

THE 2023-2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 3, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

April 3, 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**

David Leatherwood asked for assistance with an Airbnb property located near his home. He stated property has been rented to transient guests, similar to a hotel, on weekends for the last 2-3 months hosting large parties that go on all night long. The parties create parking problems and the need for police involvement. Mr. Leatherwood shared City of Naperville Ordinance with Council; it restricts rental of homes for less than 30 days. Mayor Marchese referred the issue to Municipal Services Committee and invited Mr. Leatherwood to attend/speak at the meeting. Council discussion ensued. Director Gombac cited Code and stated that violations were issued to homeowner.

- 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 6, 2023

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 6, 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

- 7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received communication from Janet Tungent, 1000 block of Bob-O-Link Lane, regarding...
 ...deteriorating fence bordering patio homes; Director Gombac requested inspection by code enforcement officer.
 ...debris in detention area next to Concord Elementary School; Municipal Services will inspect detention/storm sewer area for debris and/or deficiencies.
 ...location of marijuana dispensary; Administrator Vana stated there is no regulation to prohibit selected location.

Alderwoman Sullivan received...

...series of communication from Laurie Jopek regarding cannabis sales/marijuana dispensary; Administrator Vana will be scheduling meeting with Ms. Jopek. Alderwoman Sullivan stated build-out of dispensary is underway and being done to code. ...communication from Mike Murphy, Pinehurst, expressing concern with fence on North Frontage Road. Alderwoman Sullivan noted fence is on list of projects by Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Mayor Marchese added IDOT has budgeted this project for 2024-2025; project extends from Our Lady of Mount Camel Church to Bailey Road; project involves lowering road and adding guardrails to stop extreme curvature of roadway.

Alderman Chylstek received communication from Mike Yucus, 7800 block of Sawyer, regarding easement being higher than yard creating water on sidewalk. Director Gombac will arrange inspection with resident.

Alderman Gustafson...

...had conversation with resident on Drover Lane regarding need for "YIELD" sign on Drover Lane and Parkview Drive; sign was installed within a week. ...received signatures for new light pole on Beller Road & Woodvale Drive. He noted completion of electrical work; still waiting for delivery of light pole. ...thanked Municipal Services for quick response in getting sign up and pole ordered.

Alderman Kenny received communication from Jack Quinnert requesting "STOP" sign on Summit Road due to excessive traffic. Director Gombac stated a seven-day traffic study was completed; preliminary results indicated traffic was not a concern. He will forward report to Mr. Quinnert and Alderman Kenny.

Mayor Marchese received thank you notes from...

...Deb Coulman for the honor to serve as Citizen of the Year (COY) – 2023.
...Paige Hollendonner, Miss Northern Suburbs, for community service work.
...Downers Grove South High School Government Class for being a guest speaker.
...daughter of Dee Levenson in appreciation of COY invite; she shared the passing of her mother.
...communication from Jack Mancione regarding Woodmere subdivision rebuild after tornado; he acknowledged staff for their exceptional service.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. JASON OSKOREP AND HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL (HSHS)
CIVICS DEPARTMENT**

Jason Oskorep, Director of Operations – Hinsdale Township High School District 86,

acknowledged Dr. Kari Peronto, Assistant Principal, and Civics Department Faculty Kelley Van Hout and Alexander Bitto. He explained students, with assistance of Civics faculty, created a plan to show installation of LED crosswalk signs on Clarendon Hills Road from the west parking lot and the main entrance of Hinsdale South High School to slow traffic for crossing of staff, students and community visitors.

Senior students, Umer Hasan and NaKyra Culver, delivered presentation on behalf of Civics Class to make HSHS a safer environment. Topics included: Crosswalk Safety Improvement, the Problem, Proposal, Overall Benefits, Crosswalk Dangers and Tragedy, Survey Data, Testimonials, School & Community Events Outside of School Hours, Traffic Congestion, and Crosswalk Usage. Student, Jeremy Radicker, stated he worked on the survey.

Council discussion ensued regarding current infrastructure, pedestrian crosswalk north of Plainfield Road, policy questions regarding current HSHS crosswalks, existing proposal cost, Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) requirements and cost sharing. Director Gombac addressed Council questions. Council voiced their opinions regarding crosswalk.

As the majority of Council supported the idea of an IGA, Mayor Marchese stated Director Gombac will present cost to Municipal Services Committee (MSC). Director Gombac will be in contact with Mr. Oskorep; he invited students to attend MSC meeting to gain a better understanding of implementation and financing.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City offices will be closed on April 7 in observance of Good Friday. She encouraged all to get out to the polls and vote on April 4.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

Sylvia McIvor commented regarding increase in balcony cost; she suggested cost saving alternatives thus creating additional funds for HSHS crosswalk project.

Administrator Vana commented each are independent projects. Mayor Marchese reminded Council balcony is already included in approved budget.

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. **ORDINANCE NO. O-05-23** **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC2023-01: 6805 SCOTCH PINE TRAIL)**

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. O-06-23** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN**

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. R-33-23** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW TRAILER, MODEL NO. P8CAM164STTXW TILT TRAILER, FROM A&W TRAILER LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,039**

- D. **RESOLUTION NO. R-34-23** **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE NEW SEWER GRATE SET, FROM L&G WELDING SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,060**

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. R-35-23** **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM TAPCO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SIGNALIZATION**

SYSTEM FOR A MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK APPLICATION AT CLARENDON HILLS ROAD AND ROGER ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,779.02

F. RESOLUTION NO. R-36-23

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM DORNER COMPANY FOR THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,935 TO RE-BUILD INTERNAL CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF PUMP CONTROL VALVES AND ALTITUDE VALVES

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-07-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET

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. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM LANDMARK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., FOR THE CITY HALL BALCONY DECK REMODEL PROJECT AT 1702 PLAINFIELD ROAD FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING BALCONY AND THE MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE REPLACEMENT BALCONY DECK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00

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

Council discussed balcony remodel project.

RESOLUTION NO. R-37-23 AN A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS AND ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM LANDMARK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., FOR THE CITY HALL BALCONY DECK REMODEL PROJECT AT 1702 PLAINFIELD ROAD FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING BALCONY AND THE MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE REPLACEMENT BALCONY DECK, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00

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

Nays: Belczak, Gustafson

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 DUE TO UNFORESEEN STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCIES ITEMS THAT MAY BE ENCOUNTERED DURING THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

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

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:59 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 04-03-23. Minutes of 04-03-23 CCM.