

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 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**

**February 7, 2022**

**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**

Webelos Pack 36 led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Scouts introduced themselves and included their “Arrow of Light” ranking. Mayor Marchese thanked den leaders, Tracy Thomson Johnson and Leslie Sweeney, and parents for doing such a fine job.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Eric K. Gustafson	Lester Vaughan
	Joseph A. Kenny	

Absent: None

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 seven aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were none.

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Gustafson...

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...met with Cambridge Drive resident regarding a special use application for the “Firestone” building located on 75<sup>th</sup> Street in Downers Grove; meetings are scheduled in March to address concerns.

...announced meeting on Thursday, February 10, at Woodridge Village Hall for proposed warehouse development on Lemont Road across from Woodmere subdivision.

...received an email from Woodmere subdivision resident regarding lack of progress for repairs needed due to tornado damage in June. He commented that Director Gombac was successful in getting response from contractor and he communicated with resident.

Alderwoman Sullivan announced congratulatory Cake & Coffee Reception for Citizen of the Year, Lou Mallers, on Tuesday, February 22 in the Police Department Training Room following the City Council Meeting. The dinner/dance in Lou Maller’s honor will be held on March 4 at Alpine Banquets. The cost is \$49.00 per person, which includes family-style dinner, open bar, music and dancing; cocktails begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by dinner at 7:00 P.M. Reservations and payment can be made at City Hall by February 23.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER JACKSON TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Jackson.

**B. HINSDALE SOUTH STUDENT PRESENTATION ON DEVELOPING A FARMER’S MARKET IN DARIEN**

Mayor Marchese stated he was impressed by the desire of Kelly Van Hout’s sophomore Civics class to become involved in the life of the City; he invited the students to make a presentation to Council regarding the development of Farmer’s Market in Darien.

Students Gustavo Botero, Hailey Bishop and Camden Kiefer shared the benefits of a Farmer’s Market, potential locations with aerial views, surrounding markets, testimonials, survey & feedback. They addressed Council question.

Mayor Marchese invited students & teachers to attend Citizen Action Group meeting on February 12 at 10:00 A.M. at Indian Prairie Public Library to generate interest.

Mayor Marchese commented that the Rotary Club of Darien is sponsoring Gustavo Botero and Hailey Bishop to attend Rotary’s Young Leadership Advisory (RYLA) at Lyons Township High School in March.

**C. PROCLAMATION: BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Mayor Marchese read into record the proclamation declaring February 2022 as National Black History Month.

Mayor Marchese announced the passing of Elmer Kalny on February 5. He expressed his condolences to the Kalny Family, shared highlights from Mr. Kalny’s civic life, which included his election as the first City Clerk of Darien and 1979 Citizen of the Year. He provided visitation information. Mayor Marchese commented Mr. Kalny was a sweet and a gentle man that laid the foundation for the City of Darien.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that City offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents' Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana...

...thanked City Hall staff, LRS, and residents that signed up for the new waste, recycling, yard waste program.

...provided clarifying comments to Alderman Chystek's inquiry regarding the type of information that can be published in Direct Connect.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Alderman Kenny inquired about the head-on collision reported on Nextdoor that occurred on February 5 between 79<sup>th</sup> & Concord Place on Cass Avenue. He felt residents that assisted the victims before first responders arrived should be recognized for going "above & beyond."

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Director Gombac addressed Council inquiries regarding budget preparedness to address questions pertaining to Municipal Services building, snowplow maintenance & storage, Illinois Department of Transportation fleet maintenance, costs for new Municipal Services facility, snow placement and plowing of cul-de-sacs.

Alderman Gustafson stated he wanted to discuss a new Municipal Services facility at the Budget Workshop. Alderwoman Sullivan explained the purpose of the Goal Setting Session and the Budget Workshop. Council discussion ensued. Administrator Vana will work on preparation of data for the Budget Workshop.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 21-22-19**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 21-22-19 in the amount of \$201,493.14 from the enumerated funds, and \$278,954.13 from payroll funds for the period ending 01/27/22 for a total to be approved of \$480,447.27.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2021**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of December 2021.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$12,662,529; Expenditures \$9,428,814; Current Balance \$5,795,176
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$5,523,588; Expenditures \$4,695,221; Current Balance \$4,431,329
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$839,578; Expenditures \$1,405,524; Current Balance \$800,376
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,285; Expenditures \$159,616; Current Balance \$2,937,039
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,982,591; Expenditures \$1,587,099; Current Balance \$10,409,878

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. She stated Committee-of-the-Whole 2022-2023 Budget Workshop is scheduled to begin on February 23, 2022. Liaison Sullivan stated the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

**Police Pension Board** – Liaison Coren highlighted results from the quarterly meeting of the Police Pension Board held on February 3, 2022. He stated 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter results were very good with a 4.3% return; January through December the fund returned 11.2%.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DARIEN DASH, A 10K RUN/A 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, ON MAY 22, 2022 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE *DARIEN DASH*:**

**THE 5K AND 10K COURSE:**

**START ON IRONWOOD AVENUE AT THE DARIEN SWIM AND RECREATION CLUB AND HEAD NORTH TO 69TH STREET. TURN EAST ON TO 69TH STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE; TURN SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO 70TH STREET; TURN EAST ON 70TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; TURN NORTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET; TURN EAST ON 69TH STREET TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; TURN SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO 70TH STREET; TURN WEST ON 70TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; TURN SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; TURN EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; TURN SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO 71ST STREET; TURN WEST 71ST STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; TURN NORTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; TURN WEST ONTO MAPLE LANE TO RICHMOND AVENUE; TURN SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; TURN WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE; TURN NORTH ON BEECHNUT LANE TO IRONWOOD AVENUE; TURN EAST ON IRONWOOD AVENUE TO START/FINISH LINE**

**1-MILE COURSE:**

**START ON IRONWOOD AVENUE AT THE DARIEN SWIM AND RECREATION CLUB AND HEAD NORTH TO 69TH STREET. TURN EAST ON TO 69TH STREET TO SIERRA DRIVE; TURN SOUTH ON SIERRA DRIVE TO 71ST STREET; TURN WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE; TURN NORTH ON BEECHNUT LANE TO IRONWOOD AVENUE; TURN WEST ON IRONWOOD AVENUE TO START/FINISH LINE**

- C. ORDINANCE NO. O-03-22 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC2021-07: 1414 SEQUOIA LANE)**
  
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-08-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LRS CLEANSWEEP FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN'S 2022 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$44,750.00**
  
- E. RESOLUTION NO. R-09-22 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (SUPPLEMENTAL)**
  
- F. RESOLUTION NO. R-10-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH RAG'S ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE 2022 STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**
  
- G. RESOLUTION NO. R-11-22 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FOR ANALYTICAL SOIL TESTING FEES FROM CLEAN SOILS CONSULTING, LLC AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES FOR CERTAIN WASTE FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**
  
- H. RESOLUTION NO. R-12-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND ORANGE CRUSH, LLC THE**

**FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF PRICING:  
BASE BID - \$1,509,857.50; ALTERNATE 1 -  
PATCHING - \$ 78,000.00; FOR A TOTAL OF  
\$1,587,857.50**

**I. RESOLUTION NO. R-13-22 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM ADVANCED AUTOMATION AND CONTROLS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,650.00 FOR THE URGENT UPGRADE OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATION FOR THE POTABLE WATER SCADA SYSTEM**

**J. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR SCADA RELATED HARDWARE MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENHANCE THE SCADA**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Mayor Marchese announced the Darien Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held at Eisenhower Junior High School on March 6, 2022.

Alderman Gustafson invited all to attend Milwaukee Fishing Expo.

Alderman Chlystek inquired about the criteria used for the revamping of City Hall and Police Department facilities; Mayor Marchese explained the history and development of the facilities.



19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 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 2-07-22. Minutes of 2-07-22 CCM.