

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JUNE 3, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**JUNE 3, 2024**

**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 Recording Secretary Jessica Plzak, was as follows:

Present:	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Eric K. Gustafson	Ralph Stompanato
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor  
Jessica Plzak, Recording Secretary  
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**

Mary O’Dowd voiced appreciation for traffic light at Clarendon Hills Road & 67<sup>th</sup> Street; felt intersection was much safer and quieter.

Kelly Glisan shared his feelings regarding related comments made at the May 20 City Council Meeting.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were none.

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...received communication from residents regarding increased traffic/speed on Bailey Road associated with detour from IDOT project due to road closure from North Frontage Road entrance to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (OLMC) to Bailey Road. She encouraged residents to adhere to speed limits, be mindful of increased traffic, and not to use rear-gate to OLMC.

...had safety discussion with owners of Carriage Greens Country Club. She reminded residents that the golf course is private property for use by paid golfers only.

Alderman Kenny received communication from Bonnie Kucera regarding lead water service line inventory; he sent inquiry to Municipal Services.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Vana commented on the beautiful landscaping of 75<sup>th</sup> Street; he complimented all those involved. Director Gombac noted proactive vendor is providing excellent service.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT**

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-27**

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-27 in the amount of \$58,447.49 from the enumerated funds for a total to be approved of \$58,447.49.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-03**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-03 in the amount of \$335,723.27 from the enumerated funds, and \$343,150.29 from payroll funds for the period ending 05/30/24 for a total to be approved of \$678,873.56.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

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 next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the next Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

Kathleen Weaver, Nick Darien and Dean Rodkin, members of Darien Historical Society, commented regarding Consent Agenda Item E. Discussion ensued regarding tree removal and replacement. Director Gombac and Mayor Marchese commented and addressed questions.

Mary O’Dowd, Noel Manley, Kathy Abbate, and Kelly Glisan commented regarding Council not getting involved with ceasefire resolution.

Dr. Rasheed Abu Shanab commented on inhumane conditions in Gaza and need for resolution to get to the next level. He felt Congressman Sean Casten would listen only if cities make him listen.

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. ORDINANCE NO. O-10-24 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SERIES OF VARIATIONS TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD SIGNS (PZC2024-03: 7226 CLARENDON HILLS ROAD/401 PLAINFIELD ROAD, INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY)**

- B. ORDINANCE NO. O-11-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC2024-04: 9004 DARIEN WOODS COURT)
- C. RESOLUTION NO. R-52-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 166 BANNERS FROM BANNERVILLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,770.00
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-53-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW CAMERA TRAILER, MODEL LPD6X12SA, FROM A&W AUTO TRUCK & TRAILER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,098.00
- E. RESOLUTION NO. R-54-24 A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS AND ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MOSCA DESIGN FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECORATIVE DISPLAYS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00
- F. ORDINANCE NO. O-12-24 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (MICROPHONES, DIGITAL PROCESSOR, ETC.)

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, S Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EVENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE CITY OF DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE DARIEN FEST IN 2024

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-55-24            A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EVENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE CITY OF DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE DARIEN FEST IN 2024**

Roll Call:            Ayes:            Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

                          Nays:            None

                          Absent:            None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF DARIEN FOR THE USE OF WESTWOOD PARK FOR DARIEN FEST IN 2024, 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AND 2024 FALL FEST**

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

Alderwoman Sullivan thanked Administrator Vana, Mayor Marchese, and City staff for working through the details.

Administrator Vana stated action is subject to final review by City Attorney. He noted Council may see separate agenda item for Concert Series and/or Fall Fest; hopes to hear from Park District soon.

Mayor Marchese explained intergovernmental agreement process. Treasurer Coren commented on legal fees incurred. Administrator Vana explained challenges Darien Park District liability insurance requirements has on local groups.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-56-24            A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF DARIEN FOR THE USE OF WESTWOOD PARK FOR DARIEN FEST**

**IN 2024, 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AND 2024 FALL FEST**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CEREMONIAL DOCUMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS BY THE CITY OF DARIEN**

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

Alderman Belczak was in favor of resolution, but questioned if the Mayor was procedurally the correct “entity” to make the decision. Alderman Kenny agreed with Alderman Belczak. Administrator Vana explained current process and noted Council’s ability to make changes.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-57-24 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CEREMONIAL DOCUMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS BY THE CITY OF DARIEN**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Aldерwoman Sullivan reminded Council about Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, June 8.

Mayor Marchese...

...explained the Strategic Planning process; he noted Strategic Planning Session would be four hours.

...announced Darien Park District Ribbon Cutting on June 6 at Darien Community Park.

...stated Darien Lions Club July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade applications should be completed/turned in.

Alderman Belczak announced Darien Art Council presents Nonsense on June 7 and 8 at Q Bar; tickets available at door.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 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 06-03-24. Minutes of 06-03-24 CCM.