

WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 16, 2021 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**

**August 16, 2021**

**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. **SWEARING IN OF “MAYOR FOR THE DAY” SAMUEL BERGMAN**

Clerk Ragona swore in Samuel Bergman as “Mayor for the Day.”

4. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Thomas J. Belczak	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Joseph A. Kenny	Lester Vaughan
	Ted V. Schauer	

Absent:	Thomas M. Chlystek
	Eric K. Gustafson

Also in Attendance:	Joseph Marchese, Mayor
	Samuel Bergman, Mayor for the Day
	JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
	Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
	Bryon Vana, City Administrator
	Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
	Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services
	Jordan Yanke, City Planner

5. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** – There being five aldermen present, Mayor Bergman declared a quorum.

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

Jim Bulla, 3100 block of Drover Lane, stated he favored the cart only garbage program; he was not in favor of including a sticker option in Request for Proposal.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 2, 2021 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 2, 2021.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Kenny, Schauer, Vaughan, Sullivan
	Abstain:	Belczak
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Chlystek, Gustafson

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

8. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer...

...received communication from Anna & Chuck Heery, 1300 block of Greenbriar Lane, and Lisa Cairo, 7900 block of Pine Court, regarding noise from Q Bar; reverberation is heard inside their homes. They were not in favor of Q Bar having outdoor music. Alderman Schauer commented about meeting Mayor Marchese had with business owner; outdoor music to stop in September.

Alderman Kenny received communication from Michael Scheck, unincorporated Downers Grove, regarding assistance with water rates because trees were suffering from the drought.

Alderman Vaughn received communication from XJ Herrera, 7000 block of Clarendon Hills Road, regarding traffic on Clarendon Hills Road; a family dog was hit by a car and was seen on security camera.

Alderwoman Sullivan received communication from Drew Kelly regarding frustration with Advanced Disposal customer service; City Staff assisted in rectifying issue. Mr.

Kelly commented that customer service should be a factor when accessing Request for Proposals.

Mayor Marchese...

...read letter of gratitude received from Village of Woodridge Mayor Gina Cunningham regarding tornado relief assistance. Mayor Cunningham sent a personal note to City of Darien, neighbors, Darien Lions Club and volunteers for their generosity and donations to the tornado victims.

...spoke about email from April Padalik, Darien Chamber of Commerce, reporting on successful Darien Fest. She thanked City of Darien, Darien Police Department, Darien Women's Club, Cancer Smashers, Bob Taft and Q Bar Staff, and Darien Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for their assistance.

...received email from Burr Ridge Veterinary Clinic congratulating Chamber of Commerce on a successful event; there were no issues on west side of Cass Avenue.

...highlighted report from Chief Thomas regarding manpower, parking and noise.

...received positive feedback regarding Darien Fest food and drink.

...thanked all for a successful Darien Fest.

9. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION "NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & ACTION MONTH" (SEPTEMBER 2021)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring September 2021 as National Suicide Prevention & Action Month.

**B. POLICE PENSION ACTUARIAL REPORT**

Jason Franken, Foster & Foster, Inc. provided highlights from the Police Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation as of May 1, 2021. He reviewed summary of results, unfunded accrued liabilities, funded ratio, GASB information and asset valuation. Mr. Franken addressed Council question.

10. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that City offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

11. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**A. GARBAGE SERVICE RENEWAL DISCUSSION**

Administrator Vana stated garbage service Request for Proposal (RFP) process will begin on August 17, 2021. As Council requested, RFP includes full cart and sticker program options. Contractors are encouraged to propose additional services that may improve the program.

12. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2021**

Chief Thomas provided highlights from monthly report regarding: student safety & alcohol use, school bus etiquette, tornado safety, crime alert – stolen motor vehicles, citizen complaints, crime & traffic statistics, and officer performance. He responded to Council questions. The August 2021 Police Department Monthly Report is available on the City website.

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

13. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 21-22-08**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 21-22-08 in the amount of \$827,740.45 from the enumerated funds, and \$262,718.13 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/12/21 for a total to be approved of \$1,090,458.58.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek, Gustafson

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

14. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for September 7, 2021 at

6:00 P.M. She stated the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for September 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

**Police Pension Board** – Liaison Coren provided an update on the second calendar quarter performance results. He stated performance was very good with a 5.1% total quarterly return, 7.7% from equities and 1.4% from fixed income. Liaison Coren positively noted the Police Pension Board was increasing equity investment from 60% to 65%, which is the maximum allowed by the State.

15. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

16. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

17. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN DISTRICT #61**

**B. RESOLUTION NO. R-60-21 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM ECO CLEAN MAINTENANCE TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Belczak, Kenny, Schauer, Sullivan, Vaughan  
                       Nays:       None  
                       Absent:     Chlystek, Gustafson

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

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18. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTIION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (8511 BAILEY ROAD: SOCIETY OF MOUNT CARMEL – SOCIETY OF THE LITTLE FLOWER – NATIONAL SHRINE TO ST. THERESE)**

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

Alderwoman Sullivan questioned the type of amendment, minor versus major; she commented on the historic reference of the “White House.” Director Gombac stated the City has no authority over the esthetics of the property. City Planner Yanke explained since this is an expansion of existing use with no increases to density, building height or use change would be considered a minor amendment; City Attorney had been consulted.

Mark Nosky, Charles Vincent George Architects, explained scope of work.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-12-21     AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A MINOR  
 AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED  
 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (8511  
 BAILEY ROAD: SOCIETY OF MOUNT  
 CARMEL – SOCIETY OF THE LITTLE  
 FLOWER – NATIONAL SHRINE TO ST.  
 THERESE)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek, Gustafson

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

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

There were none.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to adjourn the City Council meeting.

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 8-16-21. Minutes of 8-16-21 CCM.