

THE 2022-2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 4, 2022 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**April 4, 2022**

**7:30 P.M.**

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 Marchese.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Marchese 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:	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Eric K. Gustafson	Lester Vaughan
	Joseph A. Kenny	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Bryon Vana, City Administrator  
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole, February 23, 2022

B. Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole, March 1, 2022

C. City Council Meeting, March 21,2022

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings of February 23 and March 1, 2022 and the City Council Meeting of March 21, 2022.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from...

...Jack Quinnert, Summit Road, regarding being in favor of Public Works Facility Option #1.

...Mike Muellner, unincorporated Downers Grove Township, regarding Farmingdale sign. Alderman Kenny stated sign was not in City of Darien jurisdiction.

Alderman Gustafson received communication...

...regarding LRS carts; inquiries were handled.

...from residents on Green Valley regarding minor maintenance work that needs to be completed by Nicor, which will be done in the near future.

Alderman Chlystek received communication from Megan Hofbauer, Hinswood Patio Homes, regarding Q-Bar; she was directed to contact the Police Department.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. RECOGNITION OF THE WOMAN’S CLUB ART PROGRAM**

Mayor Marchese congratulated the Woman’s Club for their Art Program and for creating a pretense to getting Anne Christenson to the meeting this evening.

**B. HEART OF DARIEN AWARD – ANNE MARIE CHRISTENSON**

Mayor Marchese awarded Anne Marie Christenson the Heart of Darien Award for her strong commitment to the Arts in Darien. Through her hard work, creativity, and dedication she successfully directed the “We heART Our Heroes” Project, which connected Darien Woman’s Club members with Darien residents in providing an opportunity to thank and recognize community heroes during the pandemic and chaired an outstanding in-person Darien Woman’s Club Art Fair.

Anne Christenson thanked everyone for the honor; she was happy to be able to keep busy during the pandemic while upholding the long-standing Darien Woman’s Club Art Fair tradition.

**C. CITIZEN COMMENDATION – BRIAN AND KRISTINA PAYNE**

Chief Thomas commended Brian & Kristina Payne for their heroic efforts in responding to an accident with injuries on Cass Avenue on February 5. Brian was able to extinguish the fire with his fire extinguisher, while Kristina provided warm clothing and rendered aid to the occupants.

**D. LRS – KATIE NEARY AND GEORGE STROM**

Katie Neary, Municipal Services Manager, and George Strom, Vice President Municipal Services, with LRS provided an update on the roll out of the new refuse program. They addressed Council questions. Mr. Strom thanked Susie Sherwin, Business Manager – Marquette Manor Baptist Academy for being such a good neighbor to the community in allowing LRS to set up a cart staging area on their property. Ms. Neary announced postcards will be mailed to residents in the next couple of weeks regarding registration for participation in the Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Home Collections, the week of May 2 and September 19.

Mayor Marchese provided an update on the trip he and Administrator Vana had to Springfield on March 23-24 to lobby with state legislature to restore the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) from 6% to 8%. He spoke of meetings he had with Senator Jim Durkin, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives “Chris” Welch, and Governor Pritzker. While in Springfield, Mayor Marchese and Administrator Vana also met with members of DCEO and IDOT regarding the sound wall, rubbish along I-55 and damage to fences.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT**

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Alderman Gustafson stated wetlands at the end of Abbey Drive and adjacent to Walmart need clearing. Director Gombac stated there were management changes with the maintenance company; he will send a courtesy letter to Abbey Woods Homeowners Association.

Alderwoman Sullivan stated that the Special Service Area is slated for a controlled burn and in need of cleanup; she will meet with Director Gombac to discuss.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 21-22-23**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 21-22-23 in the amount of \$255,435.27 from the enumerated funds, and \$258,496.70 from payroll funds for the period ending 03/24/22 for a total to be approved of \$513,931.97.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. She stated the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting scheduled for April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room was cancelled.

Mayor Marchese announced the Citizen Action Committee will be meeting at the Indian Prairie Public Library on Saturday, April 19, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. – Noon.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. RESOLUTION NO. R-25-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND GO**

**PAINTERS INC. FOR THE 2022 FIRE HYDRANT PAINTING PHASE 2, AT A UNIT COST OF \$96.00 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,600.00**

- B. RESOLUTION NO. R-26-22**     **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM NORWALK TANK COMPANY FOR STORM SEWER CONCRETE STRUCTURES, IRON SEWER GRATES, CONCRETE ADJUSTING RINGS AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**
  
- C. RESOLUTION NO. R-27-22**     **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. (CBBEL) FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE SURVEYING AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS FOR THE EAST SIDE OF CLARENDON HILLS ROAD FROM 67TH STREET TO PLAINFIELD ROAD AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$50,765**
  
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-28-22**     **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. (CBBEL) FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE SURVEYING, ENGINEERING AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS FOR THE SOUTH SIDE OF 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM CASS AVENUE TO STRATFORD PLACE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$27,005**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Marchese stated that the order of the New Business Items was changed during the Work Session; Item D was moved to Item B, Item B was moved to Item C, and Item C was moved to Item D.

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ONE (1) KYOCERA CS 5004I COPIER/PRINTER FROM ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS SUPPLIERS, INC. TO REPLACE CURRENT EQUIPMENT IN USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) AWARD MONEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500**

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the motion as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-29-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) KYOCERA CS 5004I COPIER/PRINTER FROM ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS SUPPLIERS, INC. TO REPLACE CURRENT EQUIPMENT IN USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) AWARD MONEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES FACILITY AT 1041 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD – OPTION #1 MAINTAIN THE CURRENT FACILITY AND GROUNDS WITH NO EXPANSION**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the motion as presented.

Alderman Gustafson stated he does not want to increase taxes to pay for a new Municipal Services building. He would prefer using revenue generated from a marijuana store. Alderman Gustafson would rather delay making improvements pending other viable options.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: Chlystek, Gustafson

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STANDARDPARK FOR TRENCH DRAIN TROUGHS, FOR THE BAY AREAS OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING AT 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,540**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the motion as presented.



**RESOLUTION NO. R-24-22**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STANDARDPARK FOR TRENCH DRAIN TROUGHS, FOR THE BAY AREAS OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING AT 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,540**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: Chlystek, Gustafson

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM FORTIS CONCRETE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE CONCRETE FLOOR FOR THE TRENCH DRAINS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,500**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the motion as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-24-22**

**A RESOLUTION A ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM FORTIS CONCRETE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE CONCRETE FLOOR FOR THE TRENCH DRAINS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,500**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: Chlystek, Gustafson

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET AS AMENDED**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the motion as presented.

Mayor Marchese noted during the Work Session funds were added to capital projects, which required the budget to be amended accordingly.

Mayor Marchese and Alderwoman Sullivan thanked all those involved in the budget process, so the City can continue to operate in an efficient and effective manner.

Administrator Vana reiterated amendments to the budget: \$83,500 (camera) and \$100,000 (Public Works Facility) be added to the budget; \$19,200 will be deducted, since LRS will now be covering the cost of the electronic recycling event.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-08-22                      AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET AS AMENDED**

Roll Call:            Ayes:            Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

                          Nays:            None

                          Absent:           None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Alderman Gustafson announced a meeting will be held on April 21, 2022 at Lakeview School regarding Center Cass 66 potential tax increase. He encourage residents to go to the DuPage County website to request a mail-in ballot and to be sure to vote on June 28.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 4-04-22. Minutes of 4-04-22 CCM.