

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 5, 2025 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**

May 5, 2025

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
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services
Ryan Murphy, Senior Planner

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

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 21, 2025

MOTION DULY CARRIED

8. MAYORS REPORT

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 Joseph Kieckhafer.

B. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK” (MAY 11-17, 2025)

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring the week of May 11-17, 2025 as National Police Week. Chief Thomas accepted the proclamation, commented on history and memorials, and will share honor with officers.

C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK” (MAY 18-14, 2025)

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring the week of May 18-24, 2025 as National Public Works Week. Director Gombac accepted the proclamation, commented on importance of Public Works Department, and stated his team will appreciate the recognition.

D. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH” (MAY, 2025)

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record declaring May 2025 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Amy Nelson, ABATE representative accepted the proclamation and commented on motorcyclists, charity work and education.

Director Gombac noted Council previously approved an agreement with Metronet for fiber-optic internet service; provider to work in rear of homes on easement. He stated another fiber-optic provider, Lumos Fiber, will be sharing their services with work to be done in front of homes on easement.

Allen Rauth, Director of Market Development, provided an overview of Lumos Fiber for citywide fiber optic infrastructure implementation, which included introductions, history/overview, community benefits, construction/communication. He and Construction Project Engineer addressed Council questions.

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

Alderman Schauer inquired about e-bikes and scooters. Chief Thomas commented on awareness; he suggested decisions be conducted regarding regulation.

Alderman Kenny inquired about recent business break-ins in Downers Grove and Woodridge. Chief Thomas responded. He stated midnight patrols have been increased to curb activity and stressed the importance of calling 911.

B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT

Alderman Schauer inquired about valve replacements on Cherokee Drive and Darien Lane. Director Gombac explained issue and resolution.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-25

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-25 in the amount of \$207,908.46 from the enumerated funds for a total to be approved of \$207,908.46.

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 25-26-01

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-01 in the amount of \$153,254.35 from the enumerated funds, and \$408,695.19 from payroll funds for the periods ending 05/01/25 and 5/02/25 for a total to be approved of \$561,949.54.

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 Administrative/Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2025 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**

Mayor Marchese stated Consent Agenda Items D and J were moved to New Business as Items E and F respectively.

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

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| A. MOTION NO. M-24-25 | A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN LIONS CLUB (CONCERT IN THE PARK ON JUNE 26TH, JULY 31ST, AND AUGUST 28, 2025) |
| B. MOTION NO. M-25-25 | A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB (2025 DARIEN FEST ON AUGUST 8TH, AUGUST 9TH AND AUGUST 10, 2025) |
| C. MOTION NO. M-26-25 | A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DARIEN LIONS CLUB (OCTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 4TH, 2025) |
| D. MOTION NO. M-28-25 | A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE PHASE 4-LEAK LOGGER PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF 217 LEAK LOGGER UNITS FROM GUTERMANN INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$219,441.70 |
| E. MOTION NO. M-29-25 | A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SOLAR SPEED ALERT 18 SPEED LIMIT SIGNS FROM ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000.00 |
| F. MOTION NO. M-30-25 | A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW FACTORY CAT MINI HD 29C WALK BEHIND SCRUBBER FROM FACTORY CLEANING EQUIPMENT INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,212.00 |

G. MOTION NO. M-31-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR A PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, ANNUAL EVALUATION AND OPERATOR TRAINING FOR THE VACTOR SEWER CLEANER FROM STANDARD EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500.00

H. MOTION NO. M-32-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM TKB ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR DIGITALIZING, CATALOGING, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND PROGRAMMING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,140.00 FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,190.00 FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE HISTORICAL RECORDS

I. ORDINANCE NO. O-24-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LUMOS FIBER OF ILLINOIS, L.L.C. FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES

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. OATH OF OFFICE:

- Alderman Ward 1 – Ted V. Schauer
- Alderman Ward 3 – Joseph A. Kenny
- Alderwoman Ward 5 – Mary Coyle Sullivan
- Alderman Ward 7 – Thomas J. Belczak

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Alderman Ted V. Schauer – Ward 1, Alderman Joseph A. Kenny – Ward 3, Alderwoman Mary Coyle Sullivan – Ward 5 and Alderman Thomas J. Belczak – Ward 7.

Mayor Marchese congratulated all for having the common goal of enriching the lives of Darien residents. He welcomed alderpersons back.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADVISE AND CONSENT TO MAYOR MARCHESE'S COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND CHAIRMAN THEREOF

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

MOTION NO. M-33-25

A MOTION TO ADVISE AND CONSENT TO MAYOR MARCHESE'S COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND CHAIRMAN THEREOF

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

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

MOTION NO. M-34-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS: GREG THOMAS, POLICE CHIEF; AND DANIEL GOMBAC, DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND JULIE SAENZ, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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 issued the Oath of Office to Chief Thomas and Director Gombac.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA-EXHIBIT A) BETWEEN THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE USE OF SOUTH GROVE PARK POND FOR THE YOUTH FISHING TOURNAMENT 2025

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

Chief Thomas noted the event will be held on June 7 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.; Police Department will move forward with participation and ensuring a fun time.

MOTION NO. M-35-25

A MOTION TO APPROVE TO ADOPT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA-EXHIBIT A) BETWEEN THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE USE OF SOUTH GROVE PARK POND FOR THE YOUTH FISHING TOURNAMENT 2025

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF A 3-YEAR CONTRACT INCLUDING HARDWARE, WEB APPLICATION, SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR FIVE (5) GROUNDCAST SENSORS FROM VAISALA INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000 PER YEAR, FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,000 FOR THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

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

Alderman Leganski inquired about contracts and future cost analysis. Director Gombac responded to the inquiry.

MOTION NO. M-27-25

A MOTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF A 3-YEAR CONTRACT INCLUDING HARDWARE, WEB APPLICATION, SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR FIVE (5) GROUNDCAST SENSORS FROM VAISALA INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000 PER YEAR, FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,000 FOR THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

F. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION APPROVE AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY FROM R-2 TO R-3, AND APPROVING A SPECIAL USE AND ZONING VARIATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONDOMINIUMS (PZC 2025-06: 1220-1225 PLAINFIELD ROAD, ATLANTIC HOMES INC.)

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

Aldermanpersons voiced concerns with parking, proximity of garages, and right turn only for ingress and egress of development. Director Gombac responded. He commented on

Plainfield being a DuPage County roadway, provided clarification of existing address, and reiterated plan is preliminary.

Jackie Price, Lester Lane, voiced concerns with density of development and right-in and right-out of property. She liked the idea of the land being developed.

Mayor Marchese commented on unique parcels of land in Darien and used Rolling Knolls as an example. He felt the proposed development was one of the best uses for the property; he encouraged Council to be open-minded and work with Municipal Services in alleviating concerns.

Council discussion ensued regarding marketability, access in and out, building features, and Homeowners Association. Director Gombac introduced Richard Grant, Atlantic Homes, Inc., and business partner, Beata Pacura, BNR Builders, Inc.; they responded to Council questions.

ORDINANCE NO. O-23-25

A ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY FROM R-2 TO R-3, AND APPROVING A SPECIAL USE AND ZONING VARIATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONDOMINIUMS (PZC 2025-06: 1220-1225 PLAINFIELD ROAD, ATLANTIC HOMES INC.)

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

Nays: Leganski

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 1, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Mayor Marchese...

...shared Darien Dash will be held on May 18.

...announced Darien Business Alliance Luncheon will be held on May 14 at Alpine Banquets featuring speaker from Crowe LLP on Harnessing AI. He encouraged attendance by alderpersons and local businesses.

...commented on Strategic Plan; he explained next steps were to set up a facilitated meeting between City's seven alderpersons and five Board of Park Commissioners to develop core values, common interests, and ways of working together.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 05-05-25.
Minutes of 05-05-05 CCM.