SUB AREAS 3 THROUGH 6 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

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

Alderman Gattuso asked if a rent increase will be proposed for the Heritage Center Laundromat.

Administrator Vana responded that there are no plans to raise the Laundromat's rent.

Director Gombac...

...announced that the tree trimming program is in progress. The deadline for resident participation is February 6, 2009. Residents interested in participating in private property

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tree trimming, were urged to call 630-353-8105 to set up an appointment with the City's Arborist.

...advised that part of Walnut Avenue collapsed the end of December during a rainstorm. As a result the street has been closed. City staff is currently working with DuPage County in an attempt to obtain additional funding for the street repair, and the required permits. Staff will be requesting recommendation for approval of the required engineering study at the next Administrative Finance Committee Meeting. This study must be conducted prior to commencement of the project. This item will also be reviewed during the upcoming budget process.

Alderman McIvor inquired if the private property tree trimming is only available to residents in certain areas of Darien.

Director Gombac advised that the program is open to all residents and businesses of Darien.

Alderman Galan extended congratulations to Art Donner.

Alderman Gattuso announced that tickets to the Citizen of the Year Dinner/Dance will be available at City Hall February 1, 2009.

Clerk Coleman announced the names of candidates who filed this morning for Aldermanic positions:

Ward One	-	Ted V. Schauer
Ward Three	-	John Poteraske JoAnne Ragona
Ward Five	-	Joseph Marchese
Ward Seven	-	Halil Avci Donald Damon Arleta Peknik Robert Smid

Resident Tom Allegretti remarked that the "15 Minutes of Fame" girls are doing a great job this evening.

Mayor Weaver advised that Alderman Gattuso and Administrator Vana came up with the "Fifteen Minutes of Fame" idea last year. The event was such a success, it was offered

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again this year as a prize at School District 63’s auction. Mayor Weaver commended the young ladies on a wonderful job.

Alderman McIvor inquired how much the “15 Minutes of Fame” prize fetched at the auction. The response was \$400.00.

Mayor Weaver asked Debbie Heniff, Chairman of the 2009 Citizen of the Year Committee, to step forward and introduce her committee members.

Debbie Heniff advised that Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, and Mona Stone were unable to attend this evening’s meeting but thanked them for their service. Debbie Heniff introduced Clare Bongiovanni, an ad hoc member from the Chamber of Commerce, Kathy Abbate, and Theresa West. Debbie Heniff advised that everyone is invited to attend the cake and coffee reception on February 17, 2009. The dinner dance is March 7, 2009 at Alpine Banquets. The \$25 tickets go on sale February 1. This year’s event also serves as recognition of city volunteers, whose tickets will be complimentary. The event is also a celebration of the City’s 40th birthday. The entire community is invited.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor

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 01-19-09. Minutes of 01-19-09 CCM.