

WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 15, 2021 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

March 15, 2021

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

Absent: Thomas M. Chlystek

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 1, 2021 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 1, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Gustafson received communication from resident regarding excessive traffic for drop off/pickup at Elizabeth Ide School on school days. Due to COVID-19, the number of students allowed to ride the school bus has been restricted for the rest of the school year. Residents are encouraged to avoid the area during these peak times.

Alderwoman Sullivan received...

...an email and had a conversation with Paul Swanson, Architect and Developer from Equity Trust Company regarding proposed development at 2305 Sokol Court. Mr. Swanson shared several documents and noted he met with two homeowners associations in preparation of Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting scheduled for April 7.

...at least four emails regarding opposition to zoning change to Steak n’ Shake property.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Marchese read detailed report from Phil Halliburton, ComEd, regarding the March 10 power outage; high winds knocked down a tree causing extensive damage to ComEd overhead infrastructure. Crews worked around the clock to rebuild and replace all damaged equipment. Mayor Marchese displayed picture; he clarified this was not a failure on the part of ComEd. Alderman Schauer and Alderwoman Sullivan commented.

Mayor Marchese provided the following COVID-19 vaccine update. He noted receipt of phone calls and emails from residents aged 65 and older regarding scheduling of vaccination appointments.

- DuPage County Health Department received 17,400 doses this week; anticipate 16,000 doses next week; and 5,000 doses the week of March 29; all doses are designated for first doses.
- Local pharmacies are receiving an undetermined number of doses from the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- In DuPage County more than 49,000 of those currently eligible or 32.2% have been fully vaccinated.
- New information will be communicated to residents; a “homebound” resident vaccinations program is in process.
- As April approaches, we should see a greater influx of vaccine in DuPage County and Darien.

Mayor Marchese provided an update on the 9/11 event. He indicated progress is being made on the educational component with committee members and school districts.

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

Chief Thomas commented that no additional information was available pertaining to the kidnapping, which occurred on March 8 and was reported on March 11. He stated individual was in custody and was being handled by another jurisdiction.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Treasurer Coren inquired about the opening date of new Dunkin’ on the corner of Cass Avenue & Plainfield Road. Director Gombac anticipates opening will occur at the end of the month; Padrino’s may open before Dunkin’.

Alderman Gustafson commented on the new Westmont Public Works facility; he felt Council would benefit from a tour. Director Gombac will arrange a site visit.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 20-21-22

It was moved by Alderman Vaughan and seconded Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 20-21-22 in the amount of \$449,335.58 from the enumerated funds, and \$266,476.40 from payroll funds for the period ending 03/11/21 for a total to be approved of \$715,811.98.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021

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

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$14,238,541; Expenditures \$9,952,652; Current Balance \$5,251,425
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$6,810,983; Expenditures \$5,953,210; Current Balance \$4,317,298
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,148,624; Expenditures \$491,529; Current Balance \$1,216,066
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$6,841; Expenditures \$15,604; Current Balance \$2,430,231
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$258,167; Expenditures \$567,736; Current Balance \$6,332,958

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. She noted the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 CITY OF DARIEN ZONING MAP

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 CITY OF DARIEN ZONING MAP

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Chlystek

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

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

There were none.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 3-15-21. Minutes of 3-15-21 CCM.