

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

APRIL 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:

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, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 7, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 7, 2025.

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

Abstain: Kenny, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK NOVERINI TO THE BOARD OF
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan 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

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

Absent: None

MOTION DULY CARRIED

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-24 in the amount of \$706,231.03 from the enumerated funds, and \$313,711.15 from payroll funds for the period ending 04/17/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,019,942.18.

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 – MARCH 2025

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of March 2025.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$18,691,898; Expenditures \$15,253,441; Current Balance \$8,418,682
<u>Water & Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$6,585,036; Expenditures \$7,389,928 Current Balance \$2,921,071
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$951,563; Expenditures \$2,033,941; Current Balance \$604,629
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$770,792; Expenditures \$768,730; Current Balance \$19,023,516

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 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, April 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the next meeting of the Darien Action Committee will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

New Business Items A and B were moved to the Consent Agenda as Items C and D respectively.

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

A. MOTION NO. M-22-25

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE BEST BID FOR STREET LIGHT ELECTRIC SUPPLY

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-20-25

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE AMENDMENT AND VARIATIONS FROM THE DARIEN ZONING ORDINANCE (PZC 2024:-14: 8226 CASS AVENUE, TRUE NORTH ENERGY, LLC)

C. MOTION NO. M-23-25

A MOTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU-EXHIBIT A) REGARDING SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES BETWEEN NORTHEAST DUPAGE FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES (NEDFYS) AND THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MOU

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-21-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, 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 AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-5(C) CLASS E LICENSE OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (TRUE NORTH ENERGY, LLC)

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

Alderwoman Sullivan inquired about gas stations selling liquor and gaming. Council discussion ensued. Mayor Marchese, Director Gombac and Administrator Vana responded. Ryan Howard, Chief Operating Officer True North Energy, LLC, addressed questions regarding request for liquor license, improvements to existing facility and change of ownership. Mayor Marchese was in agreement with granting a Class E liquor license due to security measures, training, and onsite personnel. Treasurer Coren and Alderman Schauer commented favorably regarding improvements.

ORDINANCE NO. O-22-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-5(C) CLASS E LICENSE OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (TRUE NORTH ENERGY, LLC)

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**

Mayor Marchese...

...announced Darien Business Alliance Luncheon will be held on May 14 at Alpine Banquets at 11:30 P.M., which is free to Darien businesses. John Manilla, Partner, Crowe LLP, will present on artificial intelligence. He encouraged alderpersons to attend.

...sent Council registration form to serve on DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Committee; form must be returned by May 15.

...shared Rotary Club of Darien Casino Night fundraiser will be held on April 29 at Alpine Banquets beginning at 6:00 P.M.

...announced Darien Youth Club Opening Day Parade will be held on April 26 beginning at 9:30 A.M.

...noted that Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 25 at Ridgewood Park beginning at 9:30 A.M.

19. **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 7:53 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 04-21-25. Minutes of 04-21-25 CCM.