

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JULY 20, 2026 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:21 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

July 20, 2026

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:	Eric K. Gustafson	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Ralph Stompanato
	Gerry Leganski	Mary Coyle Sullivan

Absent:	Thomas J. Belczak
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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
Ryan Murphy, Senior Planner

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** – There being six aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

Numerous residents voiced concerns regarding severe flooding that occurred in Darien on June 24 and July 4 due to excessive rain; hard hit areas included Stewart & Ailsworth Drive, Gail Avenue, Brookhaven Avenue, Cass Avenue & Plainfield Road, Grant Street, and 71st & Wirth Drive.

Residents spoke of/inquired about increased flooding; extreme storms; trenching between houses; flow of water to swale/catch basins; sump pumps not working; transformer & power outages; improvements needed; monetary relief; low-lying areas; storm water issues; excessive damage; broken windows; need for ComEd to fix outage areas; sanitary sewer backup; Woodridge townhome development; standing water in backyards; water table rising; storm drain lines; future plans; dumpsters not enough; DuPage County assistance; assistance for seniors; setting priorities; and numerous frustrations.

Director Gombac spoke of topographic survey & cataloging services for impacted properties and reaching out to FEMA to have Darien declared a disaster zone. He responded to resident questions and obtained/provided contact information.

Mayor Marchese...

...contacted DuPage Country District 3 representatives for assistance with Overhead Sewer Program.

...spoke with Woodridge City Administrator regarding townhome development.

...stated staff has been working diligently on flooding concerns and has made many site visits. City/elected officials care and are sympathetic to resident needs and understand their anger and frustration.

Alderwoman Sullivan commented on assistance being critical and importance of communication in tracking impacted areas.

Alderman Leganski shared communication from...

...Sue Gleghorn, 600 block of Honey Locust Lane, regarding flooding on Farmingdale Drive & Honey Locust Lane.

...Jolanta Kazlauskaite regarding water on Wittington Court; retention area overflowing at Pinewood Park into Portsmouth Drive & Wittington Court.

...multiple residents on Glen Lane regarding sanitary sewer backup.

Mayor Marchese let residents know they are not alone as this is “our” issue; the City is exploring possibilities. He thanked all for sharing their experiences in such a good manner.

Numerous residents from Darien & surrounding areas voiced their opposition/concerns with the use of Flock cameras by Darien Police Department. They encouraged Council

to remove ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition) cameras or adopt stricter limits. Main concerns included mission creep, misuse, vendor overreach, sensitive surveillance and cost without clear need. Many cited examples from other municipalities and some felt minimum rules should apply if cameras are not removed. These rules included retention limited to hours or days; no outside sharing without a warrant for a felony; search use limited to felonies; annual public reporting & full audit logs; judge-signed warrant for historical database access and independent audits & penalties for misuse.

Chief Thomas responded to questions regarding Flock camera quantities, contract length, contract renewal, benefits, cost and need for additional cameras.

Council discussion ensued regarding communication, budget process & approval, open budget meetings, and the importance of constituents to contact their Alderman regarding concerns and budgetary suggestions.

Chief Thomas responded to Mayor Marchese's request to share Flock camera information to alleviate misperceptions. He indicated Monthly Report is available online. Chief Thomas expressed awareness of issues brought up by constituents.

Chief Thomas shared how cameras are an effective investigative tool, produced significant investigative results, useful in leveraging technology, and being in full compliance with Illinois State laws. He stated ICE does not use our system and required audits are completed.

Andrew Kelly, Tara Hill, stated he trusted Council as they make Darien a nice place to live, which he considers a promise and not a slogan. To make those in opposition feel better regarding Flock cameras, he commented on the ability of auditing the network annually, publishing audit logs, tracking false hit rates, keeping data for 30 days, having a cyber-policy, and tracking the contract exit rights. He indicated pros & cons to Flock data; Illinois has very strict laws/restrictions.

Mayor Marchese appreciated all the comments regarding flooding and flock cameras.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. City Council Meeting – June 1, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 1, 2026.

City Council Meeting

July 20, 2026

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. City Council Meeting – June 15, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 15, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes: Gustafson, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Abstain: Kenny, Leganski

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan spoke of...

...devastating flooding that impacted Darien. She encouraged residents to reach out to their respective alderman for available resources.

...construction activity resuming on South Frontage Road at Cass Avenue. Residents at Falling Waters development continue to express need for a traffic signal. She indicated must be a collaborative effort as is a County/State road. She continues to pressure DuPage County & IDOT regarding safety concerns.

...efforts made by Director Gombac & Administrator Vana for driving around on July 4 to various areas accessing the devastation and speaking with residents impacted by the rain.

Alderman Kenny received two communications from residents regarding sanitary sewer and power outage issues.

Alderman Gustafson spoke of sewer backup issue on Beller Drive, which was resolved.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Marchese...

...provided details of the City's six-week Summer Internship Program, which included students from Downers Grove & Hinsdale South High Schools. Students will be presenting their Capstone Projects on August 3. He is very proud of the program and providing younger people a greater appreciation for local government and public services, while helping them explore future educational and career opportunities.

...sent DuPage County Board an email requesting assistance with sanitary sewer issues.

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9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana thanked Public Works for acting as the "cavalry" in assisting residents.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2026

Chief Thomas...

...provided additional highlights from monthly report regarding e-bike and e-scooter laws, numerous changes made, parental responsibility, and communication in Direct Connect eNews, Twitter and in local schools.

...thanked Public Works for assisting with clean-up efforts due to flooding of the Police Department.

Alderwoman Sullivan stated it is imperative for parents to respect the new e-bike/e-scooter laws, which are a statewide mandate. She stressed safety and to follow the law with proper usage and wearing of helmets.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Director Gombac provided an in-depth reporting of extreme rainfall that occurred on July 2 – 4, which overwhelmed portions of the City's storm sewer system, roadside ditches, detention facilities and natural overland flow routes. Flooding resulted in significant street ponding, flooded vehicles, overland yard flooding, basement flooding, seepage, foundation openings, and sanitary sewer backups. He commented on neighborhoods with limited retention and/or detention ponds. He stated inlets were not clogged.

Director Gombac addressed questions regarding stormwater and sanitary sewer issues; he indicated plans for discussions with DuPage County.

A. WARRANT NUMBER 26-27-05

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve payment of Warrant Number 26-27-06 in the amount of \$783,927.90 from the enumerated funds, and \$349,840.17 from payroll funds for the period ending 07/09/26 for a total to be approved of \$1,133,768.07.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Clerk Ragona announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

Richard Finley, 8500 block of Hemlock Lane, requested Item 16F, Urban SDK Traffic Intelligence Platform Subscription be removed from the Consent Agenda. He stated his reasons for wanting item removed.

After Council discussion, Item 16F was moved to New Business as Item E.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

New Business Items A – D were moved to Consent Agenda as Items H – K respectively.

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

- A. MOTION NO. M-92-26** **A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB (2026 DARIEN FEST ON AUGUST 7TH, AUGUST 8TH AND AUGUST 9TH, 2026)**
- B. MOTION NO. M-93-26** **A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB (OKTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 3, 2026)**
- C. MOTION NO. M-94-26** **A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN LIONS CLUB (2026 DARIEN FEST ON AUGUST 7TH, AUGUST 8TH AND AUGUST 9TH, 2026)**
- D. MOTION NO. M-95-26** **A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN LIONS CLUB (OKTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 3, 2026)**
- E. MOTION NO. M-96-26** **A MOTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN WINDY CITY AMUSEMENTS, INC. AND THE CITY OF DARIEN TO PROVIDE AMUSEMENT RIDES FOR A FALL WEEKEND CARNIVAL AT CHESTNUT COURT SHOPPING CENTER FROM SEPT. 25-27, 2026**
- F. ORDINANCE NO. O-24-26** **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES” OF TITLE 9 “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS” OF THE CITY OF DARIEN CITY CODE**
- G. MOTION NO. M-98-26** **A MOTION TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND INDIAN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**(IPPL) ADDING IPPL AS A LISTED ENTITY
TO THE CITY OF DARIEN'S MEMBERSHIP
IN THE IPBC COOPERATIVE**

H. MOTION NO. M-99-26

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A STACKABLE TRENCH
BOX WITH SHEETING PANELS FOR
MULTIPLE DEPTHS FOR EXCAVATION
FROM LEE JENSEN SALES CO, INC. FOR
\$48,326.00**

I. MOTION NO. M-100-26

**A MOTION A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXTEND A CONTRACT WITH
RAG'S ELECTRIC, INC., PER THE
PROPOSED UNIT PRICES, FOR THE 2026
STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE THROUGH
APRIL 30, 2027**

J. MOTION NO. M-101-26

**A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL
FROM SUBURBAN LABORATORIES, INC.
FOR THE 2026/27 BACTERIOLOGICAL AND
CHEMICAL/RADIOLOGICAL/LT2 WATER
SAMPLING PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$11,760**

K. MOTION NO. M-102-26

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE
OF ONE NEW WHITE 2027 FORD F-550 4X4
XL FROM SUTTON FORD, INC., FOR THE
AMOUNT OF \$129,726**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AND CATALOGING SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES INUNDATED IMPACTED BY THE JULY 4, 2026, FLOOD EVENT PER THE CONTRACT UNIT PRICING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000

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

After hearing from residents, Alderwoman Sullivan questioned if other areas, such as Ailsworth, need to have immediate action taken. Director Gombac responded.

Administrator Vana suggested adding a contingency; Council discussion ensued.

MOTION TO AMEND

Alderwoman Sullivan motioned and Alderman Schauer seconded to amend a motion as follows: A motion authorizing the services of Christopher B. Burke Engineering for topographic survey and cataloging services for properties inundated impacted by the July 4, 2026, flood event per the contract unit pricing in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 **with a contingency of \$15,000 AS AMENDED.**

There was a call for the question on the amendment.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

There was a call for the question on the original motion.

MOTION NO. M-103-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE A SERVICES OF CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AND CATALOGING SERVICES FOR PROPERTIES INUNDATED IMPACTED

**BY THE JULY 4, 2026, FLOOD EVENT PER
THE CONTRACT UNIT PRICING IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000**

as amended.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

**B. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AND
GRANTING FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A PREVIOUSLY-
APPROVED 16-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT AT 1225
PLAINFIELD ROAD (PZC-26-12: DARIEN CROSSING LLC, 1225
PLAINFIELD ROAD)**

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

Alderman Leganski indicated that he would not be voting in favor of ordinance.

Alderman Kenny questioned the delay and inquired about stormwater, easements and flooding; Director Gombac responded.

Alderwoman Sullivan inquired about easements and if resident concerns have been addressed.

Jackie Price, 7700 block of Lester Lane, voiced concerns with condominium development parking, delivery services using Lester Lane, and DuPage County plans for entry & exiting of property. Director Gombac spoke of right in/right out or full access, DuPage County roadway, signage, U-turns, parking, city code/engineering approvals, and landscape plan. Senior Planner Murphy commented on parking requirements, movement of garages and guest parking spaces.

Alderwoman Sullivan stressed the importance of signage being in place to protect the interest of residents on Lester Lane.

ORDINANCE NO. O-25-26

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AND GRANTING FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED 16-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT AT 1225 PLAINFIELD ROAD (PZC-26-12: DARIEN CROSSING LLC, 1225 PLAINFIELD ROAD)

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

Nays: Leganski

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 1, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE FORMER TGI FRIDAY'S LOT LOCATED AT 2201 75TH STREET INTO TWO LOTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE APPROVED DUTCH BROS AND ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD DEVELOPMENTS (PZC-26-13: RCG-DARIEN PM LLC, 2201 75TH STREET, DUTCH BROS)

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

Alderman Gustafson inquired about the delay with demolition. Senior Planner Murphy responded.

ORDINANCE NO. O-26-26

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR THE FORMER TGI FRIDAY'S LOT LOCATED AT 2201 75TH STREET INTO TWO LOTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE APPROVED DUTCH BROS AND ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD DEVELOPMENTS (PZC-26-13: RCG-DARIEN PM LLC, 2201 75TH STREET, DUTCH BROS)

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD WITHIN A CERTAIN AREA IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS (AMENDING TITLE 6C “WATER DIVISION”, CHAPTER 5, “REGULATION OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF THE CITY OF DARIEN (RE: 402 W. PLAINFIELD ROAD))

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-27-26

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD WITHIN A CERTAIN AREA IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS (AMENDING TITLE 6C “WATER DIVISION”, CHAPTER 5, “REGULATION OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF THE CITY OF DARIEN (RE: 402 W. PLAINFIELD ROAD))

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

E. A MOTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION WITH URBAN SDK TRAFFIC INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,750 USING CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGETED FUNDS.

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

Alderman Kenny expressed his reasons for being in favor of platform.

Alderwoman Sullivan asked for confirmation from Chief Thomas that private information is not being captured; he confirmed use of GPS data only. Chief Thomas responded to Mr. Finley's question regarding value of the data.

Chief Thomas commented on consulting/professional services budgeted funds. He responded to audience inquiries regarding results/solutions after the study and traffic calming measures.

MOTION NO. M-97-26

A MOTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION WITH URBAN SDK TRAFFIC INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,750 USING CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGETED FUNDS.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Jesse Kilavos, Wirth Drive, commented on difficulty hearing meeting from the back of the room; Administrator Vana responded that speakers have been ordered.

Mayor Marchese announced Darien Fest will be held on August 7 – 9 at Hinsdale South High School (HSHS). In honor of America's 250th Anniversary, this will be our largest event featuring HSHS marching band, food vendors, carnival, and Business Expo.

Alderwoman Sullivan announced the second of three summer concerts will be held on July 30 at 6:00 P.M. at Carriage Greens Country Club in the North parking lot. She encouraged all to attend.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:32 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 07-20-26.
Minutes of 07-20-26 CCM.