

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 4, 2026 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

May 4, 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	Ralph Stompanato
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

Absent:	Eric K. Gustafson
	Ted V. Schauer

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
Jason Norton, Deputy Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services
Ryan Murphy, Senior Planner

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 20, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 20, 2026.

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan forwarded emails received from residents in Ward 5 regarding Planning, Zoning & Economic Development Commission May 6th meeting considering a Special Use request to move a Rectory into a private residence in Tara Hill Subdivision.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. RECOGNITION OF KINGSWOOD ACADEMY STUDENT SAMSON KARAM FIRST PLACE STATE SCIENCE FAIR JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

Mayor Marchese introduced Samson Karam, 8th grade student at Kingswood Academy, who won First Place in the Junior High Division at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Science Fair and will be representing Illinois at the National Association of Academies of Science and the American Junior Academy of Science Conference in February.

Samson Karam explained his Water Project and addressed Council questions.

B. BUILD PROGRAM

Mayor Marchese spoke of Governor Pritzker's Building Up Illinois Development (BUILD) Program which is about local control, fiscal stability, and ability to guide Darien's future. He addressed related changes to state funding and Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) cutbacks. He shared details, which represent a shift in the relationship between state and local governments; less authority for municipalities, and fewer financial resources to meet growing demands. Mayor Marchese relayed email

addresses for state representatives and encouraged all residents to make their voices heard.

Mayor Marchese stated City representatives were going to Springfield to lobby against the BUILD Program on Wednesday, May 6.

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

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-25

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-25 in the amount of \$141,685.88 from the enumerated funds, and \$338,048.20 from payroll funds for the period ending 04/30/26 for a total to be approved of \$479,734.08.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 26-27-01

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 26-27-01 in the amount of \$180,585.99 from the enumerated funds.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Police Pension Board – Liaison Coren announced the Police Pension Board quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026 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. **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. MOTION NO. M-63-26

A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECH “EVT” IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000.00 TO UPFIT A 2026 DODGE DURANGO USING CANNABIS FUNDS

B. MOTION NO. M-64-26

A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAMP LAW LLC FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00

C. MOTION NO. M-65-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW FINN T60T HYDROSEEDER FROM BURRIS EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,576.25

D. MOTION NO. M-66-26

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF A 12-MONTH SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FOR THE MINI-ROAD WEATHER INFORMATION SYSTEMS SENSORS FROM FROST SOLUTIONS, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,600.00

E. MOTION NO. M-67-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW MODEL 1599-FB FLATBED TRAILER FROM SAUBER MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT OF \$38,506.00, AND PLATES AND REGISTRATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350.00

F. MOTION NO. M-68-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW TEN-TON DOVETAIL TRAILER, FROM A&W TRUCK AND TRAILER FOR \$15,248.00

G. MOTION NO. M-69-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING A PROPOSAL FOR RETROFITTING THE REHEAT COILS ON THE VARIABLE AIR VOLUME (VAV) BOXES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HVAC SYSTEM, TO AMBER MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,532.56

H. ORDINANCE NO. O-15-26

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIATION FROM THE CITY’S ZONING REGULATIONS (PZC-26-6: 2505 75TH STREET, HUSAIN KOITA

I. ORDINANCE NO. O-16-26

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A SPECIAL USE AND VARIATIONS FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC-26-5: INDVESTIA DARIEN, LLC – 7409 CASS AVENUE)

J. ORDINANCE NO. O-17-26

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION, TWO SPECIAL USE PERMITS, AND ZONING, VARIATIONS FOR TWO DRIVE THROUGH EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE DARIEN TOWNE CENTER SHOPPING, CENTER (PZC-26-4: 2201 75TH STREET, CORE ACQUISITIONS, LLC

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Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

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Mayor Marchese welcomed representatives: Adam Bell, Vice President of Development, Core Acquisitions LLC, and Robert de la Fuente, Director of Real Estate, Andy's Frozen Custard.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Marchese stated New Business Item A was removed from Agenda.

A. A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE 75TH STREET RIGHT OF WAYS, CLOCK TOWER AND 9 ENTRANCE WAY PLANTING BEDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,520.00 BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND JC LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICES AND

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

Alderman Kenny inquired about entrance signage. Director Gombac clarified contract is only for landscaping services.

MOTION NO. R-70-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND A CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE 75TH STREET RIGHT OF WAYS, CLOCK TOWER AND 9 ENTRANCE WAY PLANTING BEDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,520.00 BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND JC LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICES AND

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. A MOTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY WITH JC LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,450.00 FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT MATERIALS AND PLANT ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2026 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

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

MOTION NO. R-71-26

A MOTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY WITH JC LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,450.00 FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT MATERIALS AND PLANT ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2026 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Schauer

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Mayor Marchese ...

...was a judge at Hinsdale South High School for Zebralter Medical, a non-profit that provides STEM education for minority children. Three students were awarded scholarships and will be guests at a future City Council Meeting.

...interviewed students from Downers Grove South High School and Hinsdale South High School for City's Summer Internship Program.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 05-04-26.
Minutes of 05-04-26 CCM.