

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, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Aldermen by Clerk Ragona 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
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services
Ryan Murphy, Senior Planner

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** – September 3, 2024

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

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan received postcard from the offices of Senator John F. Curran and State Representative Nicole La Ha inviting all to attend an ICash Discover What’s Yours event, to find unclaimed funds on September 17 at the Willowbrook Community Resource Center located at 825 Midway Drive. Information is available on the ICash website.

Mayor Marchese received two emails, generated from “Ask the Mayor” in Darien Direct Connect eNews, regarding projects that did not pertain to Darien, Illinois.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK A. KAZICH TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Mark A. Kazich.

Alderwoman Sullivan inquired about the timing of combining the Planning and Zoning Commission and Economic Development Committee; Mayor Marchese stated City Attorney is working on an Ordinance.

**B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “DARIEN PARK DISTRICT DAY”
(SEPTEMBER 16, 2024)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring September 16, 2024 as “Darien Park District Day.”

On behalf of Darien Park District, Ray Jablonski thanked the City of Darien for the acknowledgement. He was pleased the City invested in a four-year strategic plan and looks forward to working together on new programs and improvements for the betterment and enjoyment of all.

Mayor Marchese noted that the Darien Park District and City of Darien worked together to establish three concerts, Darien Fest and Oktoberfest.

C. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Mayor Marchese stated Strategic Plan contains five strategic initiatives that the City will be working on over the next four years.

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

Chief Thomas congratulated Deputy Chief Jason Norton on his completion of courses at the FBI National Academy. He commended Acting Deputy Chief Jump for filling in and preparing July Monthly Report and Sergeant Lorek for filling in and preparing August Monthly Report.

Chief Thomas...

...attended festivities at St. Mary of Gostyn Church on September 11 to honor First Responders.

...responded to Aldermen inquiries pertaining to dogs running at large, e-bikes & e-scooters, pedal bikes and children's Power Wheels.

- **JULY 2024**

Chief Thomas highlighted July Monthly Report, which included mental health calls, Crisis Intervention Training, partnership with National Alliance on Mental Health and DuPage County Health Department, 9-8-8 hotline and Smart 9-1-1.

- **AUGUST 2024**

Chief Thomas commented on legislation and crime from the August Monthly Report. He stressed the importance of locking your car. Chief Thomas fielded Council questions regarding Traffic Crash Summary, retail thefts & response times, Personal Property Crime Summary, SAFE-T Act article in Chicago Tribune and social media posting.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Treasurer Coren inquired about construction barricades on Lemont Road; Director Gombac will investigate.

Director Gombac noted construction equipment is being staged at Shell Gas Station on Cass Avenue for an IDOT storm water project; length of project is unknown.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-10

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-10 in the amount of \$1,056,847.42 from the enumerated funds, and \$309,657.52 from payroll funds for the period ending 09/05/24 for a total to be approved of \$1,366,504.94.

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. MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2024

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of August 2024.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$7,458,171; Expenditures \$6,111,198; Current Balance \$8,327,197
<u>Water & Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$2,317,481; Expenditures \$2,288,667 Current Balance \$3,754,777
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$347,035; Expenditures \$1,730,188; Current Balance \$303,854
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$279,030; Expenditures \$62,731; Current Balance \$17,237,754

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Liaison Sullivan reminded residents that applications for Citizen of the Year nominees will be available online November 1 with a January 3, 2025 cutoff date.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak stated the minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2024 in the Police Department Training Room.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Marchese stated New Business Items A, B, C, D, E and F were moved to the Consent Agenda as Items D, E, F, G, H, and I.

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Kenny 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 REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB**
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN ARTS COUNCIL**
- C. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT AND APPROVE THE BINGO PARTICIPATION OF DARIEN YOUTH CLUB AT THE OKTOBERFEST ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**
- D. **ORDINANCE NO. O-19-24** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (MONITOR, KEYBOARDS, PHONES, ETC.)**
- E. **ORDINANCE NO. O-20-24** **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC2024-08: 620 MAPLE LANE)**
- F. **RESOLUTION NO. R-77-24** **A RESOLUTION RELEASING THE LETTER OF CREDIT, INSTRUMENT NO 20006643511, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$974,992 FOR THE - DARIEN HEIGHTS - 2305 SOKOL COURT-DARIEN, IL, AND ACCEPTING A SECURITY BOND FOR THE FOLLOWING: 1. ONE YEAR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE SECURITY IN AN AMOUNT OF \$97,499 AND 2. THREE YEAR NATIVE PLANTING MAINTENANCE SECURITY IN AN AMOUNT OF \$15,000**

G. RESOLUTION NO. R-78-24 **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AT THE UNIT PRICES FOR POLYURETHANE SIDEWALK RAISING AND CURB SEALING FROM ACME CONCRETE RAISING & REPAIR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,300**

H. RESOLUTION NO. R-79-24 **A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO YELLOWSTONE LANDSCAPE GROUP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,215 FOR THE CITY'S 2024/25 TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM SECTION NO. 1 AND ANNUAL CONTRACT**

I. RESOLUTION NO. R-80-24 **A RESOLUTION AWARDED A LIMITED CONTRACT TO HOMER TREE CARE, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$178,750 FOR THE CITY'S 2024/25 TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM SECTION NO. 2**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...inquired about Goal Setting dates.

...encouraged residents to respond to Darien Water Use Survey, which is quick to complete.

Alderman Gustafson announced Tri-State Fire Station Open House will be held on October 5 from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.; Darien Police Department will be participating with a canine demonstration.

Alderman Belczak encouraged all to attend Oktoberfest, which will be held on Saturday, September 21 at Westwood Park from Noon to 9:30 P.M.; food, refreshments, music and games are planned.

Mayor Marchese noted Darien Woman’s Club, Darien Youth Club, Darien Swim & Recreation Club and Cancer Smashers will be participating in Oktoberfest.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:32 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 09-16-24. Minutes of 09-16-24 CCM.