

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 4, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:19 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

August 4, 2025

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**

Ovie and Rush Basalone led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Recording Secretary Plzak was as follows:

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

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
Jessica Plzak, Recording Secretary
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

Sondra Barrett, Green Valley Road, shared festivities planned for Farmingdale Ridge Neighborhood Block Party. Alderman Gustafson announced the event will be held on August 23 from 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.; all are encouraged to attend.

...referenced Illinois Policy Institute TIF information and asked Council to reconsider moving forward with Chestnut Court TIF.

Jeanine & Tony Antiporek, 2900 block of 87th Street, voiced safety concerns with neighbor's driveway project. Council discussion ensued.

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 21, 2025.

Absent: None

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Marchese thanked Village of Woodridge Mayor Cunningham and Administrator Stonitsch for their kindness and generosity in offering assistance after flooding in Darien.

8. MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Marchese provided background on establishment of Summer Internship Program and highlighted department rotation/focus. He introduced Hinsdale South High School interns: Stephanie Acosta, Monika Aleksonis, and Shahmeer Ali. Interns provided a

brief biography, including interests & pursuits; experience/learnings gained in each department (City Administration, Public Works, City Planning, Police Department, Government Operations and Business Connections); presented Capstone Project, provided feedback and addressed Council questions.

Mayor Marchese acknowledged and thanked Dr. Kari Peronto, Principal, and Dr. Kyle Burrit, Assistant Principal for Operations, of Hinsdale South High School for their support. He stated interns will be presenting Capstone Project to the District 86 Board of Education. He commented on growth of interns over the course of six weeks and presented them with a certificate. He indicated there were plans to expand the program next year to include Downers Grove High School students.

B. RECOGNITION OF TWO DARIEN VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of Public Works, City staff and residents, Mayor Marchese recognized brothers, Ovie & Rush Basalone for their unselfish behavior in assisting Public Works crew in locating storm sewers during recent rainfall. He thanked the boys for their efforts and service to our community and presented them with a City of Darien pin and football. Director Gombac invited Ovie and Rush to “ride along” with Public Works during snow plowing.

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 25-26-07

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-07 in the amount of \$910,797.52 from the enumerated funds, and \$336,469.22 from payroll funds for the period ending 07/24/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,247,266.74.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan stated Administrative/Finance Committee reviewed 2025 City’s Communications Survey, noted receipt of 525 responses, and will consider Alderman Schauer’s suggestion to capture additional recipient information. She announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak stated the minutes of the June 23 and July 21, 2025 meetings were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2025 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**

Mayor Marchese stated New Business Item A was moved to Consent Agenda as Item D.

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

A. MOTION NO. M-57-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS TO PURCHASE HARDWARE AND SERVICES FROM FLOCK SAFETY FOR SIX AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,900.00

B. MOTION NO. M-58-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO PURCHASE CONSULTING SERVICES FROM KEITH FONTANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE CITY OF DARIEN'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-38-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES" TO "TITLE 9 OF THE "TRAFFIC REGULATIONS" OF THE CITY OF DARIEN CITY CODE

D. MOTION NO. M-59-25

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PRE-WET/ANTI ICING EQUIPMENT AND HYDRAULIC CONTROLS FROM LINDCO EQUIPMENT SALES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,367.00, AS PER THE UNIT PRICES

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

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

Alderman Sullivan...

...commented on an amazing July 31 concert with record-breaking attendance. The final summer concert will be held on August 28 at Westwood Park.

...announced Darien Fest will be held on August 8 – 10 at Westwood Park. She invited all to attend.

...commented on the importance of treating Carriage Greens Golf Course as private property, for use by restaurant patrons and golfers only, and to call 911 if trespassers/vandals are seen.

Mayor Marchese announced National Night Out will be held on August 5 at Westwood Park from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. He stated many festivities were planned and 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 Kenny to adjourn the City Council meeting.

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:42 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 08-04-25.
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