



Present:	Thomas J. Belczak Eric K. Gustafson Joseph A. Kenny Gerry Leganski	Ted V. Schauer Ralph Stompanato (via phone) Mary Coyle Sullivan
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Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Bryon Vana, City Administrator  
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services  
Ryan Murphy, Senior Planner

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** – February 17, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 17, 2026.

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**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received communication from Ralph Cozzi expressing appreciation for installation of streetlight at the intersection of Hinswood Drive and Frontage Road.

Mayor Marchese commented on a prior request from John Callan for a streetlight at the intersection of Oldfield Road & North Frontage Road. As this is an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) right-of-way, ComEd needs IDOT approval.

Alderwoman Sullivan read email received from Andrew Proctor, Barrymore Drive, asking Council to not support a 5% streaming tax, as stated in the Patch. Alderwoman Sullivan told Mr. Proctor that Council is not exploring a streaming tax at this time. Administrator Vana clarified that the discussion was regarding real estate tax abatement; Alderwoman Sullivan noted media misrepresented the issue.

Mayor Marchese received email from woman involved in car accident at the corner of Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road. She commended Jim Koudelik, Public Works employee, who stopped to check on her, which greatly reduced her anxiety.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – LORI CARNAHAN, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & DENNIS BRENNAN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER**

Mayor Marchese introduced Dennis Brennan, External Affairs Manager and Lori Carnahan, Deputy Executive Director, with DuPage County Health Department.

Ms. Carnahan made a presentation on newly constructed DuPage County Crisis Recovery Center (CRC) in Wheaton, which included Building an Ideal Behavioral Health Crisis System of Care with Crisis Line, Mobile Crisis Teams, Crisis Services, Post-Crisis Wraparound; CRC Goals; 24/7 Crisis System; CRC Entry Points; On-Site Services; and Connect and Find Support.

Mr. Brennan and Ms. Carnahan addressed Council questions.

Mayor Marchese congratulated DuPage County Health Department on their new facility. He encouraged Council to visit CRC.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.



**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese stated at the Darien Action Committee meeting was held on February 28; many ideas were shared regarding celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American independence.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

Grace Kwak, 2500 block of Abbey Drive, commented in support of development at 2505 75<sup>th</sup> Street, including consideration for fence to be waived. Council discussion ensued regarding possible fence variation.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Marchese stated Consent Agenda Item I was moved to New Business as Item D.

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-34-26**                      **A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BUILDERS PAVING, LLC., FOR THE 2026 STREET PROGRAM AS PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF PRICING, PENDING 2026/27 BUDGET APPROVAL; BASE BID - \$1,239,444.12; ALTERNATE 1 PATCHING-\$88,500.00; ALTERNATE 2 CASS JR. HIGH SCHOOL - \$175,147.21; FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,503,091.33**

**B. MOTION NO. M-35-26**                      **A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PARKING LOT PAVING MAINTENANCE AT 8502 BAILEY**

**ROAD, TO BE COMPLETED UNDER THE CITY OF DARIEN'S 2026 ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH BUILDERS PAVING, LLC UTILIZING CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,147.21**

**C. MOTION NO. M-36-26**

**A MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT WITH TRUGREEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR VARIOUS FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS FOR TURF AREAS, PLANTING BEDS, WEED CONTROL WITHIN RIP RAP AREAS AND TREE FERTILIZATION FOR 75TH STREET, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,067.00 FOR THE 2026 LANDSCAPE FERTILIZATION SERVICES**

**D. MOTION NO. M-37-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARILY WAIVING CERTAIN BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR A PERIOD OF MARCH 3, 2026-APRIL 30, 2026**

**E. MOTION NO. M-38-26**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TWO YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE FOR MOWING ALONG COUNTY ROADS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

**F. MOTION NO. M-39-26**

**A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE FROM NAPLETON FLEET GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,324.00**

**G. ORDINANCE NO. O-04-26**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-5(C) OF THE CITY CODE TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSES FROM FIVE (5) TO SIX (6) - (G2M DARIEN INC.)**

**H. ORDINANCE NO. O-05-26**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION (PZC-25-1: DAVID MULÉ, 2220 MANNING ROAD)**

**I. ORDINANCE NO. O-07-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, CHAPTER 11, SECTION 5A-11-2, OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS, OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (PZC2025-04: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TEXT AMENDMENT)**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, 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 APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES PREVIOUSLY LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-50-25**

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

Administrator Vana commented on tax levy and tax abatement. He stated there will be no increase to City’s portion of tax bill; tax levy extension will remain the same as last year.

Mayor Marchese commented City’s portion of property taxes have not be raised in 17 years.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-08-26 AN ORDINANCE ABATING CERTAIN TAXES PREVIOUSLY LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-50-25**

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 APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ABATING PROPERTY TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-11-18**

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

Administrator Vana explained bond was issued for water system improvements, with principal and interest paid through water revenue.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-09-26 AN ORDINANCE ABATING PROPERTY TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-11-18**

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 APPROVING THE 2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AS OUTLINED IN EXHIBIT 1 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE REQUIRED AGREEMENTS**

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

**MOTION NO. M-40-26 A MOTION APPROVING THE 2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AS OUTLINED IN EXHIBIT 1 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE REQUIRED AGREEMENTS**

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 AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY FROM R-1 TO B-2, AND GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING (PZC-26-1: 2505 75TH STREET, HUSAIN KOITA**

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

Alderman Gustafson thanked developer for selecting Darien.

Mayor Marchese introduced, Hussain Shujauddin, Business Owner, and Tarek Oulabi, Operations Manager. Mr. Shujauddin spoke of sign business.

Alderman Leganski inquired about fence/landscaping. Director Gombac commented on fence, variation and submittal of landscaping plan per Code.

Mayor Marchese welcomed business/owners to Darien and thanked them for being open minded to homeowner needs.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-06-26**

**AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY FROM R-1 TO B-2, AND GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING (PZC-26-1: 2505 75TH STREET, HUSAIN KOITA**

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 Leganski commented on Consent Agenda Item I. He commended Municipal Services, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committees; He thanked Aldermen Belczak, Schauer, and Stompanato for listening to resident concerns.

Alderwoman Sullivan announced the celebratory dinner/dance honoring 2026 Citizen of the Year (COY), Deborah Uhlar, and honorees from organization & volunteer clubs will be held on Friday, March 6, at Alpine Banquets. She thanked Chairwoman Kucera and COY Committee for working tirelessly with selection process, planning and coordinating the event.

Alderman Belczak announced Darien Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 8, at Eisenhower Junior High School from 6:30 A.M. – NOON.

Mayor Marchese stated City of Darien is proud to present the Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program to honor current or former residents of Darien who have served or are currently serving our country in a branch of the military. Banners will be displayed from approximately Memorial Day through Veterans Day. He thanked Andrew & Chris Brunsen, Modell Funeral Home, for their generous donation of 50 banners.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:41 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 03-02-26. Minutes of 03-02-26 CCM.