

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Personnel Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:04 P.M., with no action to be taken.

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Gustafson to adjourn Executive Session.

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

September 2, 2025

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 Hazou.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hazou 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	Ralph Stompanato
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan

Absent: Gerry Leganski

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
Michael Hazou, Mayor for the Day
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 six aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

Resident, Neringa, commented on concerns with public easement near bus stop. She proposed sidewalks in front of said property to ensure safe passage, bus stop to remain unchanged, review and dismissal of citations issued, and for City of Darien to reaffirm commitment to equal protection, neighborly conduct and lawful expression.

Gerald & Catherine Wivinis, Shelly Court, inquired about an ordinance change that would allow recreational vehicles to park on driveways during summer months. Council discussion ensued regarding existing ordinance and compliance. As Ordinance is working and residents complying, Mayor Marchese & Director Gombac agreed no changes were warranted. Director Gombac will follow up with the Wivinis' regarding clarification of Ordinance 3-day maintenance allowance and options for compliance.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 4, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 4, 2025.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Stompanato provided an update on collaboration with Darien Park District. As City's Liaison, he had an initial meeting with Darien Park District's (DPD) Liaison Luanne Spiros and an opportunity to tour the DPD Community Center. In addition, he attended DPD Board Meeting. Liaison Stompanato will continue to update on progress.

Alderman Gustafson received calls from numerous residents regarding groups of individuals congregating outside of Walmart and Home Depot. He noted Chief Thomas will comment under Department Head Information.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...continues to receive ongoing communication from residents along Bailey Road and most recently Bailey Park Townhomes regarding electric bikes & dirt bikes that are flying through yards over private property & neighborhoods at reckless speed. Police Department was notified and shown videos. She reiterated new E-Scooters & E-Bikes Ordinance and importance of educating students/children on laws. Residents need to call 911 to report safety concerns.

...received communication regarding parking dilemma at condominium building off Frontage Road. She encourage resident to speak to Homeowners Association. City Code Ordinance regarding overnight parking will continue to be enforced.

Mayor Marchese read resident letter complementing two staff members on their attentiveness/assistance. Letter also included kudos to LRS for their polite, professional and prompt service.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. POLICE PENSION STUDY

Mayor Marchese introduced Jason Franken, Foster & Foster Inc. actuary and consultant for Darien's Police Pension Fund. Mr. Franken reviewed highlights from the City of Darien Police Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation as of May 1, 2025. He addressed questions regarding ramp increases, funding policy, funded liability, open versus closed amortization, Tier 2 benefits, and compliance with Safe Harbor rules. Mayor Marchese inquired about cost analysis report; Treasurer Coren commented.

Mayor Marchese introduced Michael Hazou, Mayor for the Day, a 7th grader at Kingswood Academy. At school fundraiser, his parents won a bid for Michael to be "Mayor for the Day." Mayor Marchese shared Michael's day in Public Works and Police Department.

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 – JULY 2025

Chief Thomas ...

...presented on E-Motorcycles; E-Bicycles; E-Scooters & E-Bikes flyer; Approaching, Overtaking & Passing a Stopped School Bus; School Bus Two-Lane Roadway; Roadies & Actions Taken; and Police Social Worker. He commented on music/noise at Carriage Greens Country Club.

...shared highlights from July Monthly Report, which included retirement of Sergeant Steve Liss; appointment of Officer Brette Glomb to the rank of Sergeant; conviction in Drug-Induced Homicide Case; and arrest made in Child Exploitation Case.

Chief Thomas addressed Council questions.

Director Gombac...

...stated Metronet is now part of T-Mobile. There will be more information on fiber optic opportunities for telephone and streaming. He noted plans are in the works for a presentation to be held at Indian Prairie Public Library; details will be released in Direct Connect eNews.

...addressed Council questions.

A. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-08

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-08 in the amount of \$779,481.69 from the enumerated funds, and \$332,579.23 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/07/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,112,060.92.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Alderman Kenny inquired about luncheon receipt. Director Gombac stated Public Works was recognized for their hard work during extreme heat and microburst cleanup.

B. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-09

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-09 in the amount of \$283,088.00 from the enumerated funds, and \$331,115.28 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/21/25 for a total to be approved of \$614,203.28.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025

D. MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025

E. MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of July 2025.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$6,432,673; Expenditures \$4,775,819; Current Balance \$7,456,841
<u>Water & Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$1,263,278; Expenditures \$1,756,733 Current Balance \$2,716,613
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$167,928; Expenditures \$141,052; Current Balance \$626,833
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$212,604; Expenditures \$1,497,585; Current Balance \$20,484,949

Treasurer Coren explained differences in sales and use taxes was due to State classification change.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan stated auditor presented preliminary audit at the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting this evening and will be presented at the October 6 City Council Meeting. In addition, since New Business Item E was unanimously approved, she suggested moving to Consent Agenda. Council agreed and item was moved to Consent Agenda as Item G. Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Since New Business Item F was unanimously approved at the Special Municipal Services Committee meeting held earlier this evening, Chairman Belczak suggested moving item to Consent Agenda. Council agreed and item

was moved to Consent Agenda as Item F. He announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the July 21, 2025 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. Since New Business Items A, B, C & D were unanimously approved by Police Committee earlier this evening, he suggested items be moved to Consent Agenda. Council agreed and items were moved to Consent Agenda as Items H, I, J & K respectively.

Mayor Marchese announced the next meeting of the Darien Action Committee will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in 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 Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

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| A. MOTION NO. M-60-25 | A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE DARIEN SWIM AND RECREATION CLUB |
| B. MOTION NO. M-61-25 | A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB (CLASS A LICENSE) |
| C. MOTION NO. M-62-25 | A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB (CLASS B LICENSE) |
| D. ORDINANCE NO. O-39-25 | AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC2025-13: 7800 CASS AVE) |

- E. ORDINANCE NO. M-40-25** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN (ADMIN)**
- F. ORDINANCE NO. O-42-25** **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A PAINTED SIGN (MURAL) (PZC2025-16: INSPIRE BRANDS, INC) 7100 ROUTE 83, DARIEN IL 60561**
- G. MOTION NO. M-66-25** **A MOTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION, YEAR 5, WITH ECO CLEAN MAINTENANCE, INC. TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,400.00**
- H. MOTION NO. M-63-25** **A MOTION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO REPLACE WORN AND DAMAGED CABINETS, SINKS, ETC., IN THE EVIDENCE ROOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,979.00**
- I. MOTION NO. M-64-25** **A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTIONS (I/O SOLUTIONS) TO CONDUCT TESTING TO ESTABLISH AN ELIGIBILITY LIST FROM WHICH TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS TO FILL ANTICIPATED OPENINGS**
- J. MOTION NO. M-65-25** **A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO ENTER INTO A (3) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CRISIS 24, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,031.00**

K. ORDINANCE NO. O-41-25

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE
OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE
CITY OF DARIEN (PD)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Alderman Belczak announced 3rd Annual Oktoberfest will be held on October 4 at Westwood Park with food, music and family fun activities. He encourage all to attend.

Mayor Marchese...

...stated he and Director Padalik met with District 86 Board of Education regarding 2026 Darien Fest being held at Hinsdale South High School, since Westwood Park will be under construction. District 86 Board members will address at their next Board Meeting.

Resident inquired if Chief Thomas' slide show would be available to the public; a link will be provided in Direct Connect eNews.

There was a round of applause, for Mayor of the Day, Michael Hazou.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:01 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 09-02-25.
Minutes of 09-02-25 CCM.