

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Personnel Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:00 P.M., with no action to be taken.

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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
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
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.

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

Mayor Marchese deviated from agenda and moved Summer Interns Capstone Presentation from Mayor's Report.

Mayor Marchese commented on six-week Internship Program. He introduced participating seniors: Marcin Koczyjan from Downers Grove South High School and Ahmed Farooqui from Hinsdale South High School. Interns shared interests, career aspirations and highlights from Internship Program. Students provided a presentation of Capstone Project on the BUILD (Building Up Illinois Developments) Act and addressed Council questions.

Mayor Marchese spoke of BUILD Act and Reducing Expenses and Advancing Local (REAL) Housing Act, a legislative proposal introduced by the Illinois Municipal League.

Mayor Marchese introduced Dr. Kari Peronto, Principal, and Dr. Kyle Burritt, Assistant Principal for Operations, at Hinsdale South High School who presented students with a

\$500.00 civic scholarship on behalf of the Darien Lions Club. He noted interns will be presenting their Capstone Projects to the Board of Education for District 86 & District 99.

Mayor Marchese thanked Hinsdale South High School administration and grounds crew for their cooperation in making Darien Fest a successful event.

Bob Fortelka asked for Council assistance with neighbor, a burner of trees, which causes smoke to seep into his house. Director Gombac provided his contact information for further discussion; he stated there are codes in place, which regulate burnable items.

Bill Aldrich, member of Advocate for 708, which is a group in Downers Grove Township that are working on collecting signatures to place a 708 community mental health board question on the November ballot for Downers Grove Township. He commented on a modest tax levy, services provided, and encouraged all to visit <https://www.advocatefor708.org/> for more information.

Kyle Nicklaus, 7600 block of Gail Avenue, passed out a “statement” to Council on behalf of seven households on Gail Avenue that have been impacted by severe flooding due to an overwhelming amount of rainfall. He commented on Cass Avenue sloping toward the impacted homes, not being able to afford low interest loans, and inquired about monetary assistance or tax credits.

Director Gombac responded; he spoke of SBA loans, engineering survey, and FEMA assistance. Council discussion ensued regarding formulation of regional plans, City assistance, real estate taxes, additional sewers, DuPage County emergency fund, solutions to slow water down, stormwater modeling study, adding detention, and topographical surveys

Resident, 8600 block of Ailsworth Drive, inquired about an update from Village of Woodridge regarding flooding on July 4. Director Gombac responded that there were no blockages and system is working as designed. There was discussion regarding flooding and Com Ed transformer box.

Joe Myczek thanked Director Gombac for sending him information. He commented on conditions that have changed since stormwater system was designed; water now drains to lower area and flooding. Director Gombac spoke of stormwater standards, different criteria being in place, rain events, Stormwater Ordinance, sag points in subdivision, and water modeling study. Mr. Myczek inquired about the municipality’s ability to make changes.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 20, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 20, 2026.

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

Abstain: Belczak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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B. CITY COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2026

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 3, 2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

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7. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...received communication from:

- Irene Spaletto, Bailey Park HOA member, regarding water main break and low water pressure.
- Joe Myczek regarding water issues/follow-up information.

...expressed appreciation to Director Gombac for keeping Council informed of pertinent resident communication.

Alderman Kenny received communication from Jesse Kilavos regarding neighbor's private tree that had fallen and since been taken care of.

Mayor Marchese received communication from Joe Bosch, Bailey Park, complementing Public Works for tending to resident needs.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Marchese...

...provided an update on the Overhead Sewer Program. He stated Brian Krajewski, DuPage County Board Member, advised receipt of 31 applications.

...received notice from DuPage Mayors & Managers regarding SBA Disaster Assistance that is available to Darien residents and businesses affect by July 2 – 4 severe weather, which has been communicated in Direct Connect eNews. He urged residents and businesses to take advantage of the assistance.

Director Gombac encouraged all to share communication regarding SBA Disaster Assistance with those without computers; information is featured on the marque located at the corner of Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced:

- City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.
- The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8.
- City of Darien election packets for the April 6, 2027 Consolidated Election may be picked up at Darien City Hall beginning Tuesday, August 25, 2026 from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday for the elected positions of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Alderman Ward 2, Alderman Ward 4, and Alderman Ward 6.
- Petitions and backup documents must be submitted between November 16, 2026 through November 23, 2026.
- Information is available on the City website, social media, and is posted at City Hall.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Thomas provided highlights from Monthly Report, which included Urban SDK subscription and Flock cameras. He addressed Council questions.

Alderman Leganski inquired about Metronet damaging ComEd lines; Director Gombac responded.

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 26-27-08 in the amount of \$1,006,541.59 from the enumerated funds, and \$356,250.71 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/06/26 for a total to be approved of \$1,362,792.30.

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Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the July 20, 2026 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for September 21, 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**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. A MOTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION, YEAR 6, WITH ECO CLEAN MAINTENANCE, INC. TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,260.00

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

Alderman Kenny inquired about Item being sent out for bid; Treasurer Coren explained this is the final year of contract. Alderwoman Sullivan stated Administrative/Finance Committee unanimously approved Item.

MOTION NO. M-109-26

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Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Mayor Marchese reiterated there was a great turnout for Darien Fest with dedicated staff, bands, food vendors, organizations and local businesses participating.

Alderswoman Sullivan...

...stated Darien Fest was well organized; she provided kudos to the entire team.

...announced the last summer concert, featuring Heart to Heartbreaker, will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club on August 27 at 6:00 P.M.

...spoke of Darien Lions Club Oktoberfest.

...was honored to participate in 5-year strategic planning for District 66.

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 8:48 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 08-17-26.
Minutes of 08-17-26 CCM.