

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 1, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

MAY 1, 2023

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
	Thomas M. Chlystek	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Joseph A. Kenny	Lester Vaughan
	Eric K. Gustafson	

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, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

David Kaduk spoke about recent accident on 67th Street; Director Gombac commented on accident. Mr. Kaduk inquired about additional speed study closer to Cass Avenue; Director Gombac recommended traffic calming device between Sean Circle and Richmond Avenue.

Andy Williams shared incident involving his son, who was cited for trespassing. Mayor Marchese noted Council received email from Mr. Williams. The group read the report, understood what took place and could not reverse what happened; citation was paid. Mayor Marchese hoped repercussions did not leave a negative impact instead served as a lesson learned.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 17, 2023

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Gustafson to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 17, 2023.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Sullivan

Abstain: Schauer, Vaughan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan has been in contact with Municipal Services regarding closed sidewalk on North Frontage Road, bordering Carriage Greens, due to downed fence that is in need of repairs by Illinois Department of Transportation. Director Gombac provided an update on the drainage/erosion issues and initiatives being taken to secure fence. Alderwoman Sullivan explained sidewalk is heavily used, a safety concern, and requires City intervention.

Alderwoman Gustafson commented a new streetlight installed at Woodvale Drive & Beller Road. He noted a request is being prepared to add a streetlight at Woodvale Drive & 87th Street.

Alderman Chylstek shared a special thank you to all of Darien for the honor and privilege of serving as Ward Four Alderman the past eight years. He supported clean air, new downtown landscaping, new sidewalks, rear-yard drainage projects, and traffic devices; much has been accomplished to improve the quality of life for residents. He expressed his thankfulness for all the memories, friendships and even occasional disagreements. He wished Alderman Leganski the best of luck as he continues the proud tradition of raising the bar in Darien.

Alderman Vaughan received inquiry from resident at 7033 Clarendon Hills Road regarding sidewalks and the configuration of driveway; Director Gombac will follow-up.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Marchese reminded everyone that May is National Mental Health Month. He is working diligently with DuPage County and other mayors to bring mental health reform locally. While in Springfield, he spoke to Governor and State Legislators about restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund; these funds could be used to institute a Mental Health Program in Darien. He urged all to educate themselves on the warning signs of mental health issues and to help others seek assistance without the fear of embarrassment.

Alderman Kenny spoke of his friend who suffered from post-traumatic stress that committed suicide.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana reminded residents to review their tax bills for various taxing districts; questions should be directed accordingly.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

Alderman Kenny inquired about status of STOP School Violence Grant. Chief Thomas indicated the extensive process was not worth the effort and was unlikely to receive grant.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Alderman Gustafson inquired about the Water Meter Replacement Program; Director Gombac stated 97% of replacements have been completed; those failing to respond to reminders had water shutoff.

Alderwoman Sullivan inquired about...

...houses being tagged for shut off; Director Gombac responded houses are being discreetly tagged. Once resident notifies City, installation and water turn on takes place simultaneously.

...restoration after buffalo boxes are replaced/repared. Direct Gombac stated restoration will take place soon.

Mayor Marchese passed along kudos to Director Gombac about the meter program that he received from resident while attending Arbor Day celebration.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 22-23-25

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 22-23-25 in the amount of \$325,171.81 from the enumerated funds for a total to be approved of \$325,171.81.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-01

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-01 in the amount of \$5,535.83 from the enumerated funds, and \$290,577.66 from payroll funds for the period ending 04/20/23 for a total to be approved of \$296,113.05.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

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 June 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023 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 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the Community Action Committee will meet on May 13, 2023 at Indian Prairie Public Library from 10:00 – Noon.

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 Gustafson to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RECOMMEND ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO

THE PLANNING AND ZONNG COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION REVIEW

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-43-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STEVE PIPER AND SONS, INC., FOR TUB GRINDING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,200.00

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-44-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 11 PRIVATE PROPERTY REAR YARD STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,011.21 OF CITY FUNDS

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-45-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A QUOTE FROM TERRAIN LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS, FOR THE DARIEN CLOCK TOWER MAINTENANCE PROJECT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PLAINFIELD AND CASS AVE FOR FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE, WALL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT, RESETTING OF THE PAVERS AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES WITH MODIFIED LIGHTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,875.00

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-46-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL150-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION – (MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028)

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Chlystek, Gustafson, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. OATH OF OFFICE:

- **MAYOR – JOSEPH A. MARCHESE**
- **CITY CLERK – JOANNE E. RAGONA**
- **TREASURER – MICHAEL J. COREN**
- **ALDERMAN WARD 2 – RALPH STOMPANATO**
- **ALDERMAN WARD 4 – GERARD “GERRY” LEGANSKI**
- **ALDERMAN WARD 6 – ERIC K. GUSTAFSON**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Joseph A. Marchese. Mayor Marchese administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk JoAnne E. Ragona. Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Treasurer Michael J. Coren. Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Ralph Stompanato – Ward 2, Alderman Gerard “Gerry” Leganski – Ward 4, and Alderman Eric K. Gustafson – Ward 6.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALDERMAN TOM CHLYSTEK FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Mayor Marchese read the resolution into record.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-23

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALDERMAN TOM CHLYSTEK FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan, Marchese, Ragona, Coren, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Marchese presented Alderman Chlystek with the Resolution and a Plaque of Appreciation.

Alderman Chlystek stated that it was a pleasure serving the community; all are in good hands with new Aldermen.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALDERMAN LESTER VAUGHAN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Mayor Marchese read the resolution into record.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-13-23

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALDERMAN LESTER VAUGHAN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF DARIEN, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan, Marchese, Ragona, Coren, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 12, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Marchese presented Alderman Vaughan with the Resolution and a Plaque of Appreciation.

Alderman Vaughan thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution and honor of serving with such committed individuals. He thanked Administrator Vana for his leadership; Director Gombac, Chief Thomas and City staff in making Darien a nice place to live; and his family for all their support and encouragement over the years. He stated public service is a call to action that requires commitment and sacrifice. He stressed to Council, they represent an entire City filled with diversity, young families, and people

who deserve opportunity. He encouraged to always strive for greatness, make the City dynamic and all residents proud to live here.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADVICE AND CONSENT TO MAYOR MARCHESE’S COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND CHAIRMAN THEREOF

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mary Coyle Sullivan, Chairperson

Ted Schauer

Gerry Leganski

POLICE COMMITTEE

Joseph Kenny, Chairperson

Ralph Stompanato

Eric Gustafson

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Thomas Belczak, Chairperson

Ted Schauer

Ralph Stompanato

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 THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS: GREGORY THOMAS, POLICE CHIEF AND DANIEL GOMBAC, DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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

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 EMPLOYEE LEASING AGREEMENT WITH GOVTEMPUSA, LLC (BRYON VANA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR)

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-49-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE LEASING AGREEMENT WITH GOVTEMPUSA, LLC (BRYON VANA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Marchese administered the Oath of Office to Chief Thomas, Director Gombac, and Administrator Vana.

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

Mayor Marchese...

...commented Darien has been fortunate to have City Councils that are not partisan. Members run as independents to serve the community and not a political party.

...thanked Aldermen Chlystek and Vaughan for their service.

...thanked Aldermen Stompanato and Leganski for running. He stated Council makes non-emotional decisions that are in the best interest of residents. He congratulated and

wished them both well. He advised Council is always available and encouraged them to seek assistance.

Alderman Leganski thanked Ward Four residents, his wife, family and neighbors. He plans to apply the same communication skills currently used with his neighborhood group throughout the entire Ward. By keeping all informed and sharing concerns, he hopes his Ward can serve as a model to others in the City.

Alderman Stompanato looks forward to the journey in representing Ward Two and the City. Having lived in Darien most of his life, he has seen growth and struggles. He thanked his family and all those in his Ward for their support. He recognized Alderman Vaughan for his service.

Alderman Gustafson stated he had many to thank, especially his wife, Debbie. He applauded everyone for voting; he looks forward to the next four years.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...welcomed new Council members and wished outgoing members a fond goodbye and thank you for their service.

...thanked Mayor Marchese, Clerk Ragona, and Treasurer Coren for signing up for another four years.

...thanked the Mayor and City for allowing her to represent Darien in the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) in the Illinois Municipal League drive down Lobby Day in Springfield. She was happy for the informative opportunity of meeting legislators and spending time with IDOT representative. She encouraged Council members to attend in the future.

...recognized Mayor Marchese for serving as President of DMMC and being a highly respected and appreciated leader who has highlighted our community in a positive way.

Mayor Marchese...

...commented the main reason for drive down to Springfield was to encourage State Legislature to restore Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). He provided a synopsis of history. He noted, due to financial difficulties, in 2011 the State lowered the return from 10% to 6% and even tried to abolish LGDF. He noted between 2011 and 2023 the City of Darien lost \$14M in possible state revenue; monies that could be used for infrastructure improvement and public safety. The State of IL lost \$8B.

...he encouraged all residents to contact their respective State Representative John Egofske, Anne Stava-Murray, and/or Senator John Curran about voting to support restoration of LGDF bill sponsored by Representative Anthony DeLuca; decision will be made by May 19.

Alderman Kenny commented residents should question Legislature on how they will be voting.

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 8:33 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 05-01-23. Minutes of 05-01-23 CCM.