

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 19, 2019 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

August 19, 2019

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	Joseph A. Kenny
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Eric K. Gustafson	Lester Vaughan

Absent: Ted V. Schauer

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon D. 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**

Timothy Waz, Darien resident...

...announced a property tax seminar hosted by State Representative Deanne Mazzochi, York Township Assessor Deanna Wilkens and Downers Grove Assessor Greg Boltz would be held on August 27, 2019 and August 29, 2019. He distributed information to Council.

...commented he attended Economic Development Meetings; he thanked Administrator Vana for revising meeting minutes.

...inquired about financing pertaining to eminent domain of Sterigenics property.

- 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 5, 2019 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 5, 2019.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Sullivan, Vaughan

Abstain: Chlystek, Kenny

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

- 7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Chlystek received communication from...

...John Yurchak, 700 block of Somerset, regarding truck parked on Farmingdale Drive and 75th Street.

...Rae Anne Norlock, 8300 block of Woodland Drive, regarding truck parked on Frontage Road.

Alderman Gustafson received communication from Kathy Paskhan, 2000 block of Green Valley Road, regarding speeding on Manning Road; Chief Thomas stated significant enforcement has taken place.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. SWEARING IN OF NEW SERGEANT – OFFICER JOHN A. JUMP

Mayor Marchese expressed his pleasure in seeing Officer Jump move to Sergeant status. He thanked the Police Department for their service to the community.

Chief Thomas presented Sergeant John Austin Jump's (a.k.a. Austin) biography, which included educational and family background, job history, awards and recognition received throughout his career, and his off-duty life-saving endeavors.

Surrounded by their children, Mrs. Maggie Jump, pinned the Sergeant's badge on her husband.

Frank Noverini, Police and Fire Commissioner, administered the Oath of Office to John A. Jump.

Austin thanked Chief Thomas for the appointment and those present for their support. He stated he was humbled and lucky to be working with members of the Darien Police Department.

Mayor Marchese announced that a cake and coffee reception would be held in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese commented he had a meeting with Arwen Pokorney Lyp, Principal Hinsdale South High School, regarding the ability for students to create a mural at City Hall on the lobby walls. He discussed details with Jennifer Belmonte, Art Teacher and Coach; the theme will be Darien Past, Present, and Future.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2019

The July 2019 Police Department Monthly Report is available on the City website.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Director Gombac commented that a microburst hit the southwest section of Darien on August 18. He stated Public Works responded to downed trees and that chipping was completed. Mayor Marchese commended Public Works for their emergency service.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 19-20-09

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 19-20-09 in the amount of \$920,854.27 from the enumerated funds, and \$255,779.83 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/15/19 for a total to be approved of \$1,176,634.10.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Sullivan, Vaughan

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Treasurer Coren provided highlights from the Police Pension Board Meeting held on August 7, 2019, which included quarterly investment performance, pension contributions, bond financing and ratings. He stated the actuary will present the Actuarial Report at the September 3, 2019 City Council Meeting. Treasurer Coren addressed Council questions.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan provided an update on the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on August 14, 2019. She announced the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for August 26, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the July meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for September 16, 2019 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 reiterated Consent Agenda Item A was moved to New Business Item A.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ALKAYE MEDIA GROUP TO PRODUCE TWO (2) VIDEOS OF THE CITY OF DARIEN

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

Alderman Chlystek stated residents in his Ward will be pleased the proposal is moving forward.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Sullivan, Vaughan

 Nays: None

 Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Aldерwoman Sullivan...

...announced Hinsdale South High School will sponsor “Meet the Hornet Night” on August 23, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. She reviewed upcoming events, directed residents to school website, and encouraged all to attend.

Alderman Gustafson requested an update on the Cannabis Survey. Administrator Vana stated approximately 400 responses were received; the deadline date is Friday, August 23. Aldерwoman Sullivan encouraged Council to circulate the survey to their constituents.

Administrator Vana...

...responded to Alderman Belzac’s inquiry regarding the police pension contribution. ...clarified the standard practice Council has of taking questions when items are not on the agenda.

Mayor Marchese...

...thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a successful DarienFest. ...announced the VFW ribbon cutting at Patriot Gaming on August 21, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.; he encouraged all to attend.

Timothy Waz inquired about the recording of City committee meetings. Mayor Marchese and Administrator Vana responded. Mr. Waz commented he would like to see all meetings recorded.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk