A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY CLERK RAGONA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 5, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

### of the City Council of the

#### CITY OF DARIEN

August 5, 2024

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 Clerk Ragona.

# 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Clerk Ragona 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 (Remote) Ralph Stompanato Joseph A. Kenny Mary Coyle Sullivan

Gerry Leganski

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: 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. <u>**DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**</u> – There being seven aldermen present, Clerk Ragona declared a quorum.

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Due to the absence of Mayor Marchese, Clerk Ragona asked Council for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.

It was motioned by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to appoint Alderman Kenny as Mayor Pro-Tem. There being no other nominations, she closed the election and called for the question.

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

Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 **MOTION DULY CARRIED** 

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny noted for the benefit of the viewing audience that Alderman Gustafson is participating remotely via phone.

Noel Manley, 69<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on the chaos residents have been experiencing on 69<sup>th</sup> Street since June. He explained the situation started over requests for a neighbor to turn down loud music, which was refused by Steve Messinger, 905 69<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Manley described the acts occurring on 69<sup>th</sup> Street and Ironwood Avenue that have intimidated, menaced and terrorized nearby residents. Mr. Manley thanked Alderman Belczak for his assistance and recognized Police Department efforts. He commented that Steve Messinger was evicted from the property for disorderly conduct.

A letter was read on behalf of neighbors, Scott & Sondra LaPointe, explaining how their family was affected by the situation on 69<sup>th</sup> Street. They asked Council to take appropriate action, so residents of Hinsbrook subdivision can get back to living by Darien's slogan, "A Nice Place to Live."

Claudia Manley commented on Steve Messinger, which included behavior, order of protection, search warrant, and danger to community. She asked Council to consider an e-bike ordinance, e-bike DUI, enforcement of nuisance ordinance, and modification to disorderly conduct ordinance.

#### **City Council Meeting**

A property owner commented on short-term rentals; he urged Council to revisit ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny spoke of current ordinance.

Angie DeYoung voiced concerns with short-term rental property and handling of code violations. Alderman Stompanato noted property owner had no knowledge of ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals. Director Gombac commented on the situation and reviewed the due process given residents with code violations. Alderman Leganski commented regarding similar situation in his Ward and process involved. Council discussion ensued.

### 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 15, 2024

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 15, 2024.

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

Sullivan

Abstain: Belczak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...received communication from Liz Baretto, Waterfall Glen, regarding status of sound wall now that I55 Lemont Street Bridge was completed; she explained the projects are not related. IDOT has no plans for a sound wall.

...stated North Frontage Road curve correction plans are coming together nicely; IDOT roadway striping and sign off are scheduled for completion in August.

...noted Carriage Green Country Club restaurant, "On Par," is close to completion.

### 8. MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny stated during the Work Session New Business Item A was moved to Consent Agenda as Item M.

## 9. <u>CITY CLERK'S REPORT</u>

There was no report.

## 10. <u>CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</u>

There was no report.

#### 11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

#### A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

Chief Thomas announced National Night Out will be held at Westwood Park on August 6.

#### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES - NO REPORT**

### 12. TREASURER'S REPORT

#### A. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-07

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-07 in the amount of \$1,660.556.49 from the enumerated fund and \$323,279.62 from payroll funds for the period ending 07/25/24 for a total to be approved of \$1,983,836.11.

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

Stompanato, Sullivan

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 next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak stated the minutes of the June 24, 2024 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk's Office. He announced the next Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2024 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, August 15, 2024 at 6:00 P.M in the Police Department Training Room. He noted the Actuarial Report will be presented.

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

- A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB STEAK FRY
- B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS "J" TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN LIONS CLUB OCTOBERFEST
- C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN WOMAN'S CLUB
- D. ORDINANCE NO. O-15-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7 RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS
- E. ORDINANCE NO. O-16-24 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN
- F. RESOLUTION NO. R-69-24 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE PROPOSAL FROM ST. AUBIN NURSERY & LANDSCAPING, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE 50/50 PARKWAY TREE

PROGRAM AND THE PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,540.00

G. RESOLUTION NO. R-70-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM RAG'S ELECTRIC FOR THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE OF THE LIGHTING OF THE VARIOUS CITY'S ENTRANCE SIGN LOCATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,410.00

H. RESOLUTION NO. R-71-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM DISCOUNT FENCE COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,855.00 FOR THE PURCHASE, REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF A 6-FOOT HIGH TONGUE AND GROOVE SIERRA BLEND CERTAGRAIN BOARD WOOD FENCE

I. RESOLUTION NO. R-72-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD., TO PERFORM FIVE YEARS (2025-2029) OF STEWARDSHIP (MAINTENANCE) ON THREE ACRES OF RESTORED NATIVE PRAIRIE LOCATED AT ELM STREET AND ELEANOR PLACE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,215.00 ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS

J. RESOLUTION NO. R-73-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 7117 HUDSON STREET 09-28-205-005

K. RESOLUTION NO. R-74-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW, MODEL TL-3 SCORPION TOWABLE TRAILER ATTENUATOR, FROM STREET SMART RENTALS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,785.00

L. RESOLUTION NO. R-75-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM GARLAND/DBS, INC., FOR THE LABOR, MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION OF LIMITED TUCK-POINTING, WINDOW REPLACEMENT, GUTTER AND DOWNSPOUT REPLACEMENT, METAL FLASHING REPLACEMENT, NEW METAL CAPS/FLASHING AND THE REFURBISHING OF THE GARAGE FLOOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING FACILITY LOCATED AT 1041 SOUTH FRONTAGE RD., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$285,663.005

M. RESOLUTION NO. R-76-24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION, YEAR 4, WITH ECO CLEAN MAINTENANCE, INC. TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,896.00

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

Claudia Manly inquired about police-related statistics; Chief Thomas responded.

Alderwoman Sullivan complimented Municipal Services on proactive use of Vactor truck in maintaining storm drains.

## 19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

|            | Mayor Pro-Tem |
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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 08-05-24. Minutes of 08-05-24 CCM.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.