

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:14 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

September 16, 2019

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 D. Vana, City Administrator
John B. Murphey, City Attorney
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**

Mayor Marchese requested comments regarding cannabis be held until New Business Item A is addressed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. City Council Meeting, August 19, 2019

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 19, 2019.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Sullivan, Vaughan
	Abstain:	Schauer
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. City Council Meeting, September 3, 2019

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 3, 2019.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan
	Abstain:	Gustafson
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received communication from Maria Sircher regarding opposition to cannabis establishments in Darien.

Alderman Kenny received communication from Mary Ann Fogarty regarding opposition to cannabis establishments in Darien.

Alderwomen Sullivan received communication from...

...Terry Pantalao, Carriage Hill, regarding annexation of property.

...Mr. Careno, Evergreen Lane, regarding painting of fire hydrants.

...Andrew Kelly, Tara Hill, regarding driveway paving and preservation.

...five residents regarding cannabis – 3 in support of opting-out and 2 in favor of allowing recreational cannabis business establishments in Darien.

Alderman Gustafson received communication from two individuals regarding their input to cannabis vote.

Alderman Vaughan received communication from Joline Labeledis regarding opposition to cannabis establishments in Darien.

Mayor Marchese...

...received communication from four individuals in support of the opt-out vote.

...read into record letter received from Juliana, third grader at Lace School; he thanked Juliana for making his day.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. DONATION TO THE 100 CLUB – RON KIEFER

Ron Kiefer, Darien Lions Club, thanked Darien Chamber of Commerce, City of Darien, Darien Lions Club and Kinko-Ace Hardware for the group effort provided in the arrangement and sale of 500 blue lights to honor first responders on September 11.

Andrew Brunsen, President – Darien Lions Club, presented checks totaling \$700 to The 100 Club, an organization that supports families of fallen officers and firefighters.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADVISE AND CONSENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF NICK PITZER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Treasurer Coren noted \$3M fund transfer from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund and \$800K fund transfer from Water Fund to Water Depreciation Fund.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is scheduled for October 9, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

Chris English, Joline Labedis, Mike Patrushka and Timothy Giuliani voiced their opinions regarding cannabis business establishments in Darien.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-94-19 A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE FOUNDATION REPAIRS CONSISTING OF WATERPROOFING, AND RESTORATION OF THE OLD LACE SCHOOL AND DIRECT STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT FOR FY 20/21

C. RESOLUTION NO.R-95-19 A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE PREPARATION AND PAINTING OF THE COMMUNICATION TOWER LOCATED AT 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD AND DIRECT STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT FOR FY 20/21

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**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE, “BUSINESS REGULATIONS”, BY ADDING NEW CHAPTER 10, “PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF DARIEN” THERETO

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

Council members voiced their viewpoints regarding cannabis business establishments; Attorney Murphy and Chief Thomas responded to inquiries. Council discussion ensued. Mayor Marchese commented regarding issuance of medical marijuana licenses.

Fred Wilson, 30-year resident, inquired regarding survey and shared his viewpoint. Joline Labedis and Chris English provided additional comments.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan
 Nays: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Vaughan
 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 3, Nays 4, Absent 0
MOTION FAILED

Mayor Marchese stated he will instruct Administrator Vana and staff to begin working on ordinance and zoning for recreational cannabis establishments in Darien.

Administrator Vana reviewed next steps in finalizing ordinance. Attorney Murphy provided direction.

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

Aldерwoman Sullivan announced Hinsdale South High School fall musical, “Fiddler on the Roof,” will be held on November 1 – 3 in the school auditorium; she encouraged attendance.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

 Mayor

 City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 9-16-19. Minutes of 9-16-19 CCM.