

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JULY 17, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

JULY 17, 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	Ralph Stompanato
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

Absent:	Eric K. Gustafson
	Ted V. Schauer

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** – June 19, 2023

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 19, 2023.

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

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication ...
 ... from Ed Andorf, Summit Road, regarding light out in Holly Park; issue was forwarded and addressed by Darien Park District.
 ...regarding signs displayed on private property in Darien Club and the City’s ability to enforce removal; City cannot enforce removal, which would be a violation of the owner’s constitutional rights.

Mayor Marchese received an email for the same signage concern in Darien Club.

Alderwoman Sullivan thanked Director Gombac and Municipal Services for assistance in getting Sokol Court owners to maintain right-of-way at South Frontage Road and Sokol Court. Director Gombac stated owners want to be good neighbors; he explained future property maintenance plans.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. “HEART OF DARIEN AWARD” – STEPHANIE KOKLYS

Mayor Marchese recounted the life-saving actions taken by Stephanie Koklys on May 27 when she came across Wojciech Wilczynski in distress. He stated Lisa Czepiel was the resident who shared the situation and felt strongly that Stephanie was, in her estimation, a

hero. Mayor Marchese agreed; he shared a quote by Christopher Golden and Nancy Holder that states, “A hero is someone who does what must be done, and needs no other reason.”

Mayor Marchese thanked Stephanie for her response to an emergency; her actions, and the actions of others like her are what makes Darien a wonderful community, and a nice place to live. Due to her unselfish behavior, he presented Stephanie with a Heart of Darien award.

Wojciech came forward with tears in his eyes and embraced Stephanie as an expression of his heartfelt gratitude.

Stephane stated she was overwhelmed by the honor and will cherish the award forever. She shared the strong friendship that has developed with the Wojciech Family. Stephanie thanked the 911 dispatcher for coaching her with CPR instructions over the phone until the paramedics arrived on scene. Stephanie said they are her heroes.

Mayor Marchese made a second announcement. He explained Golfing for Wishes is now the largest Make a Wish Illinois fundraiser in the State of Illinois run by 100% non-paid volunteers. Over the past 27 years, they have written checks to Make a Wish Illinois that exceed \$1.2 million dollars. John Manta and his wife organize this fundraiser and are Wish Grant providers. This year the fundraiser will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club on Friday, August 23. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 A.M. with a shotgun start at 9:00 A.M. Due to lack of funding, there are 1600 children in the State of Illinois between the ages of 2 and 18 years old waiting for their wish. The average wish costs \$10,000. Those interested in golfing or making a donation can contact Mayor Marchese for additional information.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Director Gombac stated due to reports of residents placing boulders in the right-of-way (ROW), Code Enforcement will be enforcing removal. He explained guidelines and liability issues involved. If the City identifies boulders in the ROW, the property owner will be given a 10-day notice to remove them. He addressed Council question regarding prior history.

Director Gombac commented that Clarendon Hills Road will be closed until mid-August from 67th Street to Plainfield Road for the safety and protection of residents during construction. Traffic is being detoured to High Road.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-05

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-05 in the amount of \$1,131,485.32 from the enumerated funds, and \$297,978.85 from payroll funds for the period ending 06/29/23 for a total to be approved of \$1,429,464.17.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-06

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-06 in the amount of \$1,195,799.06 from the enumerated funds, and \$324,272.01 from payroll funds for the period ending 07/13/23 for a total to be approved of \$1,520,071.07.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting scheduled for August 7, 2023 has been cancelled.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting scheduled for July 24, 2023 has been cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for August 21, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the Citizen Action Committee met on July 17; meeting minutes will be shared upon completion. The next meeting may be cancelled due to DarienFest.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF A WEB-BASED WORK ORDER SOFTWARE WITH GRANICUS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,061.50

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF A WEB-BASED WORK ORDER SOFTWARE WITH GRANICUS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,061.50

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FROM LANGTON GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE 50/50 PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM AND THE PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,810

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-84-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FROM LANGTON GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE 50/50 PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM AND THE PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,810

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

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

18. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL

Mayor Marchese announced Darien Historical Society invites all to attend a presentation about Martin Barnaby Madden on July 18, 2023 at the Indian Prairie Public Library at 7:00 P.M.; he provided history synopsis.

Alderswoman Sullivan...
...announced the second Darien Rocks the Greens Concert will be held on July 27 at Carriage Greens Country Club at 6:00 P.M.
...encouraged all to visit the Andy Warhol Exhibition at the College of DuPage before September 10; “Warholled” pictures of Darien heroes are on display at Indian Prairie Public Library and City Hall.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 07-17-23. Minutes of 07-17-23 CCM.