



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**April 1, 2024**

**7:32 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:32 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	Ralph Stompanato
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

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. Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole, February 21, 2024

B. Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole, February 27, 2024

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve the minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings of February 21 and February 27, 2024.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

C. City Council Meeting, March 18, 2024

It was moved by Alderman Gustafson and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 18, 2024.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “DARIEN ROTARY CLUB DAY”  
(APRIL 8, 2024)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring April 8, 2024 as Darien Rotary Club Day.

Rotary Club of Darien President, Ashley Szabo, accepted the proclamation.

Rotary Club of Darien Secretary, Chris Gerrib, announced 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be held at Ruth Lake Country Club on April 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Marchese noted International Rotary Club President will be the guest speaker.

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 – NO REPORT**

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

Alderman Leganski inquired about timing of water leak repairs; Director Gombac anticipated a completion date of May 1, 2024.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-23**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-23 in the amount of \$289,235.65 from the enumerated funds, and \$286,457.66 from payroll funds for the period ending 03/21/24 for a total to be approved of \$575,693.31.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Director Gombac responded to inquiries from Alderman Kenny regarding mechanical repairs, drainage supplies and batteries.

**B. MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of February 2024.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$16,720,025; Expenditures \$12,587,142; Current Balance \$7,508,402
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$6,751,566; Expenditures \$6,668,892; Current Balance \$3,676,933
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$875,866; Expenditures \$690,429; Current Balance \$1,659,547
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$18,558; Expenditures \$52,749; Current Balance \$579,046
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,022,550; Expenditures \$4,488,313; Current Balance \$16,302,573

Treasurer Coren responded to inquiry from Alderman Leganski regarding Municipal Utility Tax.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Marchese stated New Business was moved ahead of the Consent Agenda.

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. O-05-24 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL DATA MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHOOSE DUPAGE MUNICIPAL ANALYTICS PROGRAM**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-31-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL DATA MEMBERSHIP IN THE**

**CHOOSE DUPAGE MUNICIPAL ANALYTICS PROGRAM**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. O-20-23 (GERBER COLLISION)**

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the motion as presented.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-06-24 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. O-20-23**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE:**

- **THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL OPENING DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024, BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M., SPONSORED BY THE DARIEN YOUTH CLUB AND DARIEN LIONS CLUB AND**
- **AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS: FROM IRONWOOD/SEMINOLE; IRONWOOD/BEECHNUT; BEECHNUT/HINSWOOD; 69TH/WILMETTE; 67TH/WILMETTE**

- B. RESOLUTION NO. R-24-24**     **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 CITY OF DARIEN ZONING MAP**
- C. RESOLUTION NO. R-25-24**     **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM SPRINKLERS, INC., FOR THE SPRING STARTUP AND WINTER SHUTDOWN MAINTENANCE AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION TESTING OF CITY OWNED IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND POTABLE WATER BACKFLOW PREVENTERS AS PER THE SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES**
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-26-24**     **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH LRS CLEANSWEEP FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN'S 2024 STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$46,793.00**
- E. ORDINANCE NO. O-07-24**     **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN**
- F. RESOLUTION NO. R-27-24**     **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SKC CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$117,000.00 FOR THE 2024 CRACK FILL PROGRAM**
- G. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FOR UNFORESEEN WORK THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE CRACK FILL PROGRAM**
- H. RESOLUTION NO. R-28-24**     **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STEVE PIPER AND SONS, INC., FOR TUB GRINDING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500.00**
- I. RESOLUTION NO. R-29-24**     **A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**



**(EXPENDITURE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS)**

**J. RESOLUTION NO. R-30-24 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (REBUILD ILLINOIS)**

**K. RESOLUTION NO. R-31-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADOPT THE 2023 DUPAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**L. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO RELEASE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

Elizabeth Uribe, Attorney for Plaintiff, that filed lawsuit regarding Gerber Collision, thanked Council for repealing Gerber Collision Ordinance. She expressed interest in being involved in selection of viable tenant for 8325 Lemont Road and looks forward to working with all stakeholders in making Darien “A Nice Place to Live.”

John Dillon, resident of Myers Commons Senior Apartments, shared health conditions and air pollution effects from auto body workshops. He expressed gratification in not having Gerber Collision as a neighbor.

Alderwoman Sullivan commented on receipt of City of Darien spring events postcard. Mayor Marchese stated intent is to send out postcard every three months.

Alderman Gustafson encouraged all to sign up for Darien Police Department Emergency Notifications via text.

Mayor Marchese provided update on four-year strategic planning process. He noted interviews started with GovHR team. Community leaders will participate in a two-hour session on April 16. A June workshop is planned for Council and staff.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 04-01-24. Minutes of 04-01-24 CCM.