

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DARIEN**  
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**January 26, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Thomas Belczak – Chairman, Alderman Ted Schauer, Alderman Ralph Stompanato

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Mr. Dan Gombac – Director, Ryan Murphy – City Planner

**Establish Quorum**

Chairperson Thomas Belczak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois. Chairperson Belczak declared a quorum present.

**Old Business**

- a. Discussion – Recommendation of text amendments to Title 5A (Zoning Regulations) to update commercial vehicle parking restrictions and overweight vehicle parking restrictions on private property, including overnight parking (applies to all zoning districts within the City).**

Mr. Ryan Murphy, City Planner, stated that the revisions would allow up to two commercial vehicles – any vehicle up to 10,000 pounds or a heavy-duty vehicle with a D plate – with an exemption of heavy-duty pick-ups with a D plate, both vehicles allowed to be parked outdoors. He stated that they would allow one construction or dump trailer to be stored in the side or rear yard, and would establish dimension requirements for those trailers. He further stated that they had updated the vehicle chart and allowed a 12-month amortization clause. Mr. Murphy stated that there had been a few select properties that would be granted a special amortization period lasting the life of the owner.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director, clarified that the military vehicles on Plainfield Road would be allowed for the life of the owner, as well as the street sweeper on Richmond and the landscaping business on Main Street. He reported that they have clarified the vehicles that are exempt from the ordinance, and that they would allow up to two commercial vehicles in the front and trailers in the side or rear yard. He further reported that the vehicles not allowed would be tow trucks, construction equipment, haulers, brush chippers, etc.

Chairperson Belczak stated that they had taken what people said to heart, and now feel that they have satisfied their concerns.

Mr. Gombac reported that additional screening on the side yard would not be required.

Chairperson Belczak questioned if snow blades that are not connected to a vehicle would be allowed in the front yard.

Mr. Gombac reported that they would not be permitted.

Mr. Murphy confirmed that this had been part of an existing ordinance.

The committee confirmed that they are happy with the proposed changes.

Chairman Belczak clarified that the sunset clause would not begin until the full City Council approved, and that the committee would not vote until February and would move to City Council in March if it passes.

A Darien resident stated that he has a 36-foot enclosed trailer.

Mr. Gombac reported that the vehicle would comply on the side yard.

There was some clarification regarding how to place the vehicle on the side yard.

Mr. Gombac reported that the resident should call Mr. Murphy so they can discuss how to approach this situation.

Mr. Murphy addressed Mr. Tom Hawken regarding the military vehicles parked on his property, stating he would be part of the special amortization.

Mr. Tom Hawken stated that he had two trailers that hold generators.

Mr. Gombac reported that he would be allowed to have the military vehicles in the front and trailer on the side.

There was further discussion regarding Mr. Hawken's circumstances.

Mr. Gombac clarified that they would meet with Mr. Hawken to discuss his property.

A member of the audience questioned how this would be enforced.

Mr. Gombac confirmed it would be a combination of resident complaints and code enforcement.

There was some discussion regarding code enforcement.

Mrs. Nicole Srail stated that she could not find this meeting on Direct Connect.

Mr. Gombac clarified that the meeting agenda would be on the city website, and wouldn't necessarily be on Direct Connect unless it was a big development.

There was further explanation regarding where to find meeting information.

Chairperson Belczak closed the discussion and announced that the next meeting would take place on February 23, 2026 where they would vote on the matter. He stated that if the ordinance passes, it will go to City Council in March.

### **New Business**

- a. **Motion – Accepting a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for Smith and Blair Stainless Steel Water Main Repair Clamps Style 226 with stainless steel bolts for the maintenance of water system.**
- b. **Motion – Accepting a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for Smith and Blair Stainless Steel Water Main Repair Clamps Style 238 with stainless steel bolts for the maintenance of the water system.**
- e. **Motion – Accepting a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for certain general water department utility tools and marking supplies maintenance of the water system.**

Mr. Gombac reported that they use certain stainless-steel clamps for water mains and utility tools. He reported that there had not been a significant price change.

A member of the audience had a question regarding the sewer cover in front of his house. Mr. Gombac reported that he would forward to the Superintendent to address the issue.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato accepting a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for Smith and Blair Stainless Steel Water Main Repair Clamps Style 226 with stainless steel bolts for the maintenance of water system, accepting a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for Smith and Blair Stainless Steel Water Main Repair Clamps Style 238 with stainless steel bolts for the maintenance of the water system, and accepting a proposal from Ferguson Waterworks for certain general water department utility tools and marking supplies maintenance of the water system.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- c. **Motion – Accepting a proposal from Water Products Company for various water valves for the maintenance of the water system at the proposed unit price.**
- h. **Motion – Accept a proposal from Water Products Company for Waterous Pacer fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system.**
- n. **Motion – Accepting a proposal from Water Products Company for the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant repair parts.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be for certain water valves or b-box valves ranging in size. He reported that there are correct parts for multiple types of hydrants, and listed the different types of hydrants in the city.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded Alderman Schauer accepting a proposal from Water Products Company for various water valves for the maintenance of the water**

system at the proposed unit price, to accept a proposal from Water Products Company for Waterous Pacer fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system, and accepting a proposal from Water Products Company for the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant repair parts.

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- d. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve, Company for Mueller Brand brass fittings for the maintenance of the water system.
- f. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve, Company for certain general water department utility fixtures for the maintenance of the water system.
- i. Motion – Accept a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for Clow Medallion fire hydrants, valves and accessories for the maintenance of the water system.
- j. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for the Clow Eddy fire hydrant repair parts.
- k. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for the Clow Medallion fire hydrant repair parts.
- l. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for the Clow F2500 fire hydrant repair parts.

Mr. Gombac reported that the first item would be American-made brass parts and that a number of years ago an influx of brass parts from overseas were corroded. He reported that the other items included general utility tools and different Clow in the city inventory, covering all fire hydrants for the year.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve, Company for Mueller Brand brass fittings for the maintenance of the water system, accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve, Company for certain general water department utility fixtures for the maintenance of the water system, to accept a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for Clow Medallion fire hydrants, valves and accessories for the maintenance of the water system, accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for the Clow Eddy fire hydrant repair parts, accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for the Clow Medallion fire hydrant repair parts, and accepting a proposal from Underground Pipe & Valve Co., for the Clow F2500 fire hydrant repair parts.**

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- g. Motion – Accept a proposal from EJ USA, Inc., for East Jordan CD250 fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system.

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be the preferred vendor and pricing, offering no middle man as the vendor is the manufacturer and distributor.

There was some discussion regarding the fire hydrants in the city.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer to accept a proposal from EJ USA, Inc., for East Jordan CD250 fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**m. Motion – Accepting a proposal from EJ USA, Inc., for the East Jordan WaterMaster 5BR250 and WaterMaster 5CD250 fire hydrant repair parts.**

Mr. Gombac reported that East Jordan would tell how they upgrade fire hydrants from year to year, and that the city would swap out if it was economical.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato accepting a proposal from EJ USA, Inc., for the East Jordan WaterMaster 5BR250 and WaterMaster 5CD250 fire hydrant repair parts.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**o. Motion – Accepting to extend the proposal from 119<sup>th</sup> St Materials for tipping and transfer fees.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be an ongoing annual contract for disposal of excavations from various projects. He reported that the pricing from last year had been maintained.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer accepting to extend the proposal from 119<sup>th</sup> St Materials for tipping and transfer fee.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**p. Motion – Approving the 2026 Sidewalk, Apron, Curb and Gutter Removal and Replacement Program Contract with Suburban Concrete, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,230,975.00 and to waive the residential \$75.00 permit fee application for concrete work.**

Mr. Gombac reported that the vendor had been selected the last few years, and that he had been impressed with them, especially last year's program. He reported that they had cut back on the program due to sidewalk grinding. He further reported that this would cover sidewalk, curb, apron and gutter removal, and any other road or water maintenance needed.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato approving the 2026 Sidewalk, Apron, Curb and Gutter Removal and Replacement Program Contract with Suburban Concrete, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,230,975.00 and to waive the residential \$75.00 permit fee application for concrete work.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- q. Motion – Authorizing the purchase of four Grundfos Machine Health sensors and installation from Grundfos Americas Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.**
- r. Motion – Authorizing the installation of the Grundfos Machine Health subscription-based predictive maintenance software from Grundfos CBS, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,800.00.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would relate to motors and pumps, which would have a sensor set on the motor and be calibrated to norm factory settings. He reported that the cloud-based software would alert them when the pumps are not working properly, and would allow more preventative maintenance as opposed to emergency repairs.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer authorizing the purchase of four Grundfos Machine Health sensors and installation from Grundfos Americas Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 and authorizing the installation of the Grundfos Machine Health subscription-based predictive maintenance software from Grundfos CBS, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,800.00.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- s. Motion – Approval to enter into an agreement for professional services related to Management and Monitoring of 10-acres of Wetland/Natural Areas within the Tara Hill subdivision for a five-year period beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2031, for a total amount not to exceed \$42,480.00. Please note the proposed expenditures for future FYE27 through FYE31 would be forwarded and allocated to the budget at the future Budget Workshops.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be a special service for Tara Hill for maintenance of the three wetlands. He reported that the city engineer had a good record of maintaining wetland burns and would allow increased burns for Tara Hill and Dale Basin. He further reported that the five-year plan would be sustainable, but price may go up depending on certain factors they can't account for.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato for approval to enter into an agreement for professional services related to Management and Monitoring of 10-**

acres of Wetland/Natural Areas within the Tara Hill subdivision for a five-year period beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2031, for a total amount not to exceed \$42,480.00. Please note the proposed expenditures for future FYE27 through FYE31 would be forwarded and allocated to the budget at the future Budget Workshops.

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- t. **Motion – Approval to enter into a five-year engineering agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering for professional services related to a Controlled Wetland Management Burn and Vegetation Management at the Dale Road Basin in an amount not to exceed \$37,600.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be the same project in a different location, on a city-owned wetland. He reported that it would be maintained at the level of wetland management protocol.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer for approval to enter into a five-year engineering agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering for professional services related to a Controlled Wetland Management Burn and Vegetation Management at the Dale Road Basin in an amount not to exceed \$37,600.**

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- u. **Motion – Authorizing the purchase of two new CL-17s and one new fluoride pH analyzer from HACH Company, in an amount not to exceed \$29,642.99.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would keep count of chlorine levels being pumped into the water and would alert the water operator on pH levels.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer authorizing the purchase of two new CL-17s and one new fluoride pH analyzer from HACH Company, in an amount not to exceed \$29,642.99.**

Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.

- v. **Motion – Accepting to extend 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.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be an extension of a contract with the same pricing as last year. He reported that it would be for backflow preventers throughout the city, per EPA inspection, and he had no concerns about the vendor.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato accepting to extend 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.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- w. Motion – Accepting a proposal at the unit prices for sidewalk grinding from Hard Rock Concrete Cutters, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$83,920.00.**

Mr. Gombac reported that instead of an old contract, they would do this program with other municipalities. He reported that they would do about \$84,000.00 worth of grindings, and that this would be the first year doing a maintenance, and that they could have funds for next year depending on all the areas covered. He further reported that it would be impossible to buy the machine, but everything was dust free, would GPS everything and would locate patching.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer accepting a proposal at the unit prices for sidewalk grinding from Hard Rock Concrete Cutters, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$83,920.00.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- x. Resolution – Approving the 2026 City of Darien Zoning Map for publication.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be an annual update required by the state, and that the packet includes all the information.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato approving a Resolution approving the 2026 City of Darien Zoning Map for publication.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- y. Ordinance – Authorizing the disposal of surplus property.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would include fixtures recently replaced at the public works facility with florescent lights.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer approving an Ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus property.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**z. Motion – Authorizing the purchase of one new PRO-LINK+Heavy Duty Diagnostics fleet scanner-Model EEHD754A from Snap-On in an amount not to exceed \$14,066.33.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this equipment had been included in the budget for this year, but they had some issues due to price increases and he was not concerned due to having sufficient funds. He reported that this would be a diagnostic machine to diagnose larger trucks, some work which they can conduct and others that need to be serviced elsewhere.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato authorizing the purchase of one new PRO-LINK+Heavy Duty Diagnostics fleet scanner-Model EEHD754A from Snap-On in an amount not to exceed \$14,066.33.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**aa. Motion – Accepting the unit price proposal for analytical soil testing fees from Testing Service Corporation at the proposed unit prices for certain waste for a period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be an annual request regarding excavations that exceed the state level, and that they had been fortunate not to use too many. He reported that he had spoken to testing services regarding testing soil in areas with high water main breaks, that they would look at why there was corrosivity in the soil causing water mains to deteriorate.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer accepting the unit price proposal for analytical soil testing fees from Testing Service Corporation at the proposed unit prices for certain waste for a period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**bb. Motion – Authorizing the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Ford Expedition Carryall Unit from Sourcewell National Auto Fleet Group, in the amount of \$58,765.38.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this vehicle would replace his current vehicle, and that the cut-off order had been January 16, but he had signed a letter of intent to reserve the vehicle. He reported that the vehicle would not be EV because it had not been proven for this type of truck. He further reported that his truck is used as an emergency response vehicle, that he would be on 24-hour call for fires, tornados, employee transport, construction, and any other emergency response situations.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato authorizing the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Ford Expedition Carryall Unit from Sourcewell National Auto Fleet Group, in the amount of \$58,765.38.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**cc. Motion – Authorizing the Mayor to extend a contract at the 2026 unit prices with SKC Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$122,725 for the 2026 Crack Fill Program.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be a co-op with Woodridge and other municipalities for bulk pricing of adjacent communities for big crews to do several towns at once. He reported that this would be an extension, and that there are two methods of crack fill, including fiber and grout routing. He further reported that they would seal the curb line so there would be no water in the base, and fiber tar would clean up the cracks. Mr. Gombac reported that this was a good maintenance program and would hold up the roads for 12-15 years.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato authorizing the Mayor to extend a contract at the 2026 unit prices with SKC Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$122,725 for the 2026 Crack Fill Program.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**dd. Ordinance – Amending Sections 9-2-8 and 9-6-1 of Title 9, Traffic Regulations, of the Darien City Code prohibiting left turns from the Lyman Avenue exit of the Darien Towne Centre in accordance with the Darien Towne Centre Annexation Agreement.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be a code clean up, as identified by an officer. He reported that this would codify an ordinance for police traffic control to prevent turning left on Lyman out of Walmart.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer approving an Ordinance amending Sections 9-2-8 and 9-6-1 of Title 9, Traffic Regulations, of the Darien City Code prohibiting left turns from the Lyman Avenue exit of the Darien Towne Centre in accordance with the Darien Towne Centre Annexation Agreement.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**ee. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Terrain Landscape Contractors for the purchase of the low voltage lights, underground cable, transformers and Bluetooth remote technology at the eight various City's entrance sign locations in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this program had been in the last two budget years, and that he had been somewhat disappointed in the lighting. He reported that the lighting proposed had showed a floodlight, which was limited to a single color, and that the different lighting motifs would be important for the gateway signs. He further reported that Rag's would reduce t&m, and that ComEd would assist in boring locations. Mr. Gombac reported that Mid-America had approved an easement agreement to tap on to their power, and in conjunction, Metronet would do all borings at no cost at several locations. He reported that the lighting would be upright and beam lights that would have the capability to change the color and control via Bluetooth, which would go in 7 or 8 locations.

There was some discussion regarding the clocktower lights and the municipal center sign.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stompanato accepting a proposal from Terrain Landscape Contractors for the purchase of the low voltage lights, underground cable, transformers and Bluetooth remote technology at the eight various City's entrance sign locations in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**ff. Minutes – November 24, 2025 Municipal Services Committee**

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer approving the November 24, 2025 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**Director's Report**

Mr. Gombac reported that they are currently trimming trees toward the southwest end of town.

He reported that they are currently in the final County review of the Plainfield wall project, and a kickoff meeting has been scheduled with ComEd.

There was some discussion regarding ComEd work at Brookhaven.

Mr. Gombac reported that the salt inventory is at a good level, and that he would be looking at potential Public Works storage facility options.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Chairperson Belczak announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Stompanato made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schauer to adjourn. Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Thomas Belczak  
Chairman

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Ted Schauer  
Alderman

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Ralph Stompanato  
Alderman