

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 7, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:06 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**MARCH 7, 2011**

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**

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

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

Present:	John Galan	Sylvia McIvor
	Carolyn A. Gattuso	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Marchese	

Absent: Halil Avci and John Poteraske

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
John B. Murphey, City Attorney  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator  
Robert Pavelchik, Police Chief

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 22, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting.

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Schauer

                  Abstain:     McIvor

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:     Avci, Poteraske

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

7. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Weaver advised that communication was received from Senator Durbin advising of his intention to oppose program cuts to Argonne National Laboratory. A letter was also received from Congresswoman Biggert expressing her feeling that the current bill will not pass through Congress and that a compromise bill will come forward.

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

**A. RESOLUTION NO. R-17-11                   CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO  
APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO  
OPPOSE PROGRAM CUTS TO  
ARGONNE                                       NATIONAL  
LABORATORY**

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:     Avci, Poteraske

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that Early Voting for the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election begins March 14, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2011.

...read the referendum question that will be on the April 5, 2011 Ballot as follows:

*“Shall the City of Darien have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?”*

Assistant Administrator Coren explained that, if the referendum question is passed, the city will go out to bid for electricity for residents and small businesses. These rates would be locked in for one year. Currently residents are receiving offers from electric companies. These offers are not locked in for a year and can change monthly. Residents who do not wish to participate will be able to opt out. Service, lines, and invoices will continue to be provided by ComEd.

City Clerk Coleman invited all to attend Coffee with the Mayor at Carmelite Carefree Village on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana provided additional information on the sale of the property at the corner of Plainfield and Cass. Benefits from the sale include clean-up of the property, a solid anchor which will attract further development of the property, and a good return on the city's investment. Administrator Vana noted the City paid \$1.6 million and sold the property for \$2 million. Referring to a comment regarding the loss of sales tax dollars on the property, he stated it would take an extremely long time for the city to match the profit from the sale in sales tax from the type of businesses that would be attracted to this site.

Administrator Vana has learned that the Metropolitan Alliance of Police is in the process of conducting their annual solicitation of funds for their union. The Attorney General's Office warns residents be careful of organizations that offer to pick up the donation.

Treasurer Coren added that many solicitations are made through Professional Fund Raisers who keep 80% to 90% of funds received.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Assistant Administrator Coren advised that Veolia Environmental Services will be providing refuse services for Darien beginning on April 1, 2011. Representatives of Veolia will be at the next City Council Meeting to provide information. In addition, brochures explaining Veolia's services, prices, and contact numbers will be sent to residents shortly. Residents who rent totes will receive a door hanger with information on the transfer. Garbage pick-up days will initially remain the same. There is the possibility the dates will change in the future. Residents will be able to sell back unused yellow refuse stickers at City Hall from April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. The new red stickers will be available for purchase in approximately one week.

Alderman Gattuso recommended the refuse information be communicated through Direct Connect.

Administrator Vana added that several refuse proposals were received and Veolia offered the lowest prices for the desired services.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 10-11-18**

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 10-11-18 in the amount of \$37,459.72 from the General Fund; \$20,351.64 from the Water Fund; \$4,502.18 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,422.25 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$2,430.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$212,776.38 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/24/2011; \$18,949.74 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/24/2011; \$32,883.80 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/24/2011 for a total to be approved of \$330,775.71.

Roll Call: Ayes: Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: Avci, Poteraske

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Services Committee** — Alderman Marchese advised that the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee Meeting of January 24, 2011 have been approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office, and announced that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Police Committee** — Alderman McIvor submitted the minutes of the Police Committee Meeting of February 3, 2011, and announced that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Administrator Vana announced that the next meeting of the Administrative Finance Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 14, 2011 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**

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

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

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY**
- B. **RESOLUTION NO. R-18-11                      CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PUBLISHING THE UPDATED CITY OF DARIEN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (2011)**
- C. **RESOLUTION NO. R-19-11                      CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM**

**ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL SERVICES (ATS), FOR THE 2010-11 WATER LEAK SURVEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,208.48**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R-20-11**

**CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE FOR MOWING ALONG COUNTY ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAYS**

Roll Call: Ayes: Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: Avci, Poteraske

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Schauer to adopt the following ordinance as presented.

**A. ORDINANCE NO. O-05-11**

**CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ABATING PROPERTY TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED BY ORDINANCE O-26-06**

Roll Call: Ayes: Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: Avci, Poteraske

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Alderman Marchese...

...extended gratitude to Kathy Lyons and the Citizen of the Year Committee for their hard work and the excellent celebration which took place this past Saturday.

...reminded all that the Darien Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast is being held on March 20, 2011 at Eisenhower Junior High from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Blood pressure and hearing screenings will also available at the breakfast. Tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club Member.

Mayor Weaver thanked Krishan Sant for the invitation to the Asian American Coalition Lunar New Year celebration which was held on February 26, 2011.

Candidates for Community High School District 99, Michael Davenport, Cliff Grammich and Keith Matune spoke of their desire to develop better relationships

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

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Mayor

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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 03-07-11.  
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