

PUBLIC HEARING

- TEXT AMENDMENT TO TITLE 4 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) FOR BUILDING CODES AND RELATED FIRE AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 P.M.
- TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2 (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) AND TITLE 5A (ZONING REGULATIONS) TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FROM NINE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND
- TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 2, (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) TO ELIMINATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WERE CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 20, 2025 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

JANUARY 20, 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:

City Council Meeting

January 20, 2025

Present: Thomas J. Belczak Gerry Leganski
Eric K. Gustafson Ralph Stompanato
Joseph A. Kenny Mary Coyle Sullivan

Absent: Ted V. Schauer

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**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 16, 2024

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderwoman Sullivan to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 16, 2024.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...commented on recurring issues with lawns damaged by U.S. Postal Service in Fox Hill Place cul-de-sac.

...received communication regarding noise from patio of Carriage Greens Country Club; management did not realize patio speakers were on.

Mayor Marchese received email from resident in Ward 7 regarding the parking and after school pickup at Mark DeLay School. He noted receipt of communication from school's assistant principal and need to formulate a response. Council discussion ensued.

A. DARIEN SWAM RECOGNITION

Tiny Mites – Cheer Squad – National Qualifier
10U Football Squad – State Champions
12U Football Squad – State Champions

Mayor Marchese asked Alderwoman Sullivan, City Council Liaison, to present the recommendation for the 2025 Citizen of the Year (COY). Liaison Sullivan read the Citizen of the Year Committee letter recommending that the 2025 Citizen of the Year be John M. Galan.

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

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Liaison Sullivan announced the COY event will also recognize volunteer clubs and organization honorees. She encouraged all to attend the celebratory dinner/dance, which

will be held on Friday, February 28, at Alpine Banquets, with cocktails at 6:00 P.M and dinner at 7:00 P.M.; cost is \$52/person and includes 7-course dinner, open bar and music. Reservations are available at City Hall or you can mail a check to the City of Darien; all reservations must be paid (via cash or check) by February 20.

Liaison Sullivan thanked and recognized the COY Committee for all their hard work, time and energy in nomination selection and event planning.

Mayor Marchese...

...announced the City of Darien has been awarded a \$100,000 subgrant by the Morton Arboretum's Chicago Region Tree Initiative (CRTI). He commented on the subgrant and stated the City of Darien is proud to participate in CRTI's goal to improve community tree canopy. He explained the environmental benefits of planting new trees in the community and provided subgrant details. Mayor Marchese thanked Director Gombac and staff for their work in applying for and developing an application that met award requirements. Director Gombac addressed Council question regarding location selection. ...attended the annual "I Have a Dream Community Breakfast" at Drury Lane in Oakbrook to celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King.

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

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-17

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Leganski to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-17 in the amount of \$671,572.41 from the enumerated funds, and \$326,236.17 from payroll funds for the period ending 12/26/24 for a total to be approved of \$997,808.58.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 24-25-18

It was moved by Alderman Stompanato and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 24-25-18 in the amount of \$1,008,406.74 from the enumerated funds, and \$384,828.01 from payroll funds for the period ending 01/09/25 for a total to be approved of \$1,393,234.75.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of December 2024.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$14,128,441; Expenditures \$12,054,751; Current Balance \$7,053,914
<u>Water & Water Depreciation Funds:</u>	Revenue \$5,380,725; Expenditures \$5,571,667 Current Balance \$3,535,022
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$699,826; Expenditures \$1,868,293; Current Balance \$518,540
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$564,853; Expenditures \$729,555; Current Balance \$18,856,752

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairwoman Sullivan stated the Committee-of-the-Whole 2025-2026 Budget Workshop Meetings are scheduled for February 19 & February 26, at 6:00 P.M., March 3 after the City Council Meeting and, if needed, Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Marchese noted Budget Workshop Meetings are open to the public. Chairwoman Sullivan added meetings are also televised. She stated budgets will be delivered to Council and available on City website by February 11.

Municipal Services Committee – Chairman Belczak announced the Municipal Services Committee meeting has been rescheduled for January 27, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. Chairman Kenny announced the Police Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Mayor Marchese announced the Darien Community Action Committee will be meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 10:00 A.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**

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE WEST SUBURBAN SYMPHONY

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A REVISION TO THE CITY’S PERSONNEL POLICY, SECTION 22 EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEAVE AND REIMBURSEMENT

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE CITY'S PLAN COMMISSION

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE CITY'S PLAN COMMISSION

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-02-25

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF JONATHAN CHRIST, CHRISTOPHER GREEN, SHARI GILLESPIE, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, JONATHAN JOHNSON AND MARK A. KAZICH, LOUIS N. MALLERS TO THE PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the appointments of Jonathan Christ, Christopher Green, Shari Gillespie, Christopher Jackson, Jonathan Johnson, Mark A. Kazich, and Louis N. Mallers to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Commission.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schauer

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Jonathan Christ, Christopher Green, Christopher Jackson, Jonathan Johnson, Mark A. Kazich, and Louis N. Mallers.

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

Patricia Graczyk, Ward 7, publically thanked the City of Darien & recognized Alderman Belczak, Director Gombac & Mary Belmonte for their assistance and helpfulness in getting power outage restored.

Alderman Kenny recognized Ms. Graczyk for her gratitude.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 01-20-25. Minutes of 01-20-25 CCM.