

THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR REDEVELOPMENT CHESTNUT COURT TIF DISTRICT WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:18 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:19 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**September 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**

Alderwoman Sullivan expressed how deeply sadden she was by the passing of Governor Jim Edgar and extended her thoughts and prayers to his wife, Brenda and family. She stated Illinois has lost a true statesman, and all of us have lost a shining example to follow. Governor Pritzker has ordered flags be flown at half-mast. She asked for a moment of silence to remember Governor Jim Edgar.

Susan Kleyweg, President Waterfall Glen Condominium Association Board, explained waterline issue at The Jade Residences, Waterfall Glen property, resulting in muddy water infiltrating surrounding ponds. Director Gombac provided update/next steps; he responded to Council question.

Dorothy Fara, Treasurer Waterfall Glen Condominium Association Board shared the importance of ponds to owners and wildlife.

Mary Schenk, Condominiums of Waterfall Glen, commented on truck traffic/fatalities on Frontage Road. She inquired about the addition of a stoplight at Cass Avenue & Frontage Road. Director Gombac responded that the intersection is not the jurisdiction of City of Darien; his last inquiry indicated stoplight was unwarranted. Mayor Marchese commented on warranted approval from IDOT and DuPage County.

Alderwoman Sullivan agreed that there was a significant increase of traffic on Frontage Road. She has been in constant communication with IDOT; she will relay traffic concerns on North & South Frontage Roads.

Joe Myczek expressed confusion and asked for that there be clarification of E-Scooters & E-Bikes Ordinance.

Luanne Spiros, Darien Park District Liaison, commented that her attendance was to listen and learn.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 2, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 2, 2025.

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

Abstain: Leganski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Gustafson received a call from resident on Wooddale Drive regarding dust concerns due to grinding of streets. He followed up with resident after speaking with Director Gombac.

Alderman Kenny received communication from...

...Linda Canino regarding Fairview property annexation.

...Jack Quinnert regarding Ohio based Heinen's Grocery Store coming to Naperville and being a good fit for Darien.

Alderwoman Sullivan has been in communication with Joe & Gail Bosch, Bailey Park South, regarding concerns with reckless driving of motor/mini bikes. She stated Deputy Chiefs Norton & Jump are trying to track down offenders. She urged parents to be mindful of Ordinance and to educate their children. Residents should continue to call 911 for the apprehension of offenders.

Mayor Marchese commented on his recent meeting with Deb Conroy, DuPage County Board Chair. He thanked her for work on joint project.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & ACTION MONTH" (SEPTEMBER 2025)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring September 2025 as National Suicide Prevention & Action Month.

Mayor Marchese stated mental health is a critical issue requiring awareness. He stated the Police Department has a social worker on staff to assist residents, and DuPage County

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

## 10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

## 12. TREASURER'S REPORT

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

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

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$7,880,427; Expenditures \$5,654,640; Current Balance \$8,025,773
<u>Water &amp; Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$1,280,436; Expenditures \$2,406,594; Current Balance \$2,083,910
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$254,518; Expenditures \$194,952; Current Balance \$659,522
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$283,239; Expenditures \$2,433,060; Current Balance \$19,620,109

**13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. She asked elected officials to complete the Goal Setting Survey, respond to choice of date of November 19 or 20, and inclusion of suggested topics.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2025 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 Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**A. MOTION NO. M-67-25**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH WINDY CITY  
AMUSEMENTS, INC. DATED SEPTEMBER 5,**

**2025, TO PROVIDE AMUSEMENT RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 17, 2025 AND ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2025 FOR DARIEN FALL FESTIVAL CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT CHESTNUT COURT SHOPPING CENTER, 75<sup>TH</sup> AND LEMONT ROADS**

**B. MOTION NO. M-68-25**

**A MOTION APPROVING THE NEW FULL TIME STAFF POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ASSIST IN A VARIETY OF PROJECTS PRIMARILY IN ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND DBA/COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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 ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM L & G WELDING SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND FABRICATION OF MAILBOX ASSEMBLIES FOR THE CITY'S MAILBOX PROGRAM, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,574.00**

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

**MOTION NO. M-69-25**

**A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM L & G WELDING SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND FABRICATION OF MAILBOX ASSEMBLIES FOR THE CITY'S**

**MAILBOX PROGRAM, THROUGH  
APRIL 30, 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$7,574.00**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Alderman Kenny inquired about effective date of new City staff member, per Consent Agenda Item B; Administrator Vana responded September 16.

Alderman Belczak announced 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest will be held on October 4 at Westwood Park from Noon – 10:00 P.M. with food, music and a good time planned for all.

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 8:13 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 09-15-25.  
Minutes of 09-15-25 CCM.