

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 19, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:17 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**DECEMBER 19, 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**

Cub Scout Pack 36 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

Absent: 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 six aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 5, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 5, 2011, as presented.

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Avci, Beilke, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert  
                       Nays:       None  
                       Absent:     McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6.    **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Avci received an e-mail from Charles Sallstrom in opposition to the sale of City-owned property to Chase Bank and DuPage County’s proposed widening of 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

7.    **MAYOR’S REPORT**

**A.   MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH” (DECEMBER 2011)**

Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring December 2011 as “Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month” in the City of Darien.

**B.   CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS N. MALLERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve:

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS N. MALLERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Avci, Beilke, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert  
                       Nays:       None  
                       Absent:     McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Louis N. Mallers.

There was resounding applause from the Council and audience and congratulatory handshakes.

**C. RECOGNITION OF 2011 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS**

Mayor Weaver introduced Jeanette Campo, Chairperson of the 2011 Holiday Home Decorating Committee and invited her to announce the contest winners. Ms. Campo thanked Mayor Weaver and the Council Members for their continued support of the program. Ms. Campo introduced Committee Members Jim Kiser and Gerry Leganski; Barbara Boyer was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Campo thanked them for their participation. She reviewed the selection process, and announced the winners of the contest as follows:

Honorable Mention Certificates were presented by Mayor Weaver to:

- Tom & Jan Wieland, 7221 Western
- Shirley Michels, 7601 Nantucket Drive
- Marsha Carpello, 7109 Gold Grove

2011 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners:

- Fifth Place Winner was the Stange-Wallace Family, 8493 Sandalwood Drive; Mayor Weaver presented a Fifth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check.
- Fourth Place Winner was Joe & Eileen Valach, 130 Holly; Mayor Weaver presented a Fourth Place Certificate and a \$25.00 check.
- Third Place Winner was the Bland Family, 1512 Willow Creek Lane; Mayor Weaver presented a Third Place Certificate and a \$50.00 check.
- Second Place Winner was Mark & Lori Reczek, 1118 79<sup>th</sup> Street; Mayor Weaver presented a Second Place Certificate and a \$100.00 check.
- First Place Winner was the Santore Family, 7349 Adams; Mayor Weaver presented a First Place Certificate and a \$200.00 check.

Jim Kiser presented Mayor Weaver with photographs of the winning homes which will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Campo and committee for the lovely display, and for all their work.

Jeannette Campo thanked the participants. She announced that seating is still available for Holiday Lights Bus Tour on December 20, 21, and 22 at 6:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.; reservations are required and could be made by contacting City Hall at 630-852-5000.

**8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Ragona...

...announced that City offices would be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday and on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

...announced the January 3, 2012 City Council Meeting has been cancelled; the next meeting will take place on January 16, 2012.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Brown reported as follows:

- FIAT has been activated due to a homicide which took place recently in Woodridge.
- Requested the public be vigilant in storing and maintaining holiday gifts and to be aware of fraud and confidence games.
- Urged residents not to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs and not to text.
- Advised there were three incidents of vandalism and theft associated with holiday decorations on the 7300 block of Bunker Road, which are being investigated.
- Darien Police are consistently looking at ways to effectively track crimes and have appropriate response protocol in place.
- Chief Brown and Deputy Chief Cooper recently attended a DuMeg Meeting where drug overdoses were discussed.
- Officer Skweres completed a 14 week Citizens Police Academy, 14 individuals graduated. Residents interested in participating in an upcoming academy should contact Officer Skweres. The next session will be shortened from 14 to 7 weeks with enhanced curriculum.
- The first phase of analysis regarding the number of officers necessary per shift has been completed. The second phase will include an analysis of DuComm data over a period of months.
- Chief and Mrs. Brown participated in delivery of the Lions Club food baskets, and found it to be a very rewarding experience.
- Attended and enjoyed a Chamber of Commerce social gathering last Tuesday.
- Will continue to meet with community members and leaders to exchange visions and ideas.
- The I-Clear System, which was previously available only to detectives, has been opened up to all sworn members of the Police Department.

- Delivery of the first vehicles in the fleet are expected within three weeks.
- Will be appointing John Cooper as Deputy Chief.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-15**

It was moved by Alderman Avci and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-15 in the amount of \$68,696.26 from the General Fund; \$207,636.54 from the Water Fund; \$6,326.40 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$244,418.13 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/01/11; \$19,080.37 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/01/11; for a total to be approved of \$546,157.70.

It was noted that sales tax revenues have increased.

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

                      Nays:       None

                      Absent:     McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2011**

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of November, 2011:

General Fund:   Revenue \$9,422,200; Expenditures \$7,062,293; Current Balance \$3,821,316;

Water Fund:     Revenue \$2,331,693; Expenditures \$2,149,997; Current Balance \$1,532,378;

Motor Fuel Tax Fund:   Revenue \$429,456; Expenditures \$436,980; Current Balance \$73,466;

Water Depreciation Fund:   Revenue \$932; Expenditures \$35,494; Current Balance \$99,941;

Capital Improvement Fund:   Revenue \$3,860,499; Expenditures \$2,009,385; Current Balance \$1,965,807;

Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:   Revenue \$108,744; Expenditures \$52,375; Current Balance of \$58,571.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese advised the next Municipal Services Committee meeting has been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. In response to Chairman Marchese, Director Gombac suggested the Public Works Open House take place following the January 16, 2012 City Council Meeting.

**Police Committee** — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next Police Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on January 5, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Chairman Poteraske advised the next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on January 9, 2012 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 Seifert and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. **A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB**
- B. **A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN ROTARY CLUB**
- C. **A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB**
- D. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRES CONFIDENTIALITY**

**E. RESOLUTION NO. R-95-11**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND RAG'S ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**16. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012 ON WHETHER THE CITY OF DARIEN SHALL 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**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. O-30-11**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012 ON WHETHER THE CITY OF DARIEN SHALL 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**

Ray Krusinski encouraged the City Council to approve the motion. He spoke of the savings residents and small businesses can reap if the referendum passes. He also discussed the importance of educating citizens regarding the ballot question, and offered suggestions as to how this may be accomplished.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Avci, Beilke, Marchese, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	McIvor

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Alderman Marchese announced the Darien Lions Club, Darien Park District and other agencies, provided food baskets and toys to 215 families this past weekend. He extended gratitude to all those who donated and volunteered; he also thanked Chief Brown, Alderman Seifert and Alderman McIvor for their participation.

Mayor Weaver wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a successful New Year.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 12-19-11.  
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