

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Purchase or Lease of Real Estate Section 2(C)(5) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:01 P.M., with no action to be taken.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to adjourn Executive Session.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:20 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JUNE 16, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:33 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

June 16, 2025

7:33 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:33 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
	Joseph A. Kenny	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Gerry Leganski	

Absent:	Eric K. Gustafson
	Ralph Stompanato

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon Vana, City Administrator
John B. Murphey, City Attorney
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

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

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

Tracy Sims, 500 block of 71st Street, commented on concerns with e-bikes, scooters and skateboards. He shared diagram of dangerous situations occurring on his block/surrounding area. Mayor Marchese invited Mr. Sims to attend Police Committee meeting on July 21 in the Police Department Training Room.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 2, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 2, 2025.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Sullivan
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Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. DARIEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING – JUNE 5, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the Darien City Council and the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of June 5, 2025.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Kenny received communication from Martin Gorski regarding Metronet subcontractor doing work after 8:00 P.M.; issue was discussed with City Planner Murphy and Director Gombac.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...commented on communication Drew Kelly sent to DuPage County regarding timing of traffic light at Boughton Road & Lemont Road. She thanked Director Gombac for obtaining swift action from DuPage County in making adjustment.

...stated Darien City Council and the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting minutes were approved. She noted Luanne Spiros volunteered to act as Park District Liaison; City Council liaison to be determined.

...commented on neighboring resident/subdivision concerns and feedback pertaining to Carriage Greens Golf Course (CGGC) fencing; CGGC owners are proceeding with fence on the 3rd hole.

Mayor Marchese received communication from...

...Tracy Joyce regarding CGGC fencing that is covering half of her backyard.
...resident, who lives along 3rd hole, regarding CGGC fencing.

Alderwoman Sullivan commented on meetings held regarding CGGC vandalism/damage and fencing.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. DARIEN LIONS CLUB 2025 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR – ANDREW BRUNSEN

Mayor Marchese explained history and selection process behind Darien Lions Club Humanitarian of the Year award. He highlighted Andrew Brunsen's volunteerism and involvement with local churches, Darien Youth Club, and Darien Lions Club. He presented Mr. Brunsen with a replica brick that will be placed in his honor at Darien Community Park.

Mr. Brunsen was honored and humbled to receive the award; he said the recognition belongs to many including all volunteers, donors, neighbors and especially his wife & two sons. At a young age his parents taught him that compassion, generosity, and showing up for others are the most important things in life. He feels fortunate to be surrounded by a community that steps up.

B. TIF/CHESTNUT COURT UPDATE

Attorney Murphey provided an updated overview of the Tax Increment Financing process, incentive calculation & distribution, sequencing roadmap, timetable and project clarification. Director Gombac spoke about project phases. Attorney Murphey and Director Gombac addressed Council questions.

Art Donner, 7500 block of Cambridge Road, inquired if developer can take apartment project and move elsewhere. Attorney Murphey stated City has the ability to amend or repeal ordinance.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced...
...City offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
...the July 7 City Council Meeting has been cancelled.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT–MAY REPORT

Chief Thomas provided highlights from the May 2025 Monthly Report, which included Drone Program, Police Social Worker Program, and Police Auxiliary Program.

Chief Thomas noted e-bikes/bicycles on the road must follow “Rules of the Road.” He said residents who encounter issues should call 911. He encouraged attendance at Police Commission Meeting on July 21.

Chief Thomas addressed Council question regarding elimination of Police Auxiliary Program effective April 30, 2025.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 25-26-04

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-04 in the amount of \$1,072,494.32 from the enumerated funds, and \$374,826.86 from payroll funds for the period ending 6/12/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,447,321.18.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese stated Darien Action Committee met on June 14, 2025.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS FOR PROPERTY INTERESTS TO BE ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE PLAINFIELD ROAD – CASS AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENTS FOR PROPERTY INTERESTS TO BE ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE PLAINFIELD ROAD – CASS AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS, TO PURCHASE (6) TABLES FROM MIDWEST OFFICE INTERIORS USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,529.62

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

MOTION NO. M-44-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS, TO PURCHASE (6) TABLES FROM MIDWEST OFFICE INTERIORS USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,529.62

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS, TO PURCHASE (12) CHAIRS FROM MIDWEST OFFICE INTERIORS USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,794.35

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

MOTION NO. M-45-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS, TO PURCHASE (12) CHAIRS FROM MIDWEST OFFICE INTERIORS USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,794.35

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS, TO PURCHASE (1) POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE FROM MIDWEST911, INC. USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,429.70

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

MOTION NO. M-46-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS, TO PURCHASE (1) POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE FROM MIDWEST911, INC. USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,429.70

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson, Stompanato

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Leganski announced multi-family garage sale to take place in his Ward on Friday & Saturday (June 20 & 21).

Alderwoman Sullivan encouraged all to attend Sokol SLET starting Wednesday, June 25 at Hinsdale South High School stadium. Event information can be found on Community Calendar and in Direct Connect eNews.

Mayor Marchese...

...thanked Darien Park District for enhancing pavilion commemorative pavers. Darien Lions dedication ceremony will take place after the July 4th Parade.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:51 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 06-16-25.
Minutes of 06-16-25 CCM.