

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 20, 2026 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**April 20, 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
	Joseph A. Kenny	Ralph Stompanato
	Gerry Leganski	Mary Coyle Sullivan

Absent: Eric K. Gustafson

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 six aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

Henry Fiorentini voiced his opinion regarding cameras installed by Police Department at the intersection of Plainfield Road & Linden Avenue.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 6, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 6, 2026.

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

                      Nays:       None

                      Absent:      Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderswoman Sullivan received email from Andrew Kelly, resident Ward 5; regarding storm chasers and suggestions for handling the increased surge of solicitors. She stated solicitors must apply for a “City of Darien Solicitor Permit” and that “No Solicitor” stickers are available at City Hall. Residents should call 911 if they encounter concerns.

Mayor Marchese commented on his experience with contacting Building Department for roof contractor recommendations. Director Gombac provided clarifying comments on obtaining contractor referrals and explained solicitor application process.

Alderman Kenny received communication from...

...Bonnie Kucera regarding curbs in Noman Court.

...Jack Quinnert, Summit Road, regarding a fourth coffee shop on 75<sup>th</sup> Street from Cass Avenue to Fairmount Avenue.

...Ray Mielkus regarding flooding along curb line on 71<sup>st</sup> Street to middle of block on Wirth Drive.

....John Arvis regarding tenants not leaving property in good condition on Sequoia Lane.

Director Gombac commented on coffee shops, zoning regulations and demographics.

8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Marchese’s report included:

- Attendance at Multi-Cultural Fair held at Cass Junior High on April 17, with 20 countries represented.

- Attendance at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Burlington located in Chestnut Court Shopping Center on April 17. He made clarifying comments regarding school district donation.
- Will be attending a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Brookhaven Shopping Center on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day and installation of new EV chargers.
- Arbor Day celebration will be held on April 24 at Hinsbrook Park at 9:30 A.M. Two trees will be dedicated, one to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and another for all the Darien residents we lost the last year. The Darien Garden Club will be conducting a tree planting at Birchwood Park at 11:00 A.M. to commemorate the Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Darien Lions Club will be hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Meat Raffle" at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Woodridge on April 25 at 5:30 P.M.
- Darien Garden Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be held on April 27 at the Darien Park District Community Center at 5:00 P.M.
- Rotary Club of Darien will be hosting a Casino Night at Ashton Place on April 28 at 6:00 P.M.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that the ethic statements for the City of Darien and Statements of Economic Interest for DuPage County are due on May 1.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana recognized Director Gombac for his work on the difficult Plainfield Road Wall Project. He thanked DuPage County on being a great partner. Director Gombac thanked residents for their cooperation.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – MARCH 2026**

Chief Thomas provided highlights from March Monthly Report which included: Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Appreciation Week, Outreach/Community Notifications and statistical information.

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-24**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-24 in the amount of \$619,008.36 from the enumerated funds, and \$358,064.43 from payroll funds for the period ending 04/16/26 for a total to be approved of \$977,072.79.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. MONTHLY REPORT — MARCH 2026**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of March 2026.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$19,547,192; Expenditures \$15,046,814; Current Balance \$8,600,364
<u>Water &amp; Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$7,325,039; Expenditures \$7,823,278; Current Balance \$2,711,828
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$880,391; Expenditures \$699,818; Current Balance \$780,528
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$903,255 Expenditures \$2,917,660; Current Balance \$21,455,525

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police

Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18, 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**

Mayor Marchese stated Consent Agenda Item D was removed and New Business Items A through I were moved to Consent Agenda as Items D through L.

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

- A. MOTION NO. M-51-26**                      **A MOTION APPROVING THE DARIEN YOUTH CLUB AND DARIEN LIONS CLUB OPENING DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 AND WAIVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES**
  
- B. MOTION NO. M-52-26**                      **A MOTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRES CONFIDENTIALITY**
  
- C. MOTION NO. M-53-26**                      **A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARKE MOSQUITO FOR THREE YEARS**
  
- D. MOTION NO. M-54-26**                      **A MOTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB FOR THE 2026 DARIEN FEST AND 2026 OCTOBER FEST**
  
- E. MOTION NO. M-55-26**                      **A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PLAINFIELD ROAD REAR WALL RETAINING PROJECT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PLAINFIELD ROAD AND CASS AVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$751,204.00, WITH A REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE, AS PER THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

**AGREEMENT ON FILE IN AN AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$381,484.00 PENDING FINAL QUANTITIES AND**

**F. MOTION NO. M-56-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LANDWORKS LIMITED FOR THE PLAINFIELD ROAD REAR WALL PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$422,527.47 AS PER THE SCHEDULE OF PRICING AND**

**G. MOTION NO. M-57-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC WORKS DRAINAGE PROJECT AS PART OF THE PLAINFIELD ROAD REAR WALL PROJECT TO JC LANDSCAPING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$86,200 AS PER THE SCHEDULE OF PRICING AND**

**H. MOTION NO. M-58-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR DOWN LIGHTING, ELECTRICAL LIGHTING COMPONENTS, COM ED SERVICE AND INSTALLATION AS PART OF THE PLAINFIELD ROAD REAR WALL PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 AS PER THE SCHEDULE OF PRICING AND**

**I. MOTION NO. M-59-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES OF SELECT TREES, PLANTING AND MULCHING TO SPRING GROVE NURSERY (SUPPLIER) AND APEX LANDSCAPING (INSTALLER) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,288.00, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF PRICING AND**

**J. MOTION NO. M-60-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE CURB AND GUTTER THROUGH THE CITY'S APPROVED 2026 CONCRETE CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN CONCRETE, AT THE CONTRACT UNIT PRICING FOR LINDEN AVE AND PLAINFIELD ROAD, AS PART OF THE PLAINFIELD ROAD REAR WALL PROJECT, RADIUS WIDENING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,512.00 AS PER THE SCHEDULE OF PRICING AND**

**K. MOTION NO. M-61-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE MILLING AND RESURFACING THROUGH THE CITY’S APPROVED 2026 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WITH BUILDERS PAVING, AT THE CONTRACT UNIT PRICING FOR LINDEN AND PLAINFIELD ROAD AS PART OF THE PLAINFIELD ROAD REAR WALL PROJECT, RADIUS WIDENING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 AS PER THE SCHEDULE OF PRICING AND**

**L. MOTION NO. M-62-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,531.00 FOR ANY UNFORESEEN PROJECT CONDITIONS OR ADDITIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF INTENT FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE DUPAGE POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PRMS)**

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

Alderman Kenny stated Police Committee voted on Item 2-0 to make improvements to PRMS. Chief Thomas commented on Darien Police Department being part of a consortium, frustration with current system, DuPage County conducting Request For Proposal, and reasons for staying with consortium.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-07-26**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF INTENT FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE DUPAGE POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PRMS)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Alderman Kenny commented on his Career Club visit with 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders at Mark DeLay Elementary School.

Mayor Marchese spoke of his last visit at Mark DeLay Elementary School.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 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 04-20-26. Minutes of 04-20-26 CCM.