

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

September 6, 2022

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	Mary Coyle Sullivan
	Joseph A. Kenny	Lester Vaughan
	Ted V. Schauer	

Absent:	Thomas M. Chlystek
	Eric K. Gustafson

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 five aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 1, 2022

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 1, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chlystek, Gustafson

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Aldерwoman Sullivan...

...received calls and emails from residents regarding the status of the Darien Heights Development. Director Gombac provided a detailed update on the project. Homeowner Association representatives will receive updates once final permitting takes place.

...commented she and Mayor Marchese have had conversations with residents in the Brookeridge Creek subdivision regarding excessive traffic and parking concerns created by the Honey Bee Gardens Farmer’s Market, which takes place on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Council discussion ensued. Director Gombac has contacted owner to discuss amicable parking.

Mayor Marchese stated that canned goods and monetary donations collected during “Darien Rocks the Greens” summer concerts were sent to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food Pantry; he read thank you note from Father Smialek for the generous donation.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Marchese provided the following update:

- Wished all students a safe and productive school year.
- Provided an update on the students who made a presentation to the Council and Darien Community Action Committee for the development of a Farmer’s Market in Darien. Hailey Bishop and Camden Kiefer submitted their proposal to the Bill of Rights Institute and won a second place award of \$5,000. He congratulated them on their scholarship and commitment to civic engagement.

- Expressed pleasure that “Darien Rocks the Greens” concert series was an overwhelming success. He thanked City staff, April Padalik, LRS and Carriage Greens.
- On a sadder note, shared Reverend Alphonse Micka or “Father Al,” as affectionately known, passed away on August 30. He was Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Darien, formerly known as St. Mary’s, which was established in 1959. He served the parish for 47 years seeing the building of the current church and the growth of the school. Mass service will be held on September 7, at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of Peace Church. Father Al will be remembered for his commitment to the parish and community.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – NO REPORT

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Mayor Marchese summarized discussion from Work Session regarding opportunity to enhance sign on the southwest corner of Cass Avenue & Plainfield Road that was damaged during an accident. He reviewed three different sign options. Council discussion ensued. Director Gombac will put together specifics on the available options, so Council can review and provide direction.

Director Gombac stated streetlight LEDs are reaching end of useful life and need replacement, which has resulted in an increase of outage reports.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 22-23-08

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 22-23-08 in the amount of \$1,730,948.89 from the enumerated funds and \$273,955.88 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/11/22 for a total to be approved of \$2,004,904.77.

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

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

B. WARRANT NUMBER 22-23-09

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 22-23-09 in the amount of \$392,271.86 from the enumerated funds and \$278,399.36 from payroll funds for the period ending 08/25/22 for a total to be approved of \$670,671.22.

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

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

C. MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2022

D. MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2022

E. MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2022

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of July 2022.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$5,894,557; Expenditures \$3,954,081; Current Balance \$6,539,411
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,139,602; Expenditures \$1,363,509; Current Balance \$3,222,962
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$227,244; Expenditures \$75,741; Current Balance \$1,089,538
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$3,687; Expenditures \$564,495; Current Balance \$3,195,899

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$137,015; Expenditures \$1,083,840;
Current Balance \$13,026,604

Treasurer Coren stated the auditors will present Annual Financial Report at the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairman Sullivan noted auditors and actuary will be in attendance at the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting. She thanked City staff for a successful Fiscal 22 audit. She stated the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak stated the minutes of the August 1, 2022 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Police Pension Board – Liaison Coren announced the Police Pension Board quarterly meeting was held on September 1, 2022. He stated 2nd calendar quarter results were a –11.6% return. Liaison Coren noted pension funds were transferred into the State Consolidation fund.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Marchese stated New Business Items A – D have been moved to Consent Agenda as Items A – D.

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

- A. RESOLUTION NO. R-65-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT EXTENSION, YEAR 2, WITH ECO CLEAN MAINTENANCE TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,496.00
- B. RESOLUTION NO. R-66-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND WIRING OF FIVE (5) STREETLIGHTS FOR THE FARMINGDALE DRIVE STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH RAGS ELECTRIC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,500.00
- C. ORDINANCE NO. O-17-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-11(C) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (LIQUOR CONTROL REGULATIONS)
- D. RESOLUTION NO. R-67-22 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (EXPENDITURE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS FOR THE FY 2021/22 GENERAL MAINTENANCE - MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS STREETS AND RIGHTS OF WAY THAT IMPACT THE CITY STREETS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,479.43)

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

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

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

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

Alderwoman Sullivan announced...

...Rotary Club of Darien is sponsoring a “Recycling Extravaganza” on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 A.M. – Noon at 1702 Plainfield Road. Information is available on the City website and in Direct Connect eNews.

...LRS electronic waste event is scheduled for the week of September 19; preregistration is required.

Treasurer Coren recognized Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., City Attorney Murphey, and LRS for their support in making the summer concerts a success.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Mayor Marchese

City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 9-6-22. Minutes of 9-6-22 CCM.