

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 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

February 6, 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**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were none.

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Marchese received a phone call from resident on Lyman Avenue regarding refuse dumped at the previously occupied CVS location on Lemont Road; owner will be contacted regarding removal.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

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 22-23-19

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 22-23-19 in the amount of \$1,380,957.25 from the enumerated funds, and \$268,062.74 from payroll funds for the period ending 01/26/23 for a total to be approved of \$1,649,019.99.

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. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of December 2022.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$13,686,660; Expenditures \$9,341,892; Current Balance \$7,243,703
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$5,448,747; Expenditures \$4,910,291; Current Balance \$3,985,327
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$860,776; Expenditures \$392,643; Current Balance \$1,406,168
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$35,256; Expenditures \$1,876,992; Current Balance \$1,914,970
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,832,143; Expenditures \$3,571,412; Current Balance \$13,934,160

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. She stated the Committee-of-the-Whole 2023-24 Budget Meetings are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 P.M. followed by Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 P.M., with review at City Council Meeting on March 6. Liaison Sullivan noted the next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Marchese noted budget meetings are open to the public and televised.

Liaison Sullivan announced all are invited to celebrate Deborah Coulman. Citizen of the Year dinner/dance will be held on March 3, 2023 at Alpine Banquets; cocktails begin 6:00 P.M. followed by dinner/program/dancing at 7:00 P.M.; reservation and payment details were provided.

On February 21 at City Council Meeting, presentation of Resolution will take place; and congratulatory cake and coffee reception will be held in the Police Department Training Room immediately following Council meeting.

To be more inclusive, Mayor Marchese acknowledged that key organizations were invited to recognize their person/member of the year and highlight the tireless efforts made by these individuals and the groups supporting our community.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting scheduled for February 21, 2023 has been cancelled.

Police Pension Board – Liaison Coren announced the next quarterly meeting of the Police Pension Board will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 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 Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DARIEN DASH, A 10K RUN/A 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK, ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE DARIEN DASH:

THE 5K AND 10K COURSE:

START ON IRONWOOD AVENUE AT THE DARIEN SWIM AND RECREATION CLUB AND HEAD NORTH TO 69TH STREET. TURN EAST ON TO 69TH STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE;

TURN SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO 70TH STREET; TURN EAST ON 70TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; TURN NORTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 69TH STREET; TURN EAST ON 69TH STREET TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; TURN SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO 70TH STREET; TURN WEST ON 70TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; TURN SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; TURN EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; TURN SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO 71ST STREET; TURN WEST 71ST STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; TURN NORTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; TURN WEST ONTO MAPLE LANE TO RICHMOND AVENUE; TURN SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; TURN WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE; TURN NORTH ON BEECHNUT LANE TO IRONWOOD AVENUE; TURN EAST ON IRONWOOD AVENUE TO START/FINISH LINE

1-MILE COURSE:

START ON IRONWOOD AVENUE AT THE DARIEN SWIM AND RECREATION CLUB AND HEAD NORTH TO 69TH STREET. TURN EAST ON TO 69TH STREET TO SIERRA DRIVE; TURN SOUTH ON SIERRA DRIVE TO 71ST STREET; TURN WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE; TURN NORTH ON BEECHNUT LANE TO IRONWOOD AVENUE; TURN WEST ON IRONWOOD AVENUE TO START/FINISH LINE

- C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS UP TO \$10,000 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH I/O SOLUTIONS TO CONDUCT TESTING TO ESTABLISH AN ELIGIBILITY LIST FROM WHICH TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS TO FILL ANTICIPATED OPENINGS**

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. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Administrator Vana explained the background/history resulting in the Memorandum of Understanding and grant of \$35,000. He stated the agreement will provide Chamber membership to all Darien businesses for one year. To remind residents of the importance of local businesses, the next quarterly newsletter will feature the business community.

Mayor Marchese commented the grant is an investment in the business community of the City of Darien.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-19-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND THE
DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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

 Nays: Chlystek, Gustafson

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

There were none.

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 7:47 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 02-06-23. Minutes of 02-06-23 CCM.