A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2026 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 2, 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:	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Eric K. Gustafson	Ralph Stompanato
	Gerry Leganski	Mary Coyle Sullivan
Absent:	Joseph A. Kenny	
Also in Attendance:	Joseph Marchese, Mayor	
	JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk	
	Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer	
	Bryon Vana, City Administrator	
	Gregory Thomas, Police Chief	
	Austin Jump, Deputy Chief	

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 19, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Gustafson to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 19, 2026.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Gustafson, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Kenny

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

There was no report.

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

Chief Thomas commented that this will be his last City Council Meeting.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 26-27-13

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 26-27-13 in the amount of $124,680.79 from the enumerated funds, and $417,824.95 from payroll funds for the period ending 10/29/26 for a total to be approved of $542,505.74.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Gustafson, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Kenny

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of September 30, 2026.

General Fund:	Revenue $10,339,682; Expenditures $8,244,406; Current Balance $8,591,340
Water & Water Depreciation Funds:	Revenue $2,606,251; Expenditures $3,296,052 Current Balance $2,227,663
Motor Fuel Tax Fund:	Revenue $434,372; Expenditures $391,306; Current Balance $884,356
Capital Improvement Fund:	Revenue $490,497; Expenditures $2,683,773; Current Balance $22,064,629

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Liaison Sullivan stated Citizen of the Year (COY) nomination application is available online and features an example and guidelines; submittal deadline is January 5, 2027. She announced the celebratory dinner to recognize COY and service/organization honorees will be held on Friday, March 5, 2027 at Ashton Place.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Police Committee – Clerk Ragona announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room.

Police Pension Board – Liaison Coren stated the quarterly Police Pension Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

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 were moved to Consent Agenda as Items H & I respectively.

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

A. MOTION NO. M-131-26	**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A PROPOSAL FROM M & J ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY, INC., FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF BITUMINOUS APRONS AND ROAD PATCHES AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2027 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028**
B. MOTION NO. M-132-26	**A MOTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM BUILDERS PAVING, LLC FOR BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS AS REQUIRED FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICING FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2027 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028**

C. MOTION NO. M-133-26 **A MOTION AUTHORIZING TO EXTEND THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY V & L MOLINA TRUCKING FOR TRUCKING SERVICES RELATING TO HAULING WASTE GENERATED FROM EXCAVATIONS AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICING FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2027 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028**

D. MOTION NO. M-134-26 **A MOTION AUTHORIZING TO EXTEND THE PROPOSAL FROM JC LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICE AT THE SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TOPSOIL AND FOR THE PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF FERTILIZER AND SOD FOR LANDSCAPE RESTORATION SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2027 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028**

E. MOTION NO. M-135-26 **A MOTION AUTHORIZING TO EXTEND THE PROPOSAL FROM SHREVE SERVICES, INC., FOR TOPSOIL AT THE SPECIFIED UNIT PRICES FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2027 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028**

F. MOTION NO. M-136-26 **A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BEET HEET CONCENTRATE AND BEET HEET SEVERE LIQUID DEICER PRODUCT FROM K-TECH SPECIALTY COATINGS, INC., AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $109,710.00**

G. MOTION NO. M-137-26 **A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR THE 2027 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT BID BOOKLET, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $25,530.00**

H. MOTION NO. M-138-26 **A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS, LINE ITEM 01-40-4815 CAPITAL PURCHASES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM HOLZ CHEVROLET (WI) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $56,000.00**

I. MOTION NO. M-139-26 **A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS LINE ITEM 01-40-4815 CAPITAL PURCHASES FOR UPFITTING A 2026 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM MIDWEST911, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $11,250.00**

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Gustafson, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Kenny

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1
MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Alderwoman Sullivan…
…stated Hinsdale South High School Environmental Concerns Organization is partnering with SCARCE for a recycling "Pumpkin Smash" on November 7 from 9:00 to noon in the stadium parking lot.
…announced Hinsdale South High School Fine Arts Department presents *Shrek the Musical* from November 19 – 22; additional information available in Direct Connect eNews.
…thanked Chief Thomas for his years of service and wished him & his family all the best in retirement.

Mayor Marchese…
…thanked Chief Thomas for his service the last eleven years and complemented him on running of the Police Department.
…indicated Hinsdale South High School ACT scores were up by three percentage points, which the State rates as near exemplary.

Alderman Gustafson announced Darien VFW Post 2838 will be honoring all veterans on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Darien Community Park.

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 7:44 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 11-02-26. Minutes of 11-02-26 CCM.