

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MARCH 6, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**March 6, 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
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Joseph A. Kenny	Lester Vaughan
	Eric K. Gustafson	

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**

Numerous residents inquired and/or expressed concerns about speeding on 67<sup>th</sup> Street, traffic studies, traffic calming & awareness devices, stop signs and project information received pertaining to installation of traffic signal at 67<sup>th</sup> & Clarendon Hills Road, Clarendon Hills Road sidewalk installation between 67<sup>th</sup> Street & Plainfield Road, and pedestrian crosswalk and signalization at Clarendon Hills & 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Director Gombac responded to questions and explained scope of work/timeline of Clarendon Hills Road project; he will follow-up with residents.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 21, 2023

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Vaughan to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 21, 2023.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan
	Abstain:	Kenny
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...read communication from Mel Gregory regarding ongoing concerns with fencing and road conditions on North Frontage Road. He inquired if City can draft and implement a plan to hold IDOT accountable. Lengthy Council discussion ensued regarding IDOT priorities, jurisdictional transfer & funding, 2024-2025 potential project for curb & gutter around curve, traffic signal work with alignment onto Cass Avenue, 5-year plan, Route 66 recognition and monument signs. Alderwoman Sullivan stated efforts will continue to pressure IDOT and raise awareness to have changes made. She thanked Municipal Services for responsiveness in lifting fallen fence out of harm's way.

...received email from Brian Liedtke expressing appreciation to City for securing a marijuana dispensary; he voiced concerns with location and questioned parameters. Administrator Vana addressed.

...noted Administrator Vana responded to concerns from Laurie Jopek and Deanna Jarvis; he explained local ordinance and state guidelines. Administrator Vana clarified misinformation on social media regarding a consumption lounge and ability to prohibit the name of a business. He explained dispensary cannot be stopped as lease has been signed and complies with Darien City Code.

...shared comments received regarding concerns with Memorial Day carnival and DarienFest at the same location as dispensary. Administrator Vana explained City zoning does not prohibit location.

...stressed the importance of City being transparent in providing community full disclosure.

Alderman Kenny received...

...communication from Rich Rutkowski, Wirth Avenue, regarding ponding and freezing water on sidewalk; issue was addressed.

...email from Brian Liedtke regarding marijuana dispensary in Darien Plaza.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced the March 20 City Council Meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT**

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

Alderman Belczak clarified there is no eminent domain action for sidewalks. Director Gombac confirmed; he commented all sidewalks for Clarendon Hills Road project are in right-of-way (ROW) with minimal disruption to private property.

Alderman Sullivan inquired about ROW or parkway in areas that do not have sidewalks; Director Gombac responded, in rural areas, ROW is 15' from edge of roadway.

Administrator Vana spoke of Special Service Area.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 22-23-21**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 22-23-21 in the amount of \$60,024.19 from the enumerated funds, and \$274,416.36 from payroll funds for the period ending 02/23/23 for a total to be approved of \$334,440.55.

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

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:      None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan commented that Budget Meetings were completed and a Public Hearing for the proposed 2023-2024 Budget will be held at 6:00 P.M., prior to City Council Meeting on April 3, 2023. Liaison Sullivan noted the next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Liaison Sullivan acknowledged and thanked members of the Citizen of the Year Committee. She congratulated Deborah Coulman on being recognized as the 2023 Citizen of the Year. The celebration event is available for viewing on City website and on Channel 6.

Mayor Marchese noted that Deborah’s Uncle Frank Andermann, 96 years young, was in attendance. He complimented Deborah on being a “truly outstanding lady” who gives of her time quietly and humbly.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting scheduled for March 20, 2023 has been cancelled.

Mayor Marchese announced Citizen Action Committee will be meeting at the Indian Prairie Public Library on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

Rachel Lazich, resident Ward 6, voiced her concerns with the location of the Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day Carnival “Welcome Summer” and DarienFest at Darien Plaza. Council discussion ensued. Mayor Marchese invited Ms. Lazich to attend Darien Action Committee meeting.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. R-22-23**      **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 CITY OF DARIEN ZONING MAP**
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. O-02-23**      **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-4(D) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE**
- C. **ORDINANCE NO. O-03-23**      **AN ORDINANCE ABATING PROPERTY TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-28-12 (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$304,750)**
- D. **ORDINANCE NO. O-04-23**      **AN ORDINANCE ABATING PROPERTY TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED BY ORDINANCE NO. O-11-18 (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$387,150)**
- E. **RESOLUTION NO. R-23-23**      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ORANGE CRUSH, LLC FOR THE 2023 STREET PROGRAM AS PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF PRICING, PENDING 2023/24 BUDGET APPROVAL; BASE BID - \$1,206,402.75; ALTERNATE 1 - PATCHING - \$108,000.00; ALTERNATE 2 – DARIEN CLUB DR., LIMERICK CT., AND GALWAY CT.; FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,897,642.50**

- F. RESOLUTION NO. R-24-23**      **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, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024**
- G. RESOLUTION NO. R-25-23**      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH YELLOWSTONE LANDSCAPE GROUP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$178,267.50 FOR THE CITY'S 2023/24 TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM**
- H. RESOLUTION NO. R-26-23**      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SKC CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$227,580.00 FOR THE 2023 CRACK FILL PROGRAM**
- I. RESOLUTION NO. R-27-23**      **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SKC CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 FOR THE 2023 CITY HALL PARKING LOT SEAL COATING AND STRIPING**
- J. RESOLUTION NO. R-28-23**      **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM RAGS ELECTRIC TO INSTALL A BACKUP ELECTRICAL DISCONNECT AND GENERATOR PLUG-IN AT THE 75TH STREET PUMPING STATION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$11,155.00**
- K. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FOR RESTORATION AND UNFORESEEN WORK THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE BACKUP ELECTRICAL DISCONNECT**
- L. RESOLUTION NO. R-29-23**      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW CATERPILLAR MODEL: 305-07CR MINI HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR, FROM ALTORFER CAT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,050**
- M. RESOLUTION NO. R-30-23**      **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM RAG'S ELECTRIC PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) MAPPING FOR**

**STREETLIGHTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000**

**N. RESOLUTION NO. R-31-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TRUGREEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR SIX (6) VARIOUS FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS AND (3) THREE APPLICATIONS FOR PLANTING BEDS AND WEED CONTROL, WITHIN RIP RAP AREAS AND TREE FERTILIZATION FOR 75TH STREET, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$76,756.00 FOR THE 2023 LANDSCAPE FERTILIZATION SERVICES**

**O. RESOLUTION NO. R-32-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE PHASE 1-LEAK LOGGER PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF FIFTY-TWO LEAK LOGGER UNITS FROM GUTERMANN INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,965**

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**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...wished Alderman Kenny a happy birthday.

...announced Darien Woman’s Club (DWC) fundraiser, “Glamour Gala” luncheon and fashion show, will be held on April 16, 2023 at Ruth Lake Country Club from 11 A.M – 3:00 P.M.; tickets can be purchased on DWC website for \$65.00.

Mayor Marchese announced...

...Darien Arts Council production of *Working* will be held on Saturday evening, March 11, at Lakeview Junior High School; tickets available at the door.

...Darien Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 12, at Eisenhower Junior High School from 7:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Kristi Charlton with Harmi Sushi inquired about liquor license request; motion was approved under Consent Agenda. She announced Harmi Sushi will hold a “soft opening” on Saturday, March 11 at 4:30 P.M.; guests will be educated on food and beverages. Hours of Operation are Wednesday through Sunday for lunch from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. and for dinner 4:30 – 9:30 P.M.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 03-06-23. Minutes of 03-06-23 CCM.