

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING SECTION 2(c)(2) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Collective Bargaining Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:02 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 Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak 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 7:15 p.m.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:18 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 5, 2026 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

OCTOBER 5, 2026

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

Absent: Gerry Leganski

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
Austin Jump, Deputy Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services
Julie Saenz, Finance Director

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

Deputy Chief Jump spoke of automated license plate reader (ALPR) technology/usage that provided investigators with a lead in the Oak Brook shooting that occurred on September 30. Three individuals were taken into custody; one individual charged with attempted robbery. Deputy Chief Jump provided a thorough recap of ALPR capabilities. He reiterated that Darien Police Department requires a legitimate law enforcement purpose for searches on ALPRs and indicated public access, to previous 30 days of searches, is available through Transparency Portal located on City's website along with Frequently Asked Questions. Both Chief Thomas and Deputy Chief Jump continue to make themselves available to citizens that have concerns about the technology. He responded to Council question regarding ALPR cameras/stolen vehicles.

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

Jeff Sturgeon, 1000 block of Willow Lane, asked Council to end all electronic surveillance including ALPRs, cell phone tracking, collection of resident movement data, and to establish a public oversight policy requiring future surveillance tools be approved by full Council vote with advance public notice.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 21, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 21, 2026

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 Sullivan...

...will forward Council invitation received from Advocate for 708 Community Mental Health Board for Downers Grove Township regarding information session.

...thanked Municipal Services for quick response to street/cul-de-sac flooding and adjacent wetlands in Tara Hill subdivision due to rain event.

Alderman Kenny received communication from...

...Heather Bilcer, Claremont Drive, regarding work by T-mobile in rear yard and easement.

...LaNora Auriene, regarding home inspection of foundation seepage.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2026

Kellen O'Malley, Director with Sikich LLP, summarized audit results and highlighted key items of interest when reviewing Annual Financial Report, Auditor's Communication document, Management Letter & Management Discussion and Analysis (MDNA). He noted reports were reviewed in detail at Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting on

September 8. He thanked City staff for their preparedness and professionalism. Treasurer Coren provided clarifying comments regarding MDNA. Mr. O'Malley addressed Council question regarding internal controls. Administrator Vana responded to Alderman Schauer's inquiry regarding transfer of funds.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana commented that Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed tax levy determination at their meeting today. He spoke of tax levy process and reporting of property taxes in three-year budget.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

Deputy Chief Jump...

...announced Police Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, October 7, at McDonald's located at 809 Plainfield Road from 7:00 – 10:00 A.M.

...spoke of retirements of Chief Thomas and Sergeant Glomb.

...stated a swearing-in ceremony will be held on November 12 at 6:30 P.M. at Eisenhower Junior High School.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Director Gombac responded to Council questions pertaining to Plainfield Road Wall Project & Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with DuPage County; Emerald Place condominiums; 9STING Billiards (Chestnut Court Shopping Center), TGI Fridays tear down/opening of Dutch Bros Coffee & Andy's Frozen Custard (Darien Towne Centre); Home Depot parking lot re-pavement and Shell Station completion.

Mayor Marchese spoke with Darien Park District Commissioner Jablonski regarding the anticipated completion of Westwood Park in October/November.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 26-27-11

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 26-27-11 in the amount of \$164,665.43 from the

enumerated funds, and \$345,180.73 from payroll funds for the period ending 10/01/26 for a total to be approved of \$509,846.16.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Alderman Kenny commented on budgeted item pertaining to attendance/invoice for Mayor's Ball in Addison.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. She reiterated tax levy will be on the October 19 City Council Meeting agenda.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese provided an update from the Darien Action Committee Meeting held on September 26. He stated plans were finalized for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on November 15, at Old Lace Schoolhouse and Museum.

14. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED

There were none.

15. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

16. CONSENT AGENDA

During the Work Session, New Business Item A was moved to the Consent Agenda as Item M.

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

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| A. MOTION NO. M-115-26 | A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE DARIEN SWIM AND RECREATION CLUB |
| B. MOTION NO. M-116-26 | A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN WOMAN'S CLUB CLASS A |
| C. MOTION NO. M-117-26 | A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN WOMAN'S CLUB CLASS B |
| D. MOTION NO. M-118-26 | A MOTION TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION FROM KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,523.53 |
| E. MOTION NO. M-119-26 | A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMS ARCHITECTS TO CONDUCT AN ARCHITECTURAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SPACE PLANNING FOR THE DARIEN |
| F. ORDINANCE NO. O-37-26 | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 CHAPTER-7 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION HEARING OFFICERS THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER ORDERS PROHIBITING FURTHER CODE VIOLATIONS AND ADDITIONAL POWERS |
| G. MOTION NO. M-120-26 | A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, FOR THE VACTOR 2100I, SERIAL NUMBER 23-04V-21705 SEWER CLEANER FROM STANDARD |

EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$8,500.00

H. MOTION NO. M-121-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM
SPRING GROVE NURSERY FOR THE
PURCHASE OF PARKWAY TREES IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,267.00

I. MOTION NO. M-122-26

A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM
APEX FOR THE DELIVERY, PLANTING AND
MULCHING OF THE PARKWAY TREES IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOR \$15,881.50

J. MOTION NO. M-123-26

A MOTION TO EXTEND A CONTRACT TO
YELLOWSTONE LANDSCAPE IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$190,520.00 FOR THE CITY'S
2026/27 TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL
PROGRAM

K. MOTION NO. M-124-26

A MOTION FOR LANDSCAPE RESTORATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,480.00

L. MOTION NO. M-125-26

A MOTION APPROVING A TRANSFER FROM
THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL
PROJECTS FUND OF \$2,500,000.00

M. MOTION NO. M-126-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
TWO (2) SOLAR SPEED ALERT 18 SPEED LIMIT
SIGNS FROM ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS
INCORPORATED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$11,000.00

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

Nays: None

Absent: Leganski

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL

Mayor Marchese...

...congratulated Darien Business Alliance and Darien Lions Club on a successful Oktoberfest.

...announced Dancing with the Darien Stars will be held on February 12. He encouraged those interested in dancing to contact him.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...thanked all those involved with Oktoberfest.

...reminded staff & elected officials to submit Goal Setting documents to Administrative Assistant Klemm by October 16. Goal Setting Session will be held on November 18.

...stated Citizen of the Year nominations will be available online November 1, with a deadline date of January 5, 2027; she indicated helpful tools have been added to assist with the nomination application process.

Alderman Gustafson announced Darien–Woodridge Fire Protection District Open House will be held on October 12 from 10-1:00 P.M. at 7550 Lyman Avenue in Darien.

18. 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 8:12 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 10-05-26.
Minutes of 10-05-26 CCM.