

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 21, 2009 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**DECEMBER 21, 2009**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:31 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cub Scout Pack 36 from Mark Delay School led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver distributed City of Darien pins to each of the cub scouts.

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

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

Absent: None

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  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services  
David Skala, Deputy Chief  
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 7, 2009

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Marchese

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Weaver...

...received a letter from Comcast advising of an increase in their administrative late fees from \$7.00 to \$8.00 effective January 17, 2010.

...received a letter from Indian Prairie Public Library advising of their plans to refurbish their thirteen year old facility.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. RECOGNITION OF 2009 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS**

Mayor Weaver introduced Jeannette Campo, and invited her to make the Darien Holiday Home Decorating Contest presentations.

Jeannette Campo thanked Mayor Weaver and the City Council for their continued support of the Darien Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Ms. Campo introduced and extended gratitude to her committee members, JoAnne Ragona, Tammy Ennis, and Kathy Craig. Ms. Campo reviewed the selection process, and announced the winners of the contest as follows:

Honorable Mentions: Sant Family 410 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
Bob Scatena 1711 Boulder Drive

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5 <sup>th</sup> Place	The Rich Brandeis Family	1387 Urban
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Mark Stange & Jeff Wallace	8493 Sandalwood Drive
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Haline Simback	8572 Ailsworth Drive
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Phil Lampugnano	3228 Beller Drive
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Randall McKinney	102 68 <sup>th</sup> Street
	The Siebold Family	7317 Sunrise Avenue

As each winner was announced, Mayor Weaver presented their respective awards.

Ms. Campo thanked Assistant Administrator Scott Coren for his assistance.

The Holiday Home Decorating Contest Committee presented a photographic display of the winning homes to Mayor Weaver and the City Council Members.

Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Campo for the lovely display, and for all her hard work on this contest. Mayor Weaver announced that the display will be on exhibit in the lobby of City Hall.

In response to Mayor Weaver, Assistant Administrator Coren, advised that there are no seats available on the Holiday Trolley which will be touring the winning homes on December 22, 23, and 28. Anyone interested in placing their names on the waiting list should call 630-852-5000.

Mayor Weaver requested Assistant Administrator Coren contact Carmelite to coordinate their holiday bus tour with Darien's holiday trolley tour.

Alderman McIvor requested the addresses of the winners of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest be posted on the city's website.

Mayor Weaver sadly announced the passing of 1995 Citizen of the Year, Miriam Hawkins.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that City Offices will be closed on December 24 and 25, 2009 in observance of the Christmas Day holiday and on January 1, 2010 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

...announced that the City Council Meeting of January 4, 2010 has been cancelled. The next meeting of the City Council will take place on Monday, January 18, 2010.

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...invited all to attend Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at First American Bank located at 2013 75<sup>th</sup> Street from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

...announced that January 5, 2010 is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election.

...invited all to attend the Darien Historical Society's "Sunday Dinner" at Alpine Banquets on January 31, 2010.

In response to Mayor Weaver, Clerk Coleman advised that the General Primary Election is for State and County offices.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana congratulated Deputy Chief Skala on his completion of the FBI National Academy.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac congratulated Kris Throm on attaining certification from the IEPA as a Class C Public Water Supply Operator.

Deputy Chief Skala apprised the City Council Members of the "Shop With a Hero" Program which is sponsored by Walmart, and the Chicago Police Department's annual procession to deliver toys to the homes of fallen police officers. Two of the fallen officers, Michael Gordon and Donald J. Marquez were Darien residents. Deputy Chief Skala advised that soldiers returning from Iraq were honored at the Sportsplex this past Saturday.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 09-10-15**

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve payment of Warrant Number 09-10-15 in the amount of \$119,271.54 from the General Fund; \$139,143.63 from the Water Fund; \$44,892.01 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$691.78 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$8,339.91 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$511,783.57 from the General Fund Payroll for the periods ending 12/3/09 and 12/17/09; \$44,950.68 from the Water Fund Payroll for the periods ending 12/3/09 and 12/17/09; \$70,698.08 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the periods ending 12/3/09 and 12/17/09 for a total to be approved of \$939,771.20.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2009**

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of November, 2009: General Fund Revenue \$7,665,954; General Fund Expenditures \$6,964,830; Current General Fund Balance \$3,580,189; Water Fund Revenue \$1,783,498 Water Fund Expenditures \$2,239,785; Current Water Fund Balance (\$5,333); Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$345,871; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$201,420; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$32,603; Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$14,138; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$65,110; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$585,202; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$222,744; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$2,000,904; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$912,838; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$85,402; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$504,000; and a current fund balance of \$21,687.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Services Committee** — Alderman Marchese announced that the first meeting of the Municipal Services Committee will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Police Committee** — Alderman McIvor announced that the first meeting of the Police Committee will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

Alderman Marchese announced that the Municipal Services Committee will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M

Alderman McIvor announced that the Police Committee will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M.

Alderman Poteraske announced that the Administrative/Finance Committee will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M.

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

There were none.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, “LIQUOR CONTROL REGULATIONS,” OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTION 3-3-25, “PROHIBITION OF VIDEO GAMING,” THERETO**

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

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve the following ordinance as presented.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. O-41-09 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, “LIQUOR CONTROL REGULATIONS,” OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTION 3-3-25, “PROHIBITION OF VIDEO GAMING,” THERETO**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND FOR THE DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. O-42-09**                      **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (MUNICIPAL SERVICES)**
- C. **ORDINANCE NO. O-43-09**                      **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (ADMINISTRATION & PD)**
- D. **RESOLUTION NO. R-80-09**                      **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL NOSEK AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT TO THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN**

- E. RESOLUTION NO. R-81-09 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT COREN AS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND JOHN COOPER AS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
  
- F. RESOLUTION NO. R-82-09 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CINGULAR FOR USE OF SPACE AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD TO CONSTRUCT CELLULAR ANTENNAS
  
- G. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HINSDALE SOUTH ATHLETIC CLUB 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HORNET RUN, 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010, BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M.
  
- H. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HORNET RUN, WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEEDS AS FOLLOWS:
  - 5K RUN – 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE AND FOLLOWING CHEROKEE DRIVE TO DARIEN LANE; NORTH ON DARIEN LANE AND FOLLOWING TIMBER LANE TO SEMINOLE DRIVE; NORTH ON SEMINOLE DRIVE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE TO HINSBROOK AVENUE; EAST ON HINSBROOK AVENUE TO WILMETTE AVENUE; NORTH ON WILMETTE AVENUE TO 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET; EAST ON 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET; EAST ON 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES; AND
  
  - 1 MILE WALK – 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; NORTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET;



**EAST ON 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN  
COMMUNITY PARK WITH ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
AND LOCAL TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE REBATING THE  
LOCAL TAXING DISTRICTS FOR THE INCREASED UTILITY TAX  
AMOUNT FOR THEIR CURRENT FISCAL YEARS**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Alderman Galan announced that Darien Lions Club was able to provide food baskets to 175 area families. Alderman Galan extended gratitude to the Darien Park District, and most notably to Chris Katsougris, for their support and contributions to this program.

Alderman Gattuso advised that there is still time to submit a nomination for Citizen of the Year. Alderman Gattuso announced that the Cake and Coffee Reception will be held February 16, 2010 and the dinner dance will be held on March 6, 2010.

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Alderman Avci announced that the January 5, 2010 meeting of the Darien Committee for Intergovernmental Coordination has been cancelled.

Alderman Avci requested that the City of Darien Work Sessions be televised. Mayor Weaver requested Assistant Administrator Coren check to see if volunteers would be available.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Gattuso 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 12-21-09.  
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