

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 21, 2023 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

AUGUST 21, 2023

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	

Absent:	Eric K. Gustafson
	Mary Coyle Sullivan

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 five aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 17, 2023

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 17, 2023.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Kenny, Leganski, Stompanato
	Abstain:	Schauer
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Gustafson, Sullivan

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received an email from resident Michael Swiatek, 7700 block of Lester Lane, expressing satisfaction with the expedient handling to resolve servicing issue by LRS.

Alderman Stompanato thanked Director Gombac for addressing resident questions and concerns during the installation of sidewalk on Clarendon Hills Road. He noted residents were happy with the results.

Mayor Marchese...

...read communication from Mrs. Kelley regarding the great tribute made to her husband, Sam Kelley, Fred Andermann, Kris Sant and sweet Joey Ventimiglia; she stated the “warholled” pictures were a great honor and very much appreciated.

...shared with Council copies of letter received from owner of Anytime Fitness in the Brookhaven Shopping Center regarding his concern with having to pay Amusement Tax for his health club; members go there to stay healthy and not for entertainment. He referred item to Administrative/Finance Committee for review.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. EAGLE SCOUT STATUS – AJ FULSCHER

Mayor Marchese read into record the significance of achieving Eagle Scout status and the outstanding character attained to earn this distinction; he provided history of AJ Fulscher’s work as scout, student, and athlete.

After graduating from Cub Scout Pack 36 as a Webelos 2 with Arrow of Light, AJ joined Troop 101 in March 2016 at age 18. His leadership included Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Librarian and Troop Guide. He earned 21 merit badges, completed 22 nights of camping, and provided 23.5 service hours, not including his Eagle Project, which took 72 hours to complete. AJ’s athletic accomplishments include MVP for baseball senior year, twice Gold Glove junior and senior year. He played nine years of travel baseball; one year of high school basketball; and three years of high school baseball, one starting varsity.

AJ graduated from Hinsdale South High School; he will be attending College of DuPage in the fall and playing on the baseball team.

Mayor Marchese thanked AJ’s mother, Heather, for her role in working with and encouraging AJ through his scouting experience. He noted AJ is the third of three brothers who has earned the distinction of attaining Eagle Scout status. Mayor Marchese praised Heather for having three young men she can be proud of and that are a credit to the Darien community.

Mayor Marchese thanked and congratulated AJ for all his hard work; he wished him the best as he pursues his education. Mayor Marchese presented AJ with a City of Darien pin.

AJ thanked the City of Darien for recognizing his accomplishments; he stated scouting formed him to be the man he is today – college athlete and leader.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM CARPENTER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2
MOTION DULY CARRIED

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that City offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Vana...
...announced due to extremely high temperatures forecasted, LRS start time will be 5:00 A.M. versus 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 23 and Thursday, August 24.
...stated New Business Item D was removed from the agenda pending further clarification.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-07

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-07 in the amount of \$1,019,151.16 from the enumerated funds, and \$302,501.79 from payroll funds for the period ending 07/27/23 for a total to be approved of \$1,321,652.95.

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

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-08

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-08 in the amount of \$1,288,349.44 from the enumerated funds, and \$299,710.70 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/10/23 for a total to be approved of \$1,588,060.14.

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

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Clerk Ragona announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak stated the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Police Pension Board – Liaison Coren announced the Police Pension Board quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023 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**

New Business Items A – C and E – K were moved to the Consent Agenda as Items D through M; New Business Item D was removed from 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. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN DISTRICT 61 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN ARTS COUNCIL

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-85-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION, YEAR 3, WITH ECO CLEAN MAINTENANCE, INC. TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,696

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RECOMMEND ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION REVIEW

E. ORDINANCE NO. O-12-23 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN

F. RESOLUTION NO. R-86-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AT THE UNIT PRICES FOR POLYURETHANE SIDEWALK RAISING

AND CURB SEALING FROM RAISERITE CONCRETE LIFTING IL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,120

- G. RESOLUTION NO. R-87-23** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AT THE UNIT PRICES FOR LED-ILLUMINATED STREET NAME SIGNS FOR THE INTERSECTION AT 67TH STREET AND CLARENDON HILLS ROAD FROM TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,064
- H. RESOLUTION NO. R-88-23** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE LED-ILLUMINATED STREET NAME SIGNS FOR THE INTERSECTION AT 67TH STREET AND CLARENDON HILLS ROAD FROM H&H ELECTRIC COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,358.48
- I. RESOLUTION NO. R-89-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2024 PETERBILT MODEL 548 CAB AND CHASSIS WITH MONROE BODY, TO REPLACE UNIT 109, FROM PETERBILT ILLINOIS JOLIET, INC. DBA JX TRUCK CENTER, IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,038.34
- J. RESOLUTION NO. R-90-23** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM SUTTON COMMERCIAL FLEET FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 FORD F4550 MODEL DUMP BODY, SNOW PLOW EQUIPMENT PACKAGE, LIGHTING ACCESSORIES, AND HYDRAULIC CONTROLS, TO REPLACE UNIT 402, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$108,041
- K. RESOLUTION NO. R-91-23** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM A BLOCK MARKETING FOR PREMIUM HARDWOOD BARK MULCH FOR THE 75TH STREET LANDSCAPE MEDIANS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500

L. RESOLUTION NO. R-92-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM JC LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW HARDWOOD MULCH WITHIN THE 75TH STREET MEDIANS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,900

M. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR A HARDWOOD MULCH BALANCE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 (REGARDING 75TH STREET LANDSCAPE MEDIANS)

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DARIEN CITY CODE TO IMPOSE A TAX ON CERTAIN PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING CANNABIS

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

Administrator Vana spoke about High Haven and an additional 3% local tax.

ORDINANCE NO. O-13-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DARIEN CITY CODE TO IMPOSE A TAX ON CERTAIN PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING CANNABIS

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Sullivan

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Belczak announced the Darien Lions Club in conjunction with City of Darien will be sponsoring Oktoberfest at Carriage Greens Country Club on September 23, 2023, with live music, games for children, food and refreshments.

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 7:55 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 08-21-23. Minutes of 08-21-23 CCM.