

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 18, 2021 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

January 18, 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 (Zoom) Ted V. Schauer (Zoom)
 Thomas M. Chlystek (Zoom) Mary Coyle Sullivan (Zoom)
 Eric K. Gustafson (Zoom) Lester Vaughan (Zoom)
 Joseph A. Kenny (Zoom)

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor
 JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
 Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer (Zoom)
 Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
 Gregory Thomas, Police Chief (Zoom)
 Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services (Zoom)
 Lisa Klemm, Administrative Assistant

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

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF HILDA GONZALEZ, BRYAN GAY AND LOU MALLERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

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

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

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

Mayor Marchese thanked members for their continued service.

Marchese reported receipt of numerous inquiries regarding the distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine. He assured residents the City will continue to publish updates as information becomes available. He provided the following vaccination update:

- State of Illinois has received 726,475 doses of the vaccine, which does not include more than 250,000 doses administered to long-term care facilities through a federal program.
- DuPage County has received 33,950 doses and has fully vaccinated 9,314 individuals – primarily health care professionals.
- Last week Governor Pritzker announced the State will move forward with an aggressive Vaccine Plan, with hundreds of additional providers.
- The State anticipates completion of Phase 1A by January 25; Phase 1B eligibility includes those over age 65 and frontline workers.
- The State is partnering with large pharmacies to launch hundreds of new sites in communities across the state.
- The State is planning to continue to build out distribution capacity by using smaller independent pharmacies, urgent care clinics, doctor’s offices and various work places.
- Additional information is available on the Illinois Department of Public Health website.
- Advised all to contact their personal care providers to see if their offices will be handling disbursement.

Mayor Marchese commented regarding the Criminal Justice Reform Omnibus Bill. He encouraged Council to read summary document composed by the Illinois Municipal League, which serves as an analysis of the bill. The bill was signed into law by the Governor and takes effect on July 1, 2021. He stated the DuPage Mayors and Managers filed an injunction due to concern with the process and mandated costs.

Mayor Marchese shared the sad news of the passing of Robert Klein, owner of Award Emblem in Bolingbrook; he expressed heartfelt condolences to the Klein Family. Mr. Klein was 2011 Darien Citizen of the Year, Rotary Club of Darien member and served on Darien Woodridge Fire Protection Board, in addition to participation in a plethora of community activities.

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

Chief Thomas commented on cannabis arrests featured in the newspaper. He stated the statute is specific: "no driver may possess cannabis within any area of motor vehicle on the highway in this state except in a sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant cannabis container." Alderman Gustafson inquired if buying cannabis off the street had the same rules; Chief Thomas responded that buying cannabis off the street is illegal.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Alderman Kenny inquired about the status of Dunkin Donuts on the corner of Cass Avenue & Plainfield Road. Director Gombac stated ComEd needs to install meters and then power will be turned on. He anticipates opening before mid-February; date to be determined.

Mayor Marchese complimented Alderwoman Sullivan for her persistence in following up with ComEd regarding power outages in her Ward; tree trimmers are scheduled for late January/early February.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

D. MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020

E. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2020

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of December 2020.

General Fund: Revenue \$11,973,992; Expenditures \$8,382,271; Current Balance \$4,557,256

Water Fund: Revenue \$4,157,604; Expenditures \$4,846,331; Current Balance \$2,770,797

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue \$1,011,025; Expenditures \$254,696; Current Balance \$1,315,300

Water Depreciation Fund: Revenue \$6,114; Expenditures \$15,604; Current Balance \$2,429,504

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$246,605; Expenditures \$566,951; Current Balance \$6,322,180

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for February 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. She noted the Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Chairwoman Sullivan stated 2021-22 Budget Workshops will begin on February 17, 2021 and will continue on every Wednesday following until budget is completed.

Mayor Marchese added Tina Beilke, Economic Development Committee, will provide progress report at the February 1, 2021 City Council meeting; EDC is working on a strategic plan in collaboration with Darien Chamber of Commerce.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the next meeting of the Police Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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**

Item A was removed from New Business during the Work Session; Item B was moved to Item A.

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MECO CONSULTING FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN

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

Mayor Marchese explained Metro Strategies will no longer be able to provide communication services. He noted MECO Consulting comes highly recommended.

Alderwoman Sullivan complimented Metro Strategies for doing a great job improving City’s social media and communication efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-21

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MECO CONSULTING FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN

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Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Mayor Marchese announced Rotary Club of Darien was awarded the opportunity to develop 2021 City of Darien Vehicle Sticker. Stickers feature Backpack Food Program and are available at City Hall and Police Department for a \$3.00 donation.

Alderswoman Sullivan received communication from residents in Ward Five regarding numerous Comcast/Infinity outages throughout January; upgraded lines and boxes have been installed and improved service.

Alderman Chlystek welcomed new City Planner, Jordan Yanke.

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 8:05 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 1-18-20. Minutes of 1-18-20 CCM.