

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

December 15, 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 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	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

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

A. City Council Meeting –November 17, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 17, 2025.

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. Goal Setting Session – November 19, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the Goal Setting Session of November 19, 2025.

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 Kenny received communication from Geraldine Dominic regarding solicitation for sanitary sewer and public utility insurance coverage. Director Gombac explained the issue and recommended that residents check with their homeowner's insurance company for coverage/rider for these services.

Alderwoman Sullivan received communication from...

...Mary Schenk, Vice President Board of Directors at Waterfall Glen, regarding road safety on South Frontage Road between Lemont Road and Cass Avenue. Alderwoman Sullivan contacted State officials; South Frontage Road is an Illinois Department of Transportation roadway.

...Brian Liedtke about study conducted pertaining to Village Greens Golf Course (VGGC) ownership and management. Mayor Marchese spoke of his conversation with Woodridge Trustee, Sean Durkin, regarding contractual agreement with Kemper for management/improvements for VGGC. He commented on proposed Woodridge Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District along 75th Street Corridor and the sale/development of Zigfield Troy Golf Course property.

Mayor Marchese received communication from Lion John Galan regarding Darien Lions Club distribution of food baskets/toys on Saturday, December 20. Lion Galan expressed his thankfulness for all contributions received.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN CHRIST AND LOU MALLERS TO THE PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the reappointment of Jonathan Christ and Lou Mallers to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Commission.

MOTION NO. M-99-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN CHRIST AND LOU MALLERS TO THE PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan
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Nays:	None
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Absent:	None
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Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Jonathan Christ and Lou Mallers.

B. RECOGNITION OF 2025 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Holiday Home Decorating Committee members, Melody Jankowski, Tracy Johnson, Nicci Menotti and Leslie Sweeney announced the winners of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. They displayed pictures of the winning homes.

2025 Holiday Decorating Contest Award Winners:

Fifth Place – certificate and \$50.00 check – 6821 White Pine Trail
Fourth Place – certificate \$75.00 check – 8493 Chicory Court
Third Place – certificate \$100.00 check – 1906 Gordon Court
Second Place – certificate \$150.00 check – 809 Columbia Lane
First Place – certificate \$200.00 check – 8361 Parkview Drive

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mayor Marchese read the Resolution into the record.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-25

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona announced...

...City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25 for Christmas Holidays, and Thursday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.
...the January 5 City Council Meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 19.

There was no report.

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

Chief Thomas commented on crime statistics. He stated the annual report will be available in February/March. Chief Thomas addressed Council question regarding simple assault.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-15

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Gustafson to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-15 in the amount of \$573,138.13 from the enumerated funds, and \$498,296.17 from payroll funds for the period ending 11/27/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,071,434.30.

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 25-26-16

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-16 in the amount of \$474,612.79 from the enumerated funds, and \$390,504.78 from payroll funds for the period ending 12/11/25 for a total to be approved of \$865,117.57.

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 – NOVEMBER 2025

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

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$13,336,897; Expenditures \$10,570,580; Current Balance \$6,866,304
<u>Water & Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$4,347,007; Expenditures \$4,729,508; Current Balance \$2,827,566
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$525,664; Expenditures \$399,034; Current Balance \$726,587
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$484,984 Expenditures \$2,867,865; Current Balance \$21,087,049

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to January 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. She stated Committee-of-the-Whole 2026-2027 Budget Workshop Meetings are scheduled for February 18, and 25; March 2 after the City Council Meeting; and, if needed, March 4. She noted final Budget Draft will be presented to Council on March 20 and Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for April 6, 2026.

Liaison Sullivan stated the deadline for Citizen of the Year Committee nominations is January 6; nominations can be submitted via online form or at City Hall. The Citizen of

the Year and Honoree celebration will be held on Friday, March 6 at Alpine Banquets from 6:00 – 11:00 P.M; cost is \$52/person.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting scheduled for December 22, 2025 has been cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk's Office. Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. 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 Kenny and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

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| A. MOTION NO. M-100-25 | A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN ROTARY CLUB |
| B. MOTION NO. M-101-25 | A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM M & J ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY, INC., FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF BITUMINOUS APRONS AND ROAD PATCHES AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027 |
| C. MOTION NO. M-102-25 | A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM ROUTE 66 ASPHALT COMPANY FOR BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICING FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027 |

D. MOTION NO. M-103-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY V & L MOLINA TRUCKING FOR TRUCKING SERVICES RELATING TO HAULING WASTE GENERATED FROM EXCAVATIONS AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICING FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

E. MOTION NO. M-104-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM EJ USA, INC., FOR STORM SEWER STRUCTURES, IRON SEWER GRATES, CONCRETE ADJUSTING RINGS AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

F. MOTION NO. M-105-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM DES PLAINES MATERIAL & SUPPLY FOR STORM SEWER STRUCTURES, CONCRETE ADJUSTING RINGS AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

G. MOTION NO. M-106-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE COMPANY FOR CULVERT METAL PIPES, METAL BANDS AND METAL FLARED END SECTIONS AND FITTINGS ON A COST PER UNIT BASIS AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

H. MOTION NO. M-107-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE COMPANY FOR HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PIPES, BANDS, FLARED END SECTIONS AND FITTINGS AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

I. MOTION NO. M-108-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRESSURE PIPE, AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

J. MOTION NO. M-109-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM BIG ASS FANS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIVE (5) CEILING FANS WITH RADIANT HEATERS AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$70,033.00

K. MOTION NO. M-110-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM ALARM DETECTION SYSTEM (ADS) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE FAN INTO THE FIRE PANEL FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$430.00

L. MOTION NO. M-111-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM SUNBELT RENTALS, INC. FOR THE RENTAL OF A BOOM LIFT FOR THE FAN INSTALLATION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,413.92

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FROM DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP, INC., TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE TREE INVENTORY DATABASE PER THE TREES FOREVER GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,350.00

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

MOTION NO. M-112-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FROM DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP, INC., TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE TREE INVENTORY DATABASE PER THE TREES FOREVER GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,350.00

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. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM EVERGREEN ELECTRIC SUPPLY FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 1041 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$6,814.34

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

Alderman Leganski inquired about LED fixtures/savings; Director Gombac responded.

MOTION NO. M-113-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM EVERGREEN ELECTRIC SUPPLY FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 1041 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$6,814.34

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. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM RAG'S ELECTRIC FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 1041 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$4,860.00

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

MOTION NO. M-114-25

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM RAG'S ELECTRIC FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 1041 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$4,860.00

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH WINDY CITY AMUSEMENTS, INC. AND THE CITY OF DARIEN TO PROVIDE AMUSEMENT RIDES AT THE 38TH ANNUAL DARIEN FEST, AUGUST 7-9TH, 2026

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

MOTION NO. M-115-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH WINDY CITY AMUSEMENTS, INC. AND THE CITY OF DARIEN TO PROVIDE AMUSEMENT RIDES AT THE 38TH ANNUAL DARIEN FEST, AUGUST 7-9TH, 2026

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderwoman Sullivan wished everyone a wonderful holiday. She looks forward to a productive 2026.

Mayor Marchese...

...announced Dancing with the Darien Starz will be held on February 6 at Ashton Place. He stated tickets are available for purchase on the City's website, with proceeds benefiting Cancer Smashers/The H Foundation for cancer research.

...commented on the visit he and Alderman Leganski had at Downers Grove South High School. He shared student inquiry regarding City Council's relationship. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to Council for their contributions to the City's success and resident betterment.

...wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:19 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 12-15-25.
Minutes of 12-15-25 CCM.