

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:45 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 Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Halil Avci	John F. Poteraske
	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
John B. Murphey, City Attorney
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services
John Cooper, Deputy Chief
David Skala, Deputy Chief

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 17, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Avci to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 17, 2011, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: McIvor

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. **RECOGNITION OF CAROL GIERUT FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor Weaver spoke of Carol Gierut's 13 ½ years of service on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, as well as her service as an Alderman and on the Citizen of the Year Committee. Mayor Weaver read and presented a plaque to Ms. Gierut in recognition of her service from October 6, 1997 to April 30, 2011.

There was a round of applause from the Council Members and the audience, and congratulatory hand shakes from the City Council.

Carol Gierut expressed gratitude to Mayor Weaver, City Council Members, former Mayor Soldato, retired Chief Pavelchik, Deputy Chiefs Cooper and Skala, Frank Noverini, Mark Piccoli, Carol Kopta and her replacement on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Wayne Scharnak. She extended her wishes for success to Chief Ernest Brown.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac...

...announced that DuPage County Division of Transportation will be conducting an informational meeting, which is open to the public, concerning improvements being proposed along 75th Street from Adams Street to Plainfield Road. The meeting will be held at Ashton Place on November 15, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

...advised the 2011/2012 Tree Trimming Program Map may be viewed at City Hall. He noted that the contract includes excellent pricing for resident private tree trimming. Director Gombac stated that John Carr, the City's Arborist, may be contacted regarding tree-related questions.

Deputy Chief Skala...

- recognized Jorene Pierzga for her dedicated years of service as a crossing guard from 1993 to 2011. Ms. Pierzga was unable to attend the meeting.
- recognized John Carr and Nick Skweres for their installation of audio/visual equipment in the Police Training Room. He extended appreciation to John Carr for his construction of a wooden cabinet which houses the computer equipment and serves as an audio/visual control station for the presenter. Deputy Chief Skala awarded a plaque to John Carr in appreciation of his time, effort, and individual contribution to the Darien Police Department.
- recognized Canine Rolf, Badge #392 who recently passed. Rolf partnered and served with Officer Rich Stutte since 2003. Deputy Chief Skala presented a plaque to Officer Stutte in recognition of Rolf's work; he also presented a plaque with Rolf's photograph that will be displayed on the Police Department Wall of Retired Officers. Officer Steve Liss spoke of the time and dedication which goes into training a dog; he presented Officer Stutte with a plaque in memory of Rolf from the canine handlers and partners who trained with Officer Stutte and Rolf. Officer Liss also presented a Distinguished Service Award from the Canine Response Unit to Officer Stutte and Rolf for dedicated service from August 2006 to September 2011. Officer Stutte expressed gratitude to the numerous representatives of Police and Fire Departments for attending this evening's meeting; to Arboretum View Hospital for their care of Rolf; the Chamber of Commerce for funding the second canine dog in 2003; the City Council, past and present, and Administrator Vana for their support of the program; Deputy Chief Cooper for obtaining necessary equipment; Deputy Chief Skala and Sergeant Piccoli for the training received; Officer Steve Liss for his competitiveness; his family; Woodridge Police Chief Steve Herron, who in the early 1980's influenced

him to become a canine officer; and Rolf, his partner and family member. He read a quotation from Dr. Seuss, “Don’t cry because it’s over; smile because it happened.”

Deputy Chiefs Cooper and Skala left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-12

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-12 in the amount of \$205,954.30 from the General Fund; \$14,342.79 from the Water Fund; \$3,401.17 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$12,770.00 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$36,008.50 from the Darien Dispatch Center Fund; \$110,039.39 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$215,446.22 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/20/11; \$20,048.10 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 10/20/11; for a total to be approved of \$618,010.47.

Mayor Weaver questioned the \$3,613.00 expense on Page 5 to Gaffney’s for repair of a street light at 1310 Woodland. Director Gombac noted there was a typographical error; the street address was 8310 Woodland. He advised the street light was replaced due to a vehicular accident and will be fully reimbursed.

Mayor Weaver inquired if the invoices from Royal Oaks are for foreclosed properties. Director Gombac responded the majority are foreclosures, and liens will be placed on those properties.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese advised the minutes of the August 15, 2011 Special Meeting and the September 26, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Municipal Services Committee have been forwarded to the Clerk’s office for posting. He

announced the next meeting is scheduled to take place on November 28, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

Police Committee — Chairman McIvor announced the next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on December 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Poteraske announced the next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on November 14, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

13. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED**

Mayor Weaver announced that Item A under New Business has been removed from the agenda.

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 McIvor and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. A MOTION TO APPROVE GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-86-11 **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLAT OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A STORM SEWER AT 706 AND 710 69TH STREET**

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-87-11 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF**

DARIEN AND STEVE PIPER & SONS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$88,060.00 FOR PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE TRIMMING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING FOR TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-88-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500.00 (PAVEMENT CORING 2012 STREET MAINTENANCE)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED CONVEYANCING DOCUMENTS WITH CHASE BANK (FORMER SHELL GAS STATION/75TH AND CASS)

This item was removed from the agenda.

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

Alderman Beilke spoke of the removal of New Business, Item A. She requested the City Council Members consider requesting some type of community benefit from Chase as part of the purchase contract. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Alderman Avci brought up the increase in water rates from the City of Chicago.

Mayor Weaver advised that the DuPage Water Commission rate increase, which goes into effect January 1, 2012, will be discussed at the upcoming Goal Setting Session.

Alderman McIvor asked if sewer rates will be increased as well. Director Gombac responded that there has been no indication from DuPage County that sewer rates will increase.

In addition to discussing the 2012/2013 budget, Alderman Avci requested forecasting into the future be included in the Goal Setting Session.

Alderman McIvor requested the Goal Setting Session date, time, and place be sent out on Direct Connect so that interested residents may attend.

18. **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.

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 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 11-07-11.
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