

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JUNE 15, 2026 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:31 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

June 15, 2026

7:31 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:31 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 Recording Secretary Plzak was as follows:

Present:	Thomas J. Belczak	Ralph Stompanato
	Eric K. Gustafson	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Ted V. Schauer	

Absent:	Joseph A. Kenny
	Gerry Leganski

Also in Attendance:	Joseph Marchese, Mayor
	Jessica Plzak, Recording Secretary
	Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
	Bryon Vana, City Administrator
	Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
	Austin Jump, Deputy 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**

John Yurchak, 700 block of Somerset Lane,:

...inquired about City providing connecting sidewalk from 7622 to 7726 Farmingdale Drive. Director Gombac stated area is a floodway and requires approval by Army Corps of Engineers; he explained residents have the ability to cross within 100 feet of missing link. Director Gombac addressed Council questions.

...requested street enforcement for vehicles parked on Farmingdale Drive between 75th Street & Walnut Avenue.

...commented on excellent City services.

Darien resident...

...commented on hazardous sidewalk; Director Gombac obtained contact information and will investigate.

...stated does not want any data centers in Darien.

Jim Kmiec, 1100 block of Hinswood Drive, commented on trees along property; he felt trees could come down in inclement weather with some leaning on fence. Director Gombac obtained contact information and will investigate.

Alderwoman Sullivan inquired about street parking regulations and enforcement; Chief Thomas responded.

Tapan Biswas, Gail Avenue, inquired about accumulation of water on property during heavy rain. Director Gombac provided history of inspections and reiterated instructions for homeowner to regrade property.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were none.

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Gustafson received communication from resident on Wakefield Drive whose grandson ended up in the ER with concussion after injuries sustained from riding e-bike with no helmet. She was in favor of laws preventing younger children from riding e-bikes. Chief Thomas commented on legislative changes effective July 1; Deputy Chief Jump will be providing an update under Department Head Information.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

There was no report.

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 – MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2026

Chief Thomas...

...noted Civilian Personnel Appreciation Week; he recognized non-sworn law enforcement personnel as unsung heroes and the importance of their roles.

...highlighted Cops n' Bobbers, community youth fishing event which was held on June 6. He thanked Bass Pro Shop for furnishing fishing poles, Officer Pastick for supplying the bait, and Council for approval.

Deputy Chief Jump...

...provided an update of Senate Bill 3484, which pertains to electric micromobility devices. He highlighted notable changes going into effect July 1, 2026 and January 2027, which included age restrictions, speed caps, and uniform classifications. He noted City Ordinance is being updated to coincide with State laws. He commented on Direct Connect communication and School Resource Officer conducting presentations to middle & high school students on operating devices safely and within the law. He addressed Council questions regarding enforcement and helmet requirements. Alderwoman Sullivan stressed parents should not purchase devices for under age children.

...spoke of tools, drones and License Plate Reader (LPR) system, used to capture those fleeing on e-motorcycles/vehicles. He referenced Community Information Bulletin published in Direct Connect regarding LPR System. He shared number of LPRs used by City of Darien, DuPage County and State Police. Deputy Chief Jump highlighted the benefits and addressed the concerns with LPR system.

...proposed subscribing to a traffic-intelligence platform called Urban SDK, utilized by more than 200 law enforcement agencies nationwide. After explaining existing process for handling speeding & traffic complaints and reviewing 2025 directed-patrol campaigns, Deputy Chief Jump demonstrated how the platform will provide Police and Public Works Departments better tools, so resident concerns can be addressed faster, staff can be deployed more efficiently, and traffic decisions can be based on objective data. The Urban SDK platform provides continuous traffic intelligence for every road in the City – both speed and volume – without a single physical counter or added staff hours. Deputy Chief Jump addressed Council questions regarding hot spots, utilization and email alerts. Council discussion ensued regarding cost and approval by Council.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Director Gombac...

...commented on recent storms. Since Darien sustained minimal impact, a special branch pickup was not required.

...noted Municipal Services is busy working on concrete replacement program, road resurfacing, sidewalk grinding, rear-yard drainage and special projects.

...addressed Council questions regarding moving of poles by ComEd and completion of Shell station.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT**A. WARRANT NUMBER 26-27-04**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 26-27-04 in the amount of \$1,393,909.38 from the enumerated funds, and \$362,486.39 from payroll funds for the period ending 06/11/26 for a total to be approved of \$1,756,395.77.

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Kenny, Leganski

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Alderman Stompanato announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Darien Action Committee – Mayor Marchese stated minutes from Darien Action Committee meeting of June 6, 2026 will be distributed once compiled. Community organizations discussed America's 250th Anniversary plans. He encouraged all to view

America's 250th Anniversary mural, created by students from Downers Grove South & Hinsdale South High Schools, located at the Clock Tower.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

New Business Item A was moved to Consent Agenda as Item E.

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. MOTION NO. M-89-26 **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A HP COLOR LASER JET PRINTER FOR \$4,900.00 AND A ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR \$720.00 FROM CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,620.00**

B. MOTION NO. M-90-26 **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS, LINE ITEM 01-40-4325 CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A ONE-YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL UPDATE SUBSCRIPTION FROM LEXIPOL, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,184.00**

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-22-26 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 5 (VEHICLE CODE) OF THE CITY OF DARIEN CITY CODE**

D. MOTION NO. M-91-26

**A MOTION TO ADOPT THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES
BETWEEN NUPAGE COMMUNITIES
(FORMERLY NEDFYS) AND THE DARIEN
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

E. ORDINANCE NO. O-23-26

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-
7-3, CLASS C LICENSE, OF THE DARIEN
CITY CODE**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kenny, Leganski

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

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17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Alderwoman Sullivan announced the first of three summer concerts will be held on June 25 at Carriage Greens Country Club in the North parking lot featuring Fuze. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy food from local restaurants. Donations of cleaning supplies and canned goods for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food Pantry are welcome. Mark your calendars to attend remaining concerts on July 30 and August 27 featuring Dick Diamond & the Dusters and Heart to Heartbreaker respectively.

Mayor Marchese ...

...announced annual DarienFest will be held on August 7 – 9 at Hinsdale South High School, with exciting events planned in honor of America's 250th Anniversary.

...reminded all to submit entries to participate in the July 4 parade.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:37 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 06-15-26. Minutes of 06-15-26 CCM.