

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 16, 2022 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

May 16, 2022

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	Joseph A. Kenny
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Ted V. Schauer

Absent:	Eric K. Gustafson
	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Lester Vaughan

Also in Attendance:	Joseph Marchese, Mayor
	JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
	Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
	Bryon Vana, City Administrator
	Jason Norton, Acting Chief
	Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 2, 2022

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Chlystek to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 2, 2022.

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

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received communication from...

...Bob Denk, Regency Grove, regarding electronic pick up of television; Katie Neary, LRS, resolved issue.

...Matt Rynkar, 7700 block of Stratford, regarding electricity going out twice last week.

Alderman Chylstek received communication from Shari Gillespie, 7000 block of Sawyer Road, regarding length of time a dumpster can be on driveway; she noted dumpster has been on property at 7806 Sawyer Road a long time and lawn is in need of maintenance. Director Gombac will have Code Enforcement investigate.

Alderman Kenny received communication from...

...John Mocariski, Gigi Lane, regarding AT&T restoration.

...Jill Surrusco, 1900 block of 71st, regarding restoration required by AT&T.

...Roy Itteera, Darien Club subdivision, regarding issues with HOA; Alderman Kenny advised City not responsible and is a private matter.

...Bruno Hall requested radar on Williams Street and 77th Street due to speeding vehicles. Council discussion ensued.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. DARIEN LIONS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD – MICHAEL KELLY

Mayor Marchese provided a brief history of the award and declared Michael Kelly as the 2022 Darien Lions Humanitarian of the Year.

Mayor Marchese shared the significant impact Mike has made to the mission of the Darien Lions Club Foundation (DLCF). After learning about the DLCF mission to support the needy in Darien, Mike adopted the Foundation as a charity. His company K&B Financial has supported the DLCF for more than 12 years, with donations in excess of \$24,000.

Mike’s contributions assist the Lions in maintaining and delivering services such as the Food Basket Program, which supplies two weeks of food to 250-300 families in Darien and the surrounding area.

The City of Darien along with the Darien Lions Club thanked Mike for his generous support of the Club’s humanitarian efforts and is happy to honor Mike with the 2022 Darien Lions Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Lion John Galan stated Mike will receive a commemorative brick for the patio at the Darien Community Park. He thanked Mike for everything he has done for the Club and Community.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF JOHN BRESLIN AND JEFFREY MAY TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan, Vaughan

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Jeffrey May.

**C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”
(MAY 15 – 21, 2022)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring May 15 – 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week. Director Gombac accepted the proclamation.

**D. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK” (MAY 15 –
21, 2022)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring May 15 – May 21, 2022 as National Police Week. Acting Chief Norton accepted the proclamation. He explained the significance of the mourning band he was wearing to honor Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

**E. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
MONTH” (MAY 2022)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Mayor Marchese encouraged all residents to be more conscientious of the need for good mental health in our community and to support those receiving mental health assistance and service.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Treasurer Coren inquired about roadwork at I55 & Lemont Road; Director Gombac stated the Illinois Department of Transportation is working on making bridge, lighting and ramp improvements; Bridge Project should be completed November 2022.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 21-22-26

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 21-22-26 in the amount of \$575,431.88 from the enumerated funds for a total to be approved of \$575,431.88.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan, Vaughan

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 22-23-02

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 22-23-02 in the amount of \$471,406.42 from the enumerated funds and \$323,140.80 from payroll funds for the period ending 05/05/22 for a total to be approved of \$794,547.22.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan, Vaughan

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Clerk Ragona announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police

Committee meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Police Pension Board – Liaison Coren provided an update from the Police Pension Board quarterly meeting held on May 5, 2022. He stated pension fund assets were down due to poor stock market performance. He reviewed prior history and is hopeful last year’s positive performance will mitigate underperformance over the next five years.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM SUNRISE COMMUNICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000 FOR THE LABOR AND \$50,500 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE BROADCAST SYSTEM IN THE MEDIA ROOM AND THE COUNCIL ROOM MICROPHONES

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Kenny, Schauer

 Nays: None

 Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan, Vaughan

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE PROPERTY REAR YARD STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR:
PROJECT FYE23-E-1501 AND 1505 NORMAN DR., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,165 (CITY COST \$10,624 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$4,541)
PROJECT FYE23-SS-1205 WILLOW LN., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,571 (PW PROJECT \$19,886 CITY COST \$685 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$1,000) AND
THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AS ASSOCIATED WITH WILLOW LANE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,986 FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MATERIAL AND RESTORATION**

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-41-22

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 Nays: None
 Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan, Vaughan

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3
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18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Mayor Marchese...

...commented he attended Kingswood Academy Fundraiser; Mayor for the Day Program raised more than \$5,000. He congratulated Kingswood Academy on a successful gala. ...stated Darien Action Committee met at the Indian Prairie Public Library; a good discussion took place about the Farmer’s Market program and shared Community calendar.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 5-16-22. Minutes of 5-16-22 CCM.