

WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 4, 2020 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

May 18, 2020

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

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
 JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
 Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer (Zoom)
 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 seven aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

“Yes” votes: Mary Moore, Winy Sy, Dave Dunwoody, George Franco and Gary Scarbosa.

Mayor Marchese received communication from resident regarding backyard fire pits. Resident felt the City Code was too lenient based on health resources. Mayor Marchese directed the issue be sent to Environmental Committee for review and recommendation.

8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

A. PROCLAMATION: DECLARING FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020 AS THE “CLASS OF 2020 DAY IN THE CITY OF DARIEN”

Mayor Marchese recognized graduates who were not able to enjoy the ritual of a graduation ceremony by declaring May 22, 2020 as the “Class of 2020 Day in the City of Darien.” He asked residents to take the opportunity to congratulate members of the graduating Class of 2020.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona advised that City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Kenny inquired about the role Darien Police played in apprehending offenders of carjackings and armed robbery in Addison. Chief Thomas explained Darien Police Department involvement with the apprehension.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Alderman Chylstek complimented Municipal Services on their efforts in dealing with flooding resulting from the excessive rain over the past weekend. He referenced a program Elmhurst implemented that residents assist with storm water issues. Director Gombac reviewed the proactive approach and “Adopt a Storm Drain” Program that Municipal Services has in place. He noted Darien fared well; water backed up temporarily and receded. Administrator Vana noted the importance of keeping inlets clean.

...stated is investigating ability to resume Council Meetings in Council Chamber with social distancing.

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 GRANTING WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB

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

Alderman Kenny questioned raffle license requests; Mayor Marchese stated this request was for the Lions *Queen of Hearts Raffle*.

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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, CHAPTER 9A, OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE, “CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS”, TO MAKE CERTAIN NON-RETAIL CANNABIS-RELATED BUSINESSES PERMITTED USES IN THE I-1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

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

Alderman Sullivan asked for clarification regarding the non-retail aspect of cannabis only being allowed at the two locations indicated. Director Gombac noted it was a permitted use in certain districts and confirmed that Sterling Bay and Public Works properties are the two applicable sites under the I-1 General Industrial District.

Alderman Chlystek stated his reasons for supporting the ordinance. Alderman Schauer inquired regarding licensing. Alderman Sullivan commented.

ORDINANCE NO. O-09-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, CHAPTER 9A, OF THE DAREIN CITY CODE, “CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS”, TO MAKE CERTAIN NON-RETAIL CANNABIS-RELATED BUSINESSES PERMITTED USES IN THE I-1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

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

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 3, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO MAINTENANCE (STERLING BAY – 1035 S. FRONTAGE ROAD)

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

Alderman Kenny commented regarding budget concerns. Alderman Sullivan inquired about bond monies. Director Gombac explained and provided clarification regarding the two security bonds. Council discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION NO. R-34-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUBJECT TO

MAINTENANCE (STERLING BAY – 1035 S. FRONTAGE ROAD)

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

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Mayor Marchese asked Lisa Klemm, Administrative Assistant, to display outline of presentation/discussion points regarding reopening businesses in Darien. He introduced attending members of the Economic Development Committee: Tina Beilke (Chairperson), Bryan Gay, Robert Hahn, Lou Mallers and Matt Weberling via Zoom.

Mayor Marchese led discussion on the following three topics:

- Current State of Darien Businesses
 - Essential, Non-Essential, Restaurants and Bars
 - Initiatives That Have Been Undertaken
- DuPage Mayors and Managers (DMMC) Intervention Efforts
 - Twice Weekly Mayor’s Conferences (Health Department)
 - Letter to Governor
- Where do we go in the Future?
 - Follow the Lead of DMMC?
 - Continue to Operate Under the *Restore Illinois* Plan as part of the Northeast Quadrant?
 - Follow our own course of Action?
 - What Other Concerns?

A lengthy discussion ensued; feedback was provided. Mayor Marchese addressed questions.

Mayor Marchese thanked all for their participation. He stated he agrees there is strength in numbers; he will be working with DuPage Mayors and Managers to reach consensus of actions. He encouraged Council and Economic Development Committee to send him their ideas regarding future direction.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:24 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 5-18-20. Minutes of 5-18-20 CCM.