

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

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

Absent: Thomas J. Belczak

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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** – January 19, 2026

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY MAY TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve the reappointment of Jeffrey May to the Police Pension Board.

MOTION NO. M-02-26

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY MAY TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Jeffrey May.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS SAILER TO THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the appointment of Thomas Sailer to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

MOTION NO. M-03-26

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS SAILER TO THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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

Nays: None

Absent: Belczak

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Sailer.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of Presidents’ Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-19

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-19 in the amount of \$307,851.05 from the enumerated funds, and \$340,587.48 from payroll funds for the period ending 01/22/26 for a total to be approved of \$648,438.53.

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 March 2, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Committee-of-the-Whole 2026-2027 Budget Workshop Meetings are scheduled for February 18, and 25 (6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers); March 2 after the City Council Meeting; and, if needed, March 4. Budget Workshop Meetings are televised and open to the public. She noted final Budget Draft will be presented to Council on February 11 and available online for full disclosure.

Liaison Sullivan announced the celebratory dinner/dance honoring 2026 Citizen of the Year (COY), Deborah Uhlar, and honorees from organization & volunteer organizations will be held on Friday, March 6, at Alpine Banquets, with cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. Liaison Sullivan reviewed payment options and stated reservations will be taken through February 26 at a cost of \$52.00/each. She noted all honorees will be recognized at the February 17 City Council Meeting and Ms. Uhlar will be presented with a Resolution.

Municipal Services Committee – Clerk Ragona announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Police Pension Board – Clerk Ragona announced the Police Pension Board quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the next meeting of the Darien Action Committee will be held on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. in Council Chambers.

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

There were none.

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. MOTION NO. M-04-26 **A MOTION GRANTING WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE WEST SUBURBAN HUMANE SOCIETY**

B. MOTION NO. M-05-26 **A MOTION TO ACCEPT 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 AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICE FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**

C. MOTION NO. M-06-26 **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS FOR SMITH AND BLAIR STAINLESS STEEL WATER MAIN REPAIR CLAMPS STYLE 238 WITH STAINLESS STEEL BOLTS AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES IN VARIOUS SIZES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE**

WATER SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

D.MOTION NO. M-07-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR VARIOUS WATER VALVES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER SYSTEM AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICE FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

E. MOTION NO. M-08-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE CO., FOR MUELLER BRAND BRASS FITTINGS AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

F. MOTION NO. M-09-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS FOR CERTAIN GENERAL WATER DEPARTMENT UTILITY TOOLS AND MARKING SUPPLIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

G.MOTION NO. M-10-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE, COMPANY FOR CERTAIN GENERAL WATER DEPARTMENT UTILITY FIXTURES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027

H.MOTION NO. M-11-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM EJ USA, INC., FOR EAST JORDAN CD250 FIRE HYDRANTS, VALVES AND ACCESSORIES AS REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027 AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICE

- I. MOTION NO. M-12-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR WATEROUS PACER FIRE HYDRANTS, AUXILIARY VALVES AND ACCESSORIES AS REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027 AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICE**

- J. MOTION NO. M-13-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE CO., FOR CLOW MEDALLION FIRE HYDRANTS, AUXILIARY VALVES AND ACCESSORIES AS REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027 AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICE**

- K. MOTION NO. M-14-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE COMPANY FOR CLOW EDDY FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**

- L. MOTION NO. M-15-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE COMPANY FOR CLOW MEDALLION FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**

- M. MOTION NO. M-16-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE COMPANY FOR CLOW F2500 FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**

- N. MOTION NO. M-17-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM EJ USA, INC., FOR THE EAST JORDAN WATERMASTER 5BR250 AND WATERMASTER 5CD250 FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS AS REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**

- O.MOTION NO. M-18-26** **A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR THE WATEROUS PACER FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS AS REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**
- P. MOTION NO. M-19-26** **A MOTION APPROVING TO EXTEND THE PROPOSAL FROM 119TH ST MATERIALS FOR TIPPING AND TRANSFER FEES AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES FOR CERTAIN GENERATED WASTE FROM VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027**
- Q.MOTION NO. M-20-26** **A MOTION TO APPROVE 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**
- R. MOTION NO. M-21-26** **A 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**
- S. MOTION NO. M-22-26** **A 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**
- T. MOTION NO. M-23-26** **A MOTION TO APPROVE 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

U.MOTION NO. M-24-26

A MOTION TO APPROVE 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 \$37,600.00

V.MOTION NO. M-25-26

A 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

W. MOTION NO. M-26-26

A 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

X.MOTION NO. M-27-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL AT THE UNIT PRICES FOR SIDEWALK GRINDING FROM HARD ROCK CONCRETE CUTTERS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$83,920.00

Y.RESOLUTION NO. R-01-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 CITY OF DARIEN ZONING MAP

- Z. ORDINANCE NO. O-02-26** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN
- AA. MOTION NO. M-28-26** A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW PRO-LINK+HEAVY DUTY DIAGNOSTICS FLEET SCANNER-MODEL EEHD754AISVP3 FROM SNAP-ON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,066.33
- BB. MOTION NO. M-29-26** A MOTION TO ACCEPT 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
- CC. MOTION NO. M-30-26** A 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
- DD. MOTION NO. M-31-26** A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND A CONTRACT AT THE 2026 UNIT PRICES WITH SKC CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$122,725.00 FOR THE 2026 CRACK FILL PROGRAM
- EE. ORDINANCE NO. O-03-26** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF DARIEN CITY CODE (DARIEN TOWNE CENTRE, NO LEFT TURNS ONTO LYMAN)
- FF. MOTION NO. M-32-26** A MOTION TO ACCEPT 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 \$20,000.00

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**

There was no New Business

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

Mayor Marchese announced Dancing with the Darien Starz will be held on February 6 at Ashton Place; tickets are available for purchase through February 2 on the City’s website, proceeds benefit Cancer Smashers. He commented on registrants, raffles, participants, MC, judges, “Alumni” group routine and voting. He encouraged all to attend this fun evening.

Alderman Sullivan commented on Dancing with Darien Starz being a phenomenal charity event.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk