

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:13 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**February 22, 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 Scouts led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Marchese congratulated scouts Henry Gorzkowski, David Barry and Andrew Guzman for taking 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively at the Pinewood Derby; scouts showcased their trophies and were presented with City of Darien pins. Mayor Marchese thanked parents for their support.

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**

A. City Council Meeting – January 17, 2022

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 17, 2022.

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. City Council Meeting – February 7, 2022

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Vaughan to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 7, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from...  
...Marsha Carpello, Gold Grove Drive, regarding a rear-yard drainage issue.

...Bonnie Kucera regarding new refuse program.

Alderman Chlystek received communication from Jerry Leganski, 8000 block of Farmingdale Drive, regarding a power outage; he noted outage was reported to ComEd.

Alderman Gustafson received communication from resident, 2400 block of Green Valley Road, regarding water accumulating on Nicor property behind their home.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LOU MALLERS AS THE 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN (CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COFFEE AND CAKE RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING)**

Mayor Marchese read the resolution into record.

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

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan, Marchese, Ragona, Coren, Murphey, Vana

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:      None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Mayor Marchese presented Lou Mallers with the Citizen of the Year Resolution and plaque. There was resounding applause and a standing ovation from City Council and audience.

Lou Mallers commented that he was humbled and appreciative of the kind words and letters; he especially thanked his wife, Carol, for her support. He stated, “just looking forward to doing what I can do.”

Mayor Marchese announced the passing of a very special, sweet woman and good friend, Kathy Minardi. Kathy was a “Heart of Darien” award recipient and very passionate about Arbor Day. He shared her husband Mike’s comment, “She really, really loved the

City of Darien.” Mayor Marchese provided visitation information and encouraged all to pay tribute.

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**

Alderman Gustafson inquired about the catalytic converters thefts reported in the last police report. Discussion ensued regarding prevention and the capture of individuals responsible for the theft. Chief Thomas responded to Council questions.

Treasurer Coren inquired about calling “911” from a landline versus a cell phone. Chief Thomas stated location is identifiable when calling from a landline and that technology has improved for cell phones. He reviewed “911” etiquette and stressed the importance of conveying location before reason when calling “911.”

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Alderman Gustafson recognized Municipal Services for doing a great job in fixing a water main break at Green Valley Drive and Wakefield Road.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 21-22-20**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Vaughan to approve payment of Warrant Number 21-22-20 in the amount of \$434,730.08 from the enumerated funds, and \$278,874.39 from payroll funds for the period ending 02/10/22 for a total to be approved of \$713,604.47.

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 – JANUARY 2022**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of January 2022.

General Fund: Revenue \$14,085,375; Expenditures \$10,397,699; Current Balance \$6,249,137

Water Fund: Revenue \$5,544,506; Expenditures \$5,287,984; Current Balance \$3,859,485

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue \$921,744; Expenditures \$1,464,736; Current Balance \$823,332

Water Depreciation Fund: Revenue \$1,431; Expenditures \$180,838; Current Balance \$2,915,962

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$1,987,317; Expenditures \$1,587,204; Current Balance \$10,414,499

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee**

- Liaison Sullivan announced that the Citizen of Year Committee is thrilled to honor Lou Mallers with a Cake & Coffee Reception in the Police Department Training Room following the City Council Meeting. She noted February 23 is the last day to make reservations at City Hall to attend the celebratory dinner/dance at Alpine Banquets on March 4 at 6:00 P.M.
- Chairwoman Sullivan stated Committee-of-the-Whole 2022-2023 Budget Workshop will begin on February 23 at 6:30 P.M; second meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 6:30 P.M. She noted materials and proposed 2022-2023 Budget is available on the City’s website.
- 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 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the Citizen Action Group will be meeting at the Indian Prairie Public Library on March 12, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. – Noon.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Marchese stated New Business Items A, B, and C have been moved to the Consent Agenda as Items A, B, and C.

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE TWO ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE) HOME COLLECTION EVENTS DURING 2022 AS PROVIDED IN THE CONTRCT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND LRS**

**B. ORDINANCE NO. O-04-22 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. R-15-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 86 AND THE CITY OF DARIEN AUTHORIZING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES 2022 – 2023**

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**

Alderswoman Sullivan announced...

...for the first time in history Hinsdale South High School Speech Team won the IHSA State Speech Tournament in Peoria and took home many individual awards in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place categories.

...Hinsdale South High School Booster Club is hosting Trivia Night on February 25, 2022. She noted the in-person event is sold-out, but the online auction can be found at [www.hinsdalesouthboosters.org](http://www.hinsdalesouthboosters.org) . Monies raised will benefit the school community in grants and scholarships.

Alderman Gustafson encouraged residents to attend upcoming meetings regarding Center Cass 66 potential tax increase.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:04 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 2-22-22. Minutes of 2-22-22 CCM.