

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**September 8, 2020**

**7:30 P.M. (7:52 restart)**

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 and restarted at 7:52 P.M. due to technical difficulties.

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 (Zoom)    Ted V. Schauer (Zoom)  
                                 Eric K. Gustafson (Zoom)    Mary Coyle Sullivan (Zoom)  
                                 Joseph A. Kenny (Zoom)     Lester Vaughan (Zoom)

Absent:                    Thomas M. Chlystek

Also in Attendance:    Joseph Marchese, Mayor  
                                 JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
                                 Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
                                 Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
                                 Gregory Thomas, Police Chief (Zoom)  
                                 Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services (Zoom)  
                                 Lisa Klemm, Administrative Assistant (Zoom)

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 17, 2020 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 17, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from...

...eighteen residents in opposition of chickens on property and the need for an ordinance restricting chickens; residents included: Marie Freidag, Millie Wostratzky, Carol Norbut, Lawrence Jostock, Joseph Valo, Martin Gabriel, Sally English, Mark Costa, Tom Hynes, Nancy Brogato, Robert Larson, Renee Fidanzo, James Williams, Jim Craig, Carolyn Williams, Joseph Toljanic, Bonnie Kucera and Marie Ciaglia.

...Ralph Lodato, 71<sup>st</sup> Street, regarding drag racing on 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...stated she provided Phillip Halliburton, ComEd External Affairs Manager, with addresses of residences that experience long-term power outages. Mr. Halliburton investigated and determined the majority of outages were tree related; trees are scheduled to be trimmed in 2021, with short-term assessments handled immediately.

...contacted Brian Broderick, Carriage Greens Country Club, regarding communication received from Pinehurst Subdivision residents expressing need for fencing on golf course along Bailey Road to discourage use of private property. Mr. Broderick stated fence is being scheduled for installation.

...received communication from resident on Evergreen Lane regarding tree issues.

...received communication from Dr. Kelly Glisan to restrict chickens in Darien.

...received communication from several residents opposing chickens. If allowed an ordinance be established to regulate the number of chickens and provide fencing requirements.

Mayor Marchese received emails from...

...Kristina Nemetz, Marie Friedag, Lou Mallers, and Millie Wostratzky opposing chickens.

...Elisabeth Monahan was in support of chickens.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. ACTUARIAL PRESENTATION – JASON L. FRANKEN**

Jason Franken, Foster & Foster, Inc. provided highlights from the Police Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation as of May 1, 2020. He reviewed investment returns and investment requirements that were impacted by the pandemic and the passing of consolidation legislature in Springfield. James Franken and Treasurer Coren addressed Council questions.

Mayor Marchese...

...announced the Municipal Services Committee Meeting will be held on September 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. The Committee will be reviewing information provided by Director Gombac regarding a proposed chicken ordinance. He commented that residents are welcome to attend; face masks are mandatory and seating is limited. Recommendations can be submitted.

...noted he and Administrator Vana will be meeting with Mr. Broderick, Carriage Greens Country Club, regarding incentive program accomplishments.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced:

- City of Darien election materials for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election may be picked up at Darien City Hall beginning September 22, 2020.
- Available elected position (4 year term) include: Alderman for Ward 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- Candidates are encouraged to seek the advice of legal counsel before filing nomination papers, which must be in apparent conformity with the Election Code. The first day to file is December 14, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. and the last day to file is December 21, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.
- Regular business hours at Darien City Hall are Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.



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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UP-FITTING ONE (1) POLICE VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,779.51**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-46-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UP-FITTING ONE (1) POLICE VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,779.51**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

There were none.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Gustafson 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 9-08-20. Minutes of 9-08-20 CCM.