

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE APRIL 5, 2021 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**April 5, 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. **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
	Eric K. Gustafson	Lester Vaughan
	Joseph A. Kenny	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Bryon D. 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**

A. Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole, February 17, 2021

B. Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole, February 23, 2021

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings of February 17 and February 23, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

C. City Council Meeting, March 15, 2021

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 15, 2021.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...received communication from Andrew Kelly regarding new building in Brookhaven Plaza. He suggesting adding ivy to the building; request was forwarded to Director Gombac.

...received several communications against zoning changes to Steak 'n Shake property to allow a cannabis dispensary; communication was forwarded for inclusion in the Planning & Zoning Commission Packet.

...encouraged residents to attend Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, April 7, regarding proposed 68-unit apartment development at 2305 Sokol Court (South of I-55). Informational packet is available on website.

...received inquiry from Kevin Drum regarding cards or mailings containing public information. Alderwoman Sullivan explained due to lean budget, communication has been electronic and is posted on City website. She noted she was available to provide assistance.

...received inquiry regarding ability to start compost collection similar to Village of Westmont. Mayor Marchese will contact Cynthia McGann, Good Worx Inc. regarding compost site located at Eisenhower Junior High School on old tennis courts.

Alderman Chlystek received inquiry from Henry Fylstra, 8000 block of Farmingdale Drive, regarding inability to stop delivery of “insideshopper” weekly circular that is left on driveway.

Alderman Kenny received communication from

... Dennis Kelly regarding videotaping, which he had done for 20 years.

...Maryann Fogarty who was not in favor of rezoning Steak n' Shake location.

...Lynda Ley, on Claremont, who was in favor of rezoning Steak n' Shake location.

Alderman Vaughan received communication from Joline Lobedis and Bruce Burrell against the rezoning of Steak n' Shake location.

Alderman Gustafson...

...was informed by neighbor that Village of Woodridge had a non-binding referendum on ballot regarding marijuana dispensary.

...received inquiry from neighbor regarding electronic sign at new Dunkin' location; he informed neighbor electronic sign received a negative vote by Council.

## 8. MAYORS REPORT

### A. VACCINE REPORT

- Mayor Marchese continues to have weekly Zoom meetings with DuPage County Health Department.
- Governor announced development of “bridge” program within Phase 4 of Restore Illinois Program effective when 70% vaccination rate is reached among seniors 65 and older.
- Illinois is currently at 72% of this population.

- DuPage County has vaccinated 81% (first dose) of those 65 and older; almost 58% has received both doses.
- Due to metric increases, DuPage County has not been able to move into the “bridge” program.
  - Greatest increases occurred in the 20-39 age group (72% increase) and the 40-59 age group (50% increase).
- DuPage County is vaccinating individuals in the 1a, 1b, and 1b+ populations.
- DuPage County Health Department is receiving on average 20,000 doses per week, which does not include State allotment to local pharmacies.
- Darien staff is working on getting homebound population vaccinated; call City Hall for assistance.

**B. 9/11 COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND**

- Mayor Marchese called attention to the 9/11 flag behind the dais that was donated by April Padalik.
- Plans continue to be developed to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy.
- Working with educators/schools to involve local school children.
- First Responders Parade on September 11.
- Following parade a community picnic will be held at Darien Community Park; which will include speakers and recognition of individuals.
- Darien Dash on September 12; following Darien Dash, concert will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club that will include performances by local school choirs and the 144<sup>th</sup> Guard.
- Other Activities will be conducted during the month of September to commemorate this event including a Proclamation, blue ribbons around trees, and more.
- Informational updates will follow in Direct Connect eNews.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced Polling Places for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election open at 6:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT**



**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for April 17, 2021 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 Belczak 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 THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE:**

- **THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ON MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021, BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M., SPONSORED BY THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB AND**
- **AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: FROM THE JEWEL PARKING LOT, NORTH ON CASS AVENUE TO 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET; EAST ON 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. R-19-21      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) MAPPING FOR ZONING DISTRICTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00 AND FOR A CONTINGENCY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL EDITS AS FIELD IDENTIFIED TO UPDATE THE GIS MAPPING**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R-20-21      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC WORKS REAR YARD STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS:**  
**1. PW PROJECT FYE22-1 – LEONARD DR-**

**RICHMOND AVE-67<sup>TH</sup> ST TO CHESTNUT LN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$116,805**

- 2. PW PROJECT FYE22-2 – HARVEST PL-2928, 2940, 2952, 2964, 2976, 2988, 3000, HARVEST LN-8589, 8583, MEADOW CT – 2941, 2951, 2961, 2971, 2981 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,305**
- 3. PW PROJECT FYE22-3 – BAYBERRY LN-7210, 7214, 7218, 7222, WALDEN LN-1629, 7217, 7213, 7209 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,883**
- 4. PW PROJECT FYE22-4 – DOWNERS DR-3200, CLIFFORD DR-8667, 8655 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,733**
- 5. PW PROJECT FYE22-5 – BELLER DR-2961, MEADOW LN-8356 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,607**
- 6. PW PROJECT FYE22-6 – CLARENDON HILLS RD-ALABAMA AVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,500**
- 7. PW PROJECT FYE22-7 – TAMARACK DR-922 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,418**
- 8. PW PROJECT FYE22-8 – GLENYERE RD-8509 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,842**

**E. RESOLUTION NO. R-21-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM PRECISION PAVEMENT MARKINGS, INC., AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,500.00 FOR THE 2021 STREET STRIPING PROGRAM**

**F. RESOLUTION NO. R-22-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE PROPERTY YARD STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECTS:**

- 1A. PROJECT FYE22-17 – ALABAMA AVE & CHESTNUT LN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,018, (CITY COST \$7,931 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$8,087)**
- 2A. PROJECT FYE22-20 – ARROW LN. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,520, (CITY COST \$12,389 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$5,131)**

- 3A. PROJECT FYE22-21 – BROMPTON DR. & BRUNSWICK RD. & DARTMOUTH LN. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,454, (CITY COST \$3,454 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$1,000)
- 4A. PROJECT FYE22-22 – FARMINGDALE DR. & GLEN LN. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8225, (CITY COST \$5,419 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$2,806)
- 5A. PROJECT FYE22-23 – 71<sup>ST</sup> ST. & 72<sup>ND</sup> ST. & BENTLEY AVE. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,605, (CITY COST \$13,083 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$11,522)
- 6A. PROJECT FYE22-24 – WILLOW CREEK LN. & WINTERBERRY LN. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,084, (CITY COST \$12,063 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$5,021)
- 7A. PROJECT FYE22-25 – IROQUOIS LN. & SLEEPY HOLLOW LN. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,386, (CITY COST \$13,552 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$11,834)
- 8A. PROJECT FYE22-26 – EXNER RD. & SUMMIT RD. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,201, (CITY COST \$4,921 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$4,280)
- 9A. PROJECT FYE22-27 – COUNTRY LN. & WALNUT DR. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,741 (CITY COST \$14,055 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$5,686)
- 10A. PROJECT FYE22-29 – EVERGREEN LN. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,412, (CITY COST \$4,059 RESIDENT REIMBURSEMENT \$2,353)

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 AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF RETAINING WALLS, DRAINAGE, TREE REMOVAL, TREE PLANTING, GRADING AND GENERAL LANDSCAPE RESTORATION AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AT COSTS NOT TO EXCEED:**

**\$117,301 FOR PROJECT 1 - 1900 BLOCK OF MANNING ROAD**

**PROJECT 2 - MANNING ROAD-IMMEDIATELY WEST FROM COTTAGE LANE**

**\$ 81,040 FOR PROJECT 3 - CARMELITE CENTER 8400 BLOCK OF BAILEY ROAD**

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

Alderman Chylstek confirmed that Project 3 was to address Carmelite flooding concern.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM UNILOCK INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF THE UNILOCK, SIENNA EDGE WALL, COPING BLOCK AND GEOGRID AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$54,250-(PALLET RETURN VALUE \$2,920)**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-23-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM UNILOCK INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF THE UNILOCK, SIENNA EDGE WALL, COPING BLOCK AND GEOGRID AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$54,250-(PALLET RETURN VALUE \$2,920)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE RETAINING WALLS FOR PROJECT 1-3 AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE RETAINING WALLS FOR PROJECTS 1-3 TO TERRAIN LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,800**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R-24-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE RETAINING WALLS FOR PROJECTS 1-3 AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE RETAINING WALLS FOR PROJECTS 1-3 TO TERRAIN LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,800**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET**

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

Mayor Marchese noted there were no questions by residents or Aldermen during the Budget Hearing. Administrator Vana noted the Budget was available in Direct Connect and on social media platforms.

Chairwoman Sullivan thanked Council and Staff for their efforts and support. She expressed pleasure in seeing programs reinstated to serve residents. Chairwoman Sullivan encouraged all residents to review budget summary pages for a better understanding of how their tax dollars are allocated.

Mayor Marchese reported the 2021-2022 Budget was finalized with no property tax or water rate increases. Alderman Chylstek clarified that DuPage County raised rates. Treasurer Coren stated new rates were effective January 1, 2021; information was enclosed with resident utility bill.

Alderman Kenny noted that as property value increases normally taxes also increase.

Mayor Marchese received inquiries regarding how the City faired with COVID. He explained \$3.6M was slashed from the 2020-2021 Budget. Due to fiscal conservativeness, federal CARES Act money, and increases in Motor Fuel Tax funds, the City made it through a tough year. He was pleased to report the budget is back to normal with capital projects moving forward.

**ORDINANCE O-05-21**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2021-2022 BUDGET**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

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

Alderman Kenny commented regarding changes in ownership of refuse hauler to Waste Management and sticker price increase effective April 1. Administrator Vana explained this is the last year of contract.

Mayor Marchese...

...noted Bill Christenson and Mike Falco representing the Darien Lions Club as Co-Chairs for the July 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11 parades were in the audience. Mr. Christenson explained the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> this year, which is the recognized federal holiday. He noted St. John Lutheran Church is on the parade route and having the parade on Sunday would disrupt church services.

...encouraged all residents to vote on April 6; the election involves many entities. He wished all candidates good luck.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 4-05-21. Minutes of 4-05-21 CCM.