

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

SEPTEMBER 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 Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Eric K. Gustafson (Remote)	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** – August 5, 2024

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 5, 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**

Alderman Gustafson received communication from Paul Jopa, Cambridge Drive, regarding Consent Agenda Item A. Alderman Gustafson commented that he supported Mr. Jopa in wanting to retain Ordinance O-07-87.

Alderwoman Sullivan received several positive communications about the completion of North Frontage Road curve correction project.

Mayor Marchese commented on guardrails; Director Gombac responded.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced:

- City of Darien election packets for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election may be pickup up at Darien City Hall beginning August 20, 2024 from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.
- Elected positions include: Alderman for Ward 1, 3, 5, and 7.
- Petitions and backup documents must be submitted between November 12, 2024 through November 18, 2024.

- Information is available on the City website and is posted on the City Hall doors and bulletin board.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

Mayor Marchese noted Chief Thomas will present the July 2024 Monthly Report at the September 16, 2024 City Council Meeting.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-08

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-08 in the amount of \$1,134,003.99 from the enumerated funds, and \$329,203.10 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/08/24 for a total to be approved of \$1,463,207.09.

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 24-25-09

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-09 in the amount of \$103,388.88 from the enumerated funds, and \$336,835.06 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/22/24 for a total to be approved of \$440,223.94.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2024

D. MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2024

E. MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2024

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

General Fund: Revenue \$6,053,035; Expenditures \$4,397,279; Current Balance \$8,635,980

Water & Water Depreciation Funds: Revenue \$1,210,232; Expenditures \$1,344,613 Current Balance \$3,512,184

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue \$259,198; Expenditures \$845,299; Current Balance \$1,100,906

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$206,318; Expenditures \$46,102; Current Balance \$17,181,670

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.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 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**

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-17-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5A-8-2-4, "SPECIAL USES," GRANTING A SPECIAL USE, AND REPEALING A CONDITION OF LANDSCAPING IN LIEU OF FENCING AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE O-07-87 (PZC2024-06: 2551 75TH STREET)

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-18-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DARIEN CORPORATE CENTER PUD, THE SUBDIVISION OF A PARCEL INTO TWO LOTS, AND GRANTING VARIATIONS FOR THE REDUCTION OF YARD AREAS AND SETBACKS (PZC2024-07: AMENDMENT, FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION, AND VARIATIONS TO THE DARIEN CORPORATE CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT)

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

Nays: Gustafson

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Alderman Belczak announced Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 21 at Westwood Park; he stated a variety of activities are planned and encouraged all to attend this family event.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...stated effective November 1st applications for Citizen of the Year will be accepted; information can be obtained on City website or at City Hall. She noted candidate will be presented to Council in January.

...announced Darien Honoree Celebration to recognize Citizen of the Year and Members of the Year from Darien Clubs and Darien Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday, February 28.

...commended City of Darien and April Padalik on another great summer concert series.

Mayor Marchese thanked the City of Darien and Darien Chamber of Commerce on a successful Darien Fest. He received positive feedback on Westwood Park being an ideal site. He extended kudos to the Darien Police Department and all participating organizations for their assistance in making Darien Fest a great event.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:43 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 09-03-24. Minutes of 09-03-24 CCM.