

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Personnel Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to adjourn Executive Session.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson
Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:23 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE MAY 19, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

May 19, 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

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** – May 5, 2025

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 5, 2025.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan
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Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Aldерwoman Sullivan received communication from Brian & Adriana Broderick, Carriage Greens Country Club, regarding continued vandalism and damages caused by e-bikes. She noted residents are being vigilant in calling 911. She reiterated there is no trespassing on private property; only paid golfers allowed on the course. Mayor Marchese said there were previous incidents years ago; he noted Club owners inquired about fence permitting. Chief Thomas commented that Deputy Chief Norton met with the Brodericks regarding police assistance.

Council discussion ensued regarding concerns with e-bikes, licensing, and enforcement. Chief Thomas will be sending draft Ordinance to aldermen for their review/feedback.

Mayor Marchese received communication regarding obscure vision on North Frontage Road and Oldfield Road. Director Gombac commented that this is private property and unincorporated DuPage County.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

A. SOKOL PRESENTATION – RICH VACHATA

Mayor Marchese stated the XXV American Sokol Slet will be held at Hinsdale South High School from June 25 – 29. Rich Vachata, President of Central District, shared history & mission of American Sokol, explained SLET, location selection, attendance projections, and schedule of events for performances including social events, fitness activities, and competitions. He addressed Council questions.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Chief Thomas provided highlights from the April 2025 Monthly Report, which included Police Week events & Proclamation recognition, Public Alerting System, National Mental Health Awareness Month, new social worker, 9-8-8 Hotline, and Smart 9-1-1. He addressed Council question regarding DU-COMM.

Mayor Marchese provided positive feedback for residential concrete program with Suburban Concrete; and Police Department for allowing/monitoring street parking. Director Gombac commented on great working relationship with contractor.

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-26 in the amount of \$704,698.08 from the enumerated funds for a total to be approved of \$704,698.08.

MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve payment of Warrant Number 25-26-02 in the amount of \$24,231.05 from the enumerated funds, and \$325,828.08 from payroll funds for the period ending 5/15/25 for a total to be approved of \$350,059.13.

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 2, 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 stated the minutes of the April 21, 2025 meeting were approved and will be submitted to the Clerk's Office. He announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese stated, as part of the City's Strategic Plan, a facilitated meeting of City of Darien Aldermen and Darien Park District Commissioners will be held on June 5 at 7:00 P.M.

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-23-25 A RESOLUTION-AMENDING RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION NO. R-21-25), THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE PARKING LOT PAVING MAINTENANCE AT 8687 LEMONT RD., AND 7550 LYMAN AVE., THROUGH THE CITY OF DARIEN'S 2025 ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH SCHROEDER ASPHALT SERVICES INC., AS PER THE CONTRACT UNIT PRICING AND A CONTINGENCY IN A REVISED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00)

B. MOTION NO. M-36-25 A MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM MUNIWEB TO REDESIGN AND UPGRADE THE CITY'S WEBSITE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,750.00

C. MOTION NO. M-37-25 A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH MC SQUARED ENERGY SERVICES, LLC. (MC2) TO PROVIDE FULL-REQUIREMENTS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

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Nays: None

Absent: Gustafson

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17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-4-1 AND 3-4-2 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE TO

INCREASE THE HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX FROM 1% TO 1.25%

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

Alderworman Sullivan explained decision to increase Home-Rule sales tax to recoup lost revenue resulting from State of Illinois repealing the 1% sales and use grocery tax.

Mayor Marchese stressed increase is a necessity as State will not be increasing Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), and he anticipates an increase to Police Pension contribution.

ORDINANCE NO. O-25-25

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

Mayor Marchese...

...attended Darien Dash on May 18 and noted it was a great turnout with 300 participants. He commented on an 82-year-old female participant who completed the 10K race on her birthday, and shared his pleasure of awarding her 1st place in her age group.

...announced Darien Memorial Weekend Carnival at Chestnut Court will be held on May 23 – 26.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:16 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 05-19-25.
Minutes of 05-19-25 CCM.