

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JULY 21, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

July 21, 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**

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
Jason Norton, Deputy Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services
Ryan Murphy, Senior Planner

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

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

Laura Chucuri, resident and owner of rental properties in Darien, shared concerns with short-term rental ordinance restricting rental to 30 days or more. Mayor Marchese explained issues encountered with shorter timeframe that necessitated ordinance change. She commented on pending lawsuit regarding Village of Glen Ellyn's ban against short-term rentals.

Quentin (Tracy) Sims voiced his support for e-bike ordinance and shared dangerous e-bike incident on Clarendon Hills & Plainfield Roads. He attended Police Committee Meeting and provided incident information for future reference.

Nick Darien, 8400 block of Sandalwood Court, applauded City for e-bike Ordinance. He referenced proposed Ordinance Section 9-10-1 and suggested adding stipulation that those under 16 years of age cannot operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle.

Joe Bosch voiced safety concerns with e-bikes ridden on sidewalks/roads at 25-30 mph and going across lawns with no respect for property.

Heather Conroy commented on 30-day rental restriction, inability for Ward 6 Alderman Gustafson to participate in City Council Meeting remotely, and Chestnut Court TIF. Administrator Vana and Mayor Marchese responded.

Steve Kimmey shared need for stronger e-bike Ordinance, similar to Elk Grove Village; he felt younger bikers lacked user education.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 16, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 16, 2025.

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

Abstain: Gustafson, Stompanato

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received communication from Debra Markovich, 8100 block of Chapman Court, regarding noise and construction ordinances. Deputy Chief Norton responded; residents should call 911, so Police can respond to the situation. Alderman Leganski and Alderwoman Sullivan commented.

Alderman Kenny noted receipt of communication from Ms. Conroy; he extended invite for her to attend City Council Meeting.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...received communication from Kelly Glisan regarding excessive telemarketing signage. She contacted Municipal Services; signs posted illegally on City right-of-ways will be removed.

...made a general statement regarding communication; she stressed the importance of going directly to the source for information (i.e. attend City Council Meeting, read information on City's website, contact City Hall, Police Department, Darien Park District & Indian Prairie Public Library). She commented that Nextdoor & Patch can be misleading.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Marchese provided an update on Summer Internship Program. Over the course of six weeks three students from Hinsdale South High School met with City personnel, Police Department, and elected officials from the state, county and local levels to gain a deeper appreciation of how government bodies operate, collaborate and serve the public. As a culmination of their experience, students are preparing a "Capstone" project, which will be presented to City Council, District #86 Administration and Board of Education.

Mayor Marchese thanked all those who took time to participate. He looks forward to expanding program to include Downers Grove South High School students.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana commented on importance of obtaining correct information. City has all documentation, and he is the contact for this information. He noted TIF district complies with State Statutes.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Deputy Chief Norton...

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-05 in the amount of \$1,126,726.00 from the enumerated funds, and \$328,172.53 from payroll funds for the period ending 06/26/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,454,898.53.

Nays: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-06 in the amount of \$1,199,903.03 from the enumerated funds, and \$362,136.45 from payroll funds for the period ending 7/07/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,562,039.48.

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Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak noted Special Municipal Services Committee Meeting held earlier this evening approved all items, two of which are on New Business Agenda as Items B & C Since unanimously approved, he suggested moving items to Consent Agenda. Council agreed and items were moved to Consent Agenda as Items N and O respectively. Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the April 21 and May 19, 2025 meetings were approved and submitted to the Clerk's Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2025 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, July 31, 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**

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

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| A. MOTION NO. M-47-25 | A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN DISTRICT 61 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION |
| B. MOTION NO. M-48-25 | A MOTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FROM ST. AUBIN NURSERY & LANDSCAPING, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE 2025 PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,465.00 |
| C. RESOLUTION NO. R-26-25 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT SPACE AGREEMENT WITH THE DUPAGE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS (DU-COMM) FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ON THE DARIEN CELL TOWER SITE LOCATED AT 1041 S. FRONTAGE ROAD |
| D. MOTION NO. M-49-25 | A MOTION APPROVING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$109,582.92 |
| E. RESOLUTION NO. R-27-25 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CENTER CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT #66 FOR ROCK SALT |
| F. RESOLUTION NO. R-28-25 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT FOR ROCK SALT |
| G. MOTION NO. M-50-25 | A MOTION ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM GOLDY LOCKS, INC., TO REMOVE AND INSTALL A NEW MAN DOOR, INCLUDING THE DOOR, FRAME AND HARDWARE AT THE |

PUBLIC WORKS WATER PLANT 2, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,246.05

H. MOTION NO. M-51-25

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIX NEW SCHONSTEDT GA-92XTD LOCATORS WITH HARD CASES FROM MIDWEST SURVEYING INSTRUMENTS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,158.00

I. MOTION NO. M-52-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM APEX INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION FOR THE PURCHASE, REMOVAL, AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES, (VFD) AT PLANTS #2 AND 75TH STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,920.34

J. MOTION NO. M-53-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CONNELLY ELECTRIC FOR THE PURCHASE, REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF THREE BACKUP GENERATORS AT THE CITY HALL, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WATER PLANT #2 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$493,000 AND A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR UNFORESEEN RELATED ITEMS

K. MOTION NO. M-54-25

A MOTION AUTHORIZING PRIVATE PROPERTY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECTS AND THE SAWYER DRIVE PUBLIC WORKS STORM SEWER PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$152,079.00

L. RESOLUTION NO. R-29-25

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 CITY OF DARIEN ZONING MAP FOR PUBLICATION

M.MOTION NO. M-55-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGET FUNDS TO PURCHASE SERVICES FROM FLOCK SAFETY TO MAINTAIN THE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000.

N. MOTION NO. M-56-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW RADIODETECTION RD8200SG SURVEY GRADE RECEIVER UTILITY LINE LOCATOR WITH GIS CAPABILITIES AND TRAINING FROM

**SUBSURFACE SOLUTIONS, IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$14,346.00**

O. ORDINANCE NO. O-35-25

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION
FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE
(PZC2025-14: 7516 CASS AVE)**

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**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADDING
CHAPTER 10 TO “TITLE 9 OF THE “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS” OF THE CITY
OF DARIEN CITY CODE**

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

Lengthy Council discussion ensued regarding favorability, stricter reinforcement, higher penalties, communication, education, importance of calling 911 to report offenders, need to add age restriction to Class 3 low-speed electric bicycles, and to include low speed scooters.

MOTION TO AMEND

Alderman Stompanato motioned and Alderman Leganski seconded to accept amendment adding Item (K) to Section 9-10-3 as follows:

“(K) Age Restrictions

A person may not operate a Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle or low speed scooter unless he or she is 16 years of age or older.”

There was a call for the question on the amendment.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

AMENDING MOTION CARRIED

There was a call for the question on the original motion.

ORDINANCE NO. O-34-25

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10 TO
“TITLE 9 OF THE “TRAFFIC
REGULATIONS” OF THE CITY OF DARIEN
CITY CODE**

as amended.

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 AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING “INTERESTED
PARTIES REGISTRY” AND ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR THE
REGISTRY**

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

Alderwoman Sullivan and Alderman Gustafson commented on seeing the entire process through.

ORDINANCE NO. O-36-25

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
“INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY” AND**

**ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR
THE REGISTRY**

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 FOR AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF A
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN,
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS (CHESTNUT COURT SHOPPING CENTER
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-37-25

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION
OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS (CHESTNUT COURT
SHOPPING CENTER TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING DISTRICT)**

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 encouraged residents to...
...complete City Communication Survey located on City's website, in Direct Connect eNews and Facebook.
...attend Summer Concert featuring Ocean's Rat Pack on July 31 at Westwood Park.

Alderman Stompanato noted collaboration continues with Darien Park District. As City's Liaison, he will be meeting with Darien Park District's Liaison Luanne Spiros in August.

Nick Darien inquired about e-bike regulations, parental responsibility, fines and enforcement. Deputy Chief Norton responded that Police Department would contact parent and child.

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 8:49 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 07-21-25.
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