

THE TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:02 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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:

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| 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
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

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

Dave Kaduk, 67th Street, commented on continued speeding on 67th street, inquired about traffic study, and thanked Police Department for the extra patrols. Chief Thomas stated traffic data is being reviewed from radar devices.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 4, 2024

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 4, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderswoman Sullivan received communication regarding work on IDOT project along North & South Frontage Roads between Cass Avenue & Clarendon Hills Road. She clarified issue was related to coax cable. Director Gombac noted Nicor had been onsite, and he will investigate road opening.

8. **MAYORS REPORT – HEART OF DARIEN AWARD**

Mayor Marchese presented Heart of Darien Award to Tom Sailer for his contributions to the City of Darien, which include his leadership within the Darien Chamber of Commerce and his dedicated service and financial contributions to the Darien Lions Club. Mr. Sailer was humbled by the award and expressed his thanks.

Mayor Marchese thanked all the organizations, individuals, and staff members that participated in making the Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration at the Darien Historical Society on November 17 a success.

Mayor Marchese referred to his “Mayors Message” article in last week’s Direct Connect and shared his feelings regarding the loss of his son, Jon, after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. He thanked all those who offered their condolences over the last couple of weeks; he was overwhelmed from the outpouring of love.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced:

- City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- December 2 City Council Meeting has been cancelled.
- The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, December 16.
- Individuals who have filed for position of Alderman Ward 1, 3, 5 and 7 are as follows:

Ward 1 – Ted V. Schauer

– John Mayrens

Ward 3 – Joseph A. Kenny

Ward 5 – Mary Coyle Sullivan

Ward 7 – Thomas J. Belczak

Since there were no simultaneous filings, there will be no lottery on Monday, November 25, 2024. Consolidated election will be held on April 1, 2025.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – OCTOBER 2024

Chief Thomas provided highlights from the October 2024 Monthly Report, which included license plate reader cameras, assault and theft crimes. He addressed Council questions.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-14

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-14 in the amount of \$908,952.68 from the

enumerated funds, and \$319,615.93 from payroll funds for the period ending 11/14/24 for a total to be approved of \$1,228,568.61.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of October 2024.

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| <u>General Fund:</u> | Revenue \$11,523,679; Expenditures \$9,802,591; Current Balance \$6,701,312 |
| <u>Water & Water Depreciation Funds:</u> | Revenue \$3,826,144; Expenditures \$3,535,168 Current Balance \$4,016,939 |
| <u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u> | Revenue \$523,706; Expenditures \$1,809,365; Current Balance \$401,348 |
| <u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u> | Revenue \$416,852; Expenditures \$376,791; Current Balance \$19,061,514 |

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. She stated 2025-2026 Budget Hearings will begin on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Liaison Sullivan reminded all that submission deadline for Citizen of the Year (COY) applications is January 6, 2025 and to include detailed information about nominee. COY & Members of the Year celebratory dinner/dance will be held on February 28, 2025 at Alpine Banquets.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the next Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the next

Police Committee meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024 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. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN REGARDING WATER SERVICE

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-98-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN REGARDING WATER SERVICE

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN REGARDING WATER SERVICE

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-99-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND THE CITY OF DARIEN REGARDING WATER SERVICE

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2025, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

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

Mayor Marchese commented on the significant increase to the Police Pension Fund and actuary’s recommendation to fund at 100%. Lengthy Council discussion ensued regarding the tax levy.

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-24 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2025, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2025, IN AND FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-25-24 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2025, IN AND FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A BUILDING STRUCTURE AND GENERATOR PAD FROM T-MOBILE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPRINT) TO THE CITY OF DARIEN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-100-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A BUILDING STRUCTURE AND GENERATOR PAD FROM T-MOBILE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPRINT) TO THE CITY OF DARIEN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

F. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AT&T LEASE TO ADD A GENERATOR AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-101-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AT&T LEASE TO ADD A GENERATOR AT 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderwoman Sullivan expressed her thankfulness to be able to serve Darien, work with Council & staff, and to represent our community. She wished everyone a blessed holiday.

Mayor Marchese...

...stated he has a luncheon meeting scheduled with Ray Jablonski, President Board of Commissioners, Darien Park District, to discuss Strategic Plan and core values.

...wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Administrator Vana commented on Goal Setting agenda.

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 8:11 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 11-18-24. Minutes of 11-18-24 CCM.