

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 20, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**MAY 20, 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
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

Absent:	Eric K. Gustafson
	Ralph Stompanato

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

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

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

Kelly Glisan commented regarding freedom of speech. He asked Council to adopt a policy that would disallow non-residents or paid activists from speaking at Darien City Council Meetings.

Noel Manley commented on a well-organized Darien Chamber of Commerce Darien Dash event. His only criticism was having High Haven as a sponsor.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. City Council Meeting – April 15, 2024

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 15, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

B. City Council Meeting – May 6, 2024

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 6, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. RECOGNITION OF THE DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE**

Mayor Marchese recognized and congratulated Jerry Lowery, Director of Bands, Aaron Kennedy, Fine Arts Department Chair, and members of the Downers South Wind Ensemble for their musical excellence in being selected to perform at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival.

**B. RECOGNITION OF PAUL GANGI – DARIEN LIONS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR**

Mayor Marchese recognized Paul Gangi as Darien Lions Humanitarian of the Year. He explained the establishment, humanitarian focus, and recognitions received as recipient of the George Lazansky Award. He commented on Mr. Gangi’s family and active leadership within Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (OLMC) & Darien Youth Club as coach, director and ultimately commissioner.

Father Jeff Smialek, Pastor of OLMC, noted Paul’s selfless dedication and unwavering faith has continually inspired our community overall to open their hearts to show compassion and love to those in need.

Mayor Marchese thanked Mr. Gangi for his dedication in assisting his fellow man and in making Darien “A Nice Place to Live.”

Mr. Gangi thanked Father Jeff for his leadership, passion, thoughtfulness and humor. He complimented Darien Lions Club for doing a great job in always helping everyone and encouraging organization participation. He thanked his family and friends for their support.

Mayor Marchese...

...congratulated April Padalik and Darien Chamber of Commerce for another successful Darien Dash. He congratulated all participants, vendors and sponsors who gave their time and donations in making the event a success.

...encouraged all to attend the Memorial Day Recognition at the Darien Community Park on Monday, May 27, at 11:00 A.M. to acknowledge the sacrifices made to assure our freedom.

...announced Public Works Week; he thanked the Public Works staff.

...had the opportunity to visit with fifth grade students from Kingswood Academy who wanted to learn about government.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT**

Alderman Sullivan inquired about enrollments for emergency text notifications. Chief Thomas stated there were more than 2000 subscribers.

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

Alderman Kenny inquired about 2023 winterization expense of \$4600; Director Gombac explained the billing was delayed for the irrigation/sprinkler system.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-26**

It was moved by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-26 in the amount of \$997,583.43 from the enumerated funds for a total to be approved of \$997,583.43.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-02**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-02 in the amount of \$195,933.37 from the enumerated funds, and \$308,228.29 from payroll funds for the period ending 05/16/24 for a total to be approved of \$504,161.66.

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Belczak, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Sullivan  
                       Nays:       None  
                       Absent:     Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the next Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny commented having no issues with Consent Agenda Items E, F, G, H & I. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

**Police Pension Board** – Liaison Coren announced the Police Pension Board quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the next meeting of the Darien Community Action Committee is scheduled for August 17, 2024.

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

Thirteen individuals expressed reasons and concerns for wanting Darien’s City Council to approve a resolution calling for an immediate and sustainable ceasefire and humanitarian aid in Gaza. Comments included: stand for humanity; save lives; stop killing; make Darien a beacon of hope; judged by our actions; heightened fear; increased discrimination; release hostages; dire situation; senseless violence; be on right side of history; stop genocide; help community feel safe; your voices speak above us; help people on both sides; bring peace to all; and not here for politics.

Noel Manley, Kelly Glisan, and Kathy Abbate expressed their reasons for not wanting Council to approve the ceasefire resolution.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE ONE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT WITH THE CITY'S CURRENT REFUSE HAULER, LAKESHORE RECYCLING SYSTEMS, LLC (LRS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,400**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE BEST BID FOR STREET LIGHT ELECTRIC SUPPLY**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. R-43-24      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO APPROVE A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MC SQUARED ENERGY SERVICES, LLC (MC2) TO PROVIDE FULL-REQUIREMENTS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R-44-24      A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS, LINE ITEM 01-40-4815 EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE WORN AND DAMAGED CABINETS, SINKS, ETC. FROM ALBRITE BUILDING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$17,369.00**

**E. RESOLUTION NO. R-45-24      A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION FROM KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,385.55**

**F. RESOLUTION NO. R-46-24      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECH FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARTS AND LABOR FOR THE OUTFITTING OF (7) ADMINISTRATIVE CARS USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,096.44**

**G. RESOLUTION NO. R-47-24      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF (15) PANASONIC FZ 55 SEMI-**

**RUGGIDIZED LAPTOPS USING CAPITAL PURCHASES EQUIPMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,360**

**H. RESOLUTION NO. R-48-24**      **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF (15) ZEBRA ZQ521 MOBILE DIRECT THERMAL PRINTERS USING DUI TECHNOLOGY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,570**

**I. RESOLUTION NO. R-49-24**      **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STALKER APPLIED CONCEPTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF (12) IL DSR 2X RADAR UNITS USING DUI TECHNOLOGY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,101.36**

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

                         Nays:      None

                         Absent:      Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ZERO TURN RADIUS, REAR DISCHARGING, RIDING MOWERS, MODEL ZD1211R-3-60R AND MODEL ZD1211RL-3-72R FROM ALTA EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,436.82**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-50-24**      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ZERO TURN RADIUS, REAR DISCHARGING, RIDING MOWERS, MODEL ZD1211R-3-60R AND MODEL ZD1211RL-3-72R FROM ALTA EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,436.82**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Sullivan  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW HYDRAULIC GUILLOTINE PIPE CUTTING SAW FROM E.H. WACHS UTILITY PRODUCTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,565.00**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-51-24**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW HYDRAULIC GUILLOTINE PIPE CUTTING SAW FROM E.H. WACHS UTILITY PRODUCTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,565.00**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Sullivan  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINABLE CEASEFIRE AND HUMANITARIAN AID IN GAZA AND THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES AND THOSE UNJUSTLY HELD (THIS RESOLUTION WAS RECEIVED BY A CITIZEN AND NOT PREPARED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN.)**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and NOT seconded; **MOTION FAILED.**

**D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT POLICY PERTAINING TO VOTES THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**



It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the motion as presented

Alderwoman Sullivan suggested a strategic process setting expectations on Council items addressing format and review.

Mayor Marchese spoke of humanitarian residents that participate in organizations that service other people. He noted “A Nice Place to Live” is not just a catchy phrase, but reflects who Darien really is. He empathized with audience disappointment; stated a ceasefire resolution would not have an effect on the war. He stated that citizens need to contact their Congressmen and Senators, who can have an impact on world issues.

Alderman Belczak and Alderman Kenny commented on need for policy. Item was referred to Administrative/Finance Committee for review.

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

                      Nays:       None

                      Absent:      Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Nizam Khatib shared his disappointment in turndown of ceasefire resolution. He reiterated the value of passing a ceasefire resolution and asked Council to reconsider.

Hassan Aly commented on his disappointment in not passing a ceasefire resolution. He will continue to be a friend, neighbor and offer services to make Darien a nice place to live. He stated peace has an impact beyond our borders.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

**City Council Meeting**

**May 20, 2024**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:02 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 05-20-24. Minutes of 05-20-24 CCM.