

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

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**

Mariah Pulice 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:	Halil Avci	John F. Poteraske, Jr.
	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
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. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

Julie Stone of 7509 Pineview Court spoke in opposition to video gaming in Darien, and distributed a pamphlet entitled “Video Gambling A Bad Bet” issued from the Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 30, 2013, Committee-of-the-Whole
– February 4, 2013, City Council

It was moved by Alderman Avci and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole of January 30, 2013 and the City Council Meeting of February 4, 2013, 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

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Beilke...

...received a telephone call from a resident regarding a significant parking problem on the 7300 block of Evans during a weekend event at Hinsdale South High School. Police were alerted; tickets were issued to illegally parked vehicles. She asked Chief Brown if the Police Department was notified of the event. Chief Brown responded “no”; he was assured a schedule of events would be provided.

...advised that a traffic study performed on High Road supported the need for speed bumps. A resident has inquired to the feasibility of a stop sign at Holly & High. Director Gombac noted that a study to determine if a stop sign is warranted would need to be performed by a traffic engineer. Director Gombac advised the Police Department is in the process of completing a radar survey. The survey will be evaluated and a temporary speed bump placed in the location that is deemed most effective. If the speed bump is a viable solution, a petition will be circulated to all the residents on High Road for signature. The City conducted a traffic sign study which included High Road; the study recommended stop signs at each intersecting roadway on High Road and a four-way stop at 69th Street. Since there was no change since the 2005 study, staff felt the added expense of a traffic consultant was not justified.

Alderman Avci has been informed by several residents that there are problems with speeding on 71st Street between Richmond and Seminole; running the stop signs at 71st & Richmond, and 71st & Seminole. He requested more police presence at these locations.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A. Mayor Weaver welcomed 19 year old Darien native and Downers Grove South graduate, Mariah Pulice, who received the opportunity of a lifetime when she auditioned for American Idol last month, and was sent on to Hollywood. She brought tears to the eyes of American Idol Judge, Mariah Carey for her rendition of the Beatles' song "Let It Be." Mayor Weaver noted that during her audition, Mariah Pulice shared her struggle with anorexia and received much positive feedback on her Twitter and Facebook pages. Mayor Weaver commended Ms. Pulice on her accomplishment.

Mariah Pulice spoke of the support she has received and noted how scary it was to share her life's story. She thanked Mayor Weaver and the City Council for their support and recognition. Ms. Pulice's future plans are to find a band, put music to her lyrics, and record her songs.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CATHLYNN MARCHESE AS THE 2013 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN

Mayor Weaver read the resolution into the record.

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve:

RESOLUTION NO. R-05-13

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CATHLYNN MARCHESE AS THE 2013 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN

City Council Meeting

February 19, 2013

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert, Weaver, Ragona, Coren, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Weaver presented Cathlynn Marchese with the Citizen of the Year Resolution and a Plaque. There was resounding applause and a standing ovation from the City Council and the audience.

Cathlynn Marchese spoke of the honor and expressed how humble she felt to be included amongst the previous Citizen of the Year recipients. Cathy Marchese thanked Citizen of the Year Committee members: Gloria Jiskra, Bonnie Kucera, Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, and Joan Wayman; she thanked Mayor Weaver and the City Council for approving the nomination; and she thanked family and friends for their support. She extended special gratitude to her aunt and grandson, who were in the audience.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was none.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Assistant Administrator Coren...

...provided a power point presentation on the results of the recent Community Survey, which was publicized in the Neighbors Magazine, Direct Connect, the City website, and the City Facebook page. To date, 437 responses were received; most awarded high marks for services provided. He advised that responses continue to come in. A more in-depth survey will be sent out this summer.

...as a result of upgrades to the recording system, residents are able to view power point presentations on television.

Mayor Weaver inquired how many residents have registered for Direct Connect. Assistant Administrator Coren responded there are currently 1,100 subscribers. Mayor Weaver noted Direct Connect is a valuable tool to receive up-to-date information.

Administrator Vana added that Direct Connect includes links to Council and Committee agendas and minutes.

11. DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

There were none.

12. TREASURER’S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 12-13-17

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 12-13-17 in the amount of \$98,727.51 from the General Fund; \$306,591.33 from the Water Fund; \$22,802.78 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$61.98 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$224,530.93 General Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/07/13; \$22,620.01 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/07/13; for a total to be approved of \$675,334.54.

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

 Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DISCUSSION ON VIDEO GAMING ORDINANCE

Mayor Weaver asked the aldermen for their opinions on video gaming.

Alderman Marchese felt that video gaming could impact the economics of the business community. He asked how many businesses would be interested in obtaining a license.

Alderman Beilke visited an establishment with video gaming and was pleasantly surprised; the bar was quiet and not crowded. She felt the projected \$11,000 revenue to the city might be a high estimate. She noted that allowing video gaming might give Darien a more competitive edge. Of the residents she polled, one out of twelve was against. Alderman Beilke would like to know how many of the seventeen eligible establishments would be interested in obtaining a license.

Alderman Poteraske commented that video gaming would only be allowed in establishments with sit down dining and a liquor license.

As a small business owner, Alderman Seifert said video gaming could add value to a business, especially given the current economy. He noted that many bars currently sell lottery tickets, and that the maximum bet on a video gaming machine is \$2 with maximum payout of \$500. Alderman Seifert added that not all eligible establishments would want video gaming machines.

Mayor Weaver noted that there's a difference between lottery tickets and video games since lottery sales are controlled by the State.

Alderman Avci advised that since machines went live September/October, there is not much data available for review. He felt that although some extra revenue could be brought to the city, he does not think it will be enough to make or break a business. He read from the National Gambling Impact Study Commission report from 1999, recommendation numbered 3-6, which stated that "The Commission received testimony that convenience gambling, such as electronic devices in neighborhood outlets, provides fewer economic benefits and creates potentially greater social costs by making gambling more available and accessible. Therefore, the Commission recommends that states should not authorize any further convenience gambling operations and should cease and roll back existing operations." Alderman Avci added that University of Illinois Professor John Kindt conducted research on the topic of video gambling over two decades, and when he testified on May 9, 2012 at the City of Savoy, he equated video gaming with crack cocaine, and stated that crime goes up with video gaming machines. Alderman Avci suggested the situation be monitored, learn from neighboring towns and their experiences, and revisit the request later.

Alderman McIvor would like to take a conservative approach and learn more about the impact this could have on the community. She would like to monitor for six months and revisit later. She did not feel there is enough information currently available to make an educated decision

Alderman Poteraske would like to wait. He listed many communities who have not opted in.

Alderman Schauer would like to wait at least six months and have input from the Police Department. He would also like to see how many Darien businesses would be interested in obtaining a license.

Alderman Marchese spoke of the September 2012 and January 2013 revenue reports, and felt they were inconclusive. He would like to wait a few more months to get a clearer

picture of revenues generated and associated problems. If the market becomes too saturated, the machines may have little impact on the businesses.

City Treasurer Coren commended the City Council for focusing consideration on how businesses and the community will be affected; this is not a revenue source for the City.

Mayor Weaver agreed it would be better to wait and see. She suggested that other businesses in Darien be polled to determine their interest in video gaming machines, and that the Police Department obtain information from other communities.

Alderman Avci stated that having an express PACE bus stop in the parking lot near Q Bar could help his business. Assistant Administrator Coren responded that the landlord is not interested in a “Park and Ride” at this location. Mayor Weaver explained the city has been trying to find a location for a commuter bus stop in Darien.

Alderman Marchese advised that everyone wants Mr. Taft’s business to be successful but he felt it would be beneficial to wait four to six months to obtain more data from the State and the Police Department, and to determine the number of Darien businesses interested in obtaining a license.

Alderman McIvor suggested consideration of this subject be sent out on Direct Connect to get input from the businesses and residents.

Police Committee — Chairman McIvor announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is tentatively scheduled for March 7, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Poteraske announced the Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings for Budget Review are scheduled for February 20 and 26, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for February 25, 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 Marchese and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. O-03-13** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (VEHICLE/CAMERAS/PRINTER/ EXERCISE BIKE/MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENCE ITEMS)**

- B. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FROM KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY, INC. OUT OF JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA**

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. R-06-13** **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FOR BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS FROM CENTRAL BLACKTOP CO. INC. FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014**

- D. **RESOLUTION NO. R-07-13** **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FOR TIPPING AND TRANSFER FEES FROM E. F. HEIL, LLC FOR CERTAIN GENERATED WASTE FROM VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014**

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. R-08-13** **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM DAS ENTERPRISES INC. TO PROVIDE TRUCKING SERVICES AT A RATE OF \$79.00 PER HOUR FOR SERVICES RELATING TO HAULING WASTE**

**FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014**

F. RESOLUTION NO. R-09-13

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM C & M PIPE AND SUPPLY INC. FOR PRESSURE PIPE FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014

G. RESOLUTION NO. R-10-13

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF STONE AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES FROM ELMHURST CHICAGO STONE FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014

H. RESOLUTION NO. R-11-13

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF STONE AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES FROM ELMHURST CHICAGO STONE DELIVERED TO THE CITY OF DARIEN FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014

I. RESOLUTION NO. R-12-13

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM DUPAGE TOPSOIL INC. AT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF PRICES, FOR TOPSOIL FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 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

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

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

In response to Alderman Poteraske’s question, Mayor Weaver advised that the items on the Consent Agenda were competitively bid. Alderman Marchese added that the city is able to obtain excellent pricing with guaranteed savings on projects by going out for bid early in January.

Alderman Beilke inquired what is being done with the old City of Darien signs. Director Gombac responded that one is going to the Historical Society and one to the Darien Woman’s Club. He advised that the signs are very fragile but certain parts and pieces may be usable; and any requests will be considered.

Robert Taft, owner of Q Bar located at 8109 Cass Avenue thanked everyone for their consideration. He noted that eleven states have adopted video gaming over the last four years and there is historical data available on-line. He advised there are guidelines and restrictions for licensing and many eligible businesses may not qualify or want the license. Mr. Taft requested the city opt in so that he can begin the lengthy application process. If, during the process, the city decides they do not want video gaming, the ordinance can be rescinded. He added that people are able to spend more money on lottery tickets than on video games. Without the video game license, Mr. Taft fears his business will soon be closing. He advised that currently there are 1,100 establishments with video gaming and there are 2,300 on the list awaiting approval.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 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 02-19-13.
Minutes of 02-19-13 CCM