

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 6, 2024 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**MAY 6, 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 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	Ralph Stompanato
	Gerry Leganski	Mary Coyle Sullivan

Absent: Eric K. Gustafson

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  
Jordan Yanke, City Planner

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

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were none.

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Schauer received communication from...

...Cathy Rojas, 900 block of 79<sup>th</sup> Street, regarding speeding on 79<sup>th</sup> Street. Director Gombac commented on speed study and the next steps to be taken.

...Robert Altepeter, 8400 block of Mystic Trace, regarding cars illegally parking on his side of the street and blocking driveway. Mr. Altepeter was directed to call 911. Director Gombac noted an additional NO parking sign will be added.

Alderwoman Sullivan received communication from ...

...Carriage Greens Country Club asking neighbors to be mindful of the golf course, which is private property.

...several residents regarding road closure signage posted on North Frontage Road. She explained IDOT curve correction project will be starting; Bailey Road to entrance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be closed from May 15 through August.

... Lisa Janek expressing desire for a sound wall along Frontage Road.

...Kelly Glisan inquiring about work being done at Carriage Greens Country Club; Municipal Service is addressing revisions to pavilion.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Marchese stated City Planner Yanke will be leaving; he thanked him for his work and dedication. City Planner Yanke thanked Director Gombac and Administrator Vana for their direction over the last couple of years.

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 – NO REPORT**

Director Gombac commented on IDOT project located at North Frontage Road and Cass Avenue. He stated effective May 15 the road will be closed just west of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church driveway to Bailey Road. Director Gombac anticipates an August completion date. He reviewed detour route.

Alderwoman Sullivan commented that no homes are impacted and school buses will be rerouted. Director Gombac noted schools have been notified.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-25**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-25 in the amount of \$413,940.62 from the enumerated funds, and \$306,217.46 from payroll funds for the period ending 04/18/24 for a total to be approved of \$720,158.08.

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

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:      Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-01**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-01 in the amount of \$57,942.97 from the enumerated funds, and \$407,836.92 from payroll funds for the period ending 05/02/24 for a total to be approved of \$465,779.89.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak announced the next Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the Darien Community Action Committee will meet on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 11:00 – 12:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

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

Attorney Murphey commented about Consent Agenda Item B regarding the Woodland Glen Development. For clarification purposes, he noted Council approved rezoning the property and granted preliminary plan approval. He stated Council’s task is to determine whether final plans comply with the rezoned property. He noted Planning & Zoning Commission and Municipal Services Committee recommended favorable consideration.

Attorney Uribe commented on letter she submitted on behalf of her clients, Tony and Jeanine Antiporek. Ms. Antiporek and several area residents voiced their concerns with the Woodland Glen Development.

Alderwoman Sullivan inquired about communication from Christopher B. Burke Engineering. Director Gombac responded and explained review process by DuPage County including Transportation, Sanitary District, and Stormwater. He commented on mylar preparation and letter of credit requirements.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

- **THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 2024, 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 71ST STREET; EAST ON 71ST STREET TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**B. ORDINANCE NO. O-09-24**                      **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FINAL PUD AND FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION APPROVAL (PZC2024-02: WOODLAND GLEN SUBDIVISION)**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. R-35-24**                      **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AT THE UNIT PRICES FOR SIDEWALK GRINDING FROM HARD ROCK CONCRETE CUTTERS, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$251,100 AND APPROVAL OF A PROJECT CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. R-36-24**                      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE PHASE 3-LEAK LOGGER PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF 217 LEAK LOGGER UNITS FROM GUTERMANN INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$219,441.70**

**E. RESOLUTION NO. R-37-24**                      **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM SUPERIOR ROAD STRIPING, INC., AT THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00 FOR THE 2024 STREET STRIPING PROGRAM**

**F. RESOLUTION NO. R-38-24**                      **A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW HUSQVARNA WALK-BEHIND SAW WITH 24 INCH BLADE DIAMETER FROM O'LEARY'S CONTRACTORS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,750.00**

- G. RESOLUTION NO. R-39-24      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF A WEB-BASED WORK ORDER SOFTWARE WITH GRANICUS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,099.16
  
- H. RESOLUTION NO. R-40-24      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM TKB ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR DIGITALIZING, CATALOGING, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND PROGRAMMING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,615 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
  
- I. RESOLUTION NO. R-41-24      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM TKB ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR DIGITALIZING, CATALOGING, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND PROGRAMMING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,015 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-BUILDING DIVISION PERMIT FILES
  
- J. RESOLUTION NO. R-42-24      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 3-YEAR CONTRACT FROM VESTIS UNIFORM & WORKPLACE SUPPLIES FOR THE LEASING OF FLOOR MATS INCLUDING THE DELIVERY AND CLEANING OF IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,967.04 EACH YEAR

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

                         Nays:      None

                         Absent:      Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1  
**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS: GREG THOMAS, POLICE CHIEF; AND DANIEL GOMBAC, DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Chief Thomas and Director Gombac.

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

Alderman Leganski commented about the influx of solicitors canvassing the area. He reminded residents that all solicitors must display a permit and to call 911 on those not compliant. “No Solicitor” decals are available at City Hall.

Sixteen individuals expressed reasons and concerns for wanting City Council to consider a humanitarian cease-fire in Gaza resolution. Comments included: release hostages, end violence, diversity & kindness, address hate crimes, humanity not politics, need action to make a difference, and fear for safety.

Mayor Marchese asked Council if they would like to move forward with cease-fire in Gaza resolution. Alderman Belczak and Alderman Kenny felt request was worthy of discussion.

Mayor Marchese thanked all for coming out and touching so many hearts.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 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 05-06-24. Minutes of 05-06-24 CCM.