

**City of Darien**  
**Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee**  
**April 6, 2026**

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Aldерwoman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Committee members Leganski and Schauer were present. Also in attendance was Mayor Marchese, City Administrator Vana and City Treasurer Coren.

**Environmental Committee**

The Admin/Finance committee discussed suggested ordinance changes provided by the Environmental Committee (EC) and also their activities since last year's city council goal setting meeting. EC members, Allan Jackimek, Arleta Peknik, Deb Hardtke, and Heather Conroy, attended the meeting to offer their input. Administrator Vana advised the Admin/Finance Committee will continue to review the EC's activities within the 12 month review period and make a recommendation to disband the city appointed EC and have them serve the community like other local not for profit clubs or continue as a city appointed committee. The committee made no recommendation and will continue to monitor the EC activities.

**Darien Fest/October Fest**

The staff advised the city is finalizing details for Darien Fest and October Fest. The staff is requesting the City Council confirm certain aspects of both of these events including:

***Darien Fest***

- Allowing the Lions Club to handle the beer sales and the Woman's Club to handle the wine sales. The Lions and Woman's Clubs will secure the required insurance and license, purchase, serve and retain alcohol revenues.

***October Fest***

- Allowing the Lions Club to handle the beer sales and the Woman's Club to handle the wine sales. The Lions and Woman's Clubs will secure the required insurance and license, purchase, serve and retain alcohol revenues.

- Authorize staff to enter into agreements with the bands and sounds/stage company and other items approved in the budget

- Approve the Fest location to be Carriage Greens and fest hours to be between 3:00pm to 10:00pm

The committee recommended approval to confirm the aspects of the Darien and October fests as recommended by staff. The committee approved this but still wanted to discuss the city retaining more revenue from the fests with the full city council.

**Consideration of a motion to enter into an agreement with Clarke Mosquito for three years**

Staff advised Clarke Mosquito has been the contractor to control mosquito populations for the City of Darien for many years. There currently are no other alternatives for mosquito abatement and Clarke has prepared a three-year proposal. This proposal is part of their EarthRight Program, a more environmentally friendly operation that reduces the City’s carbon footprint as well as utilizes an EPA recognized larvicide called Natular. There has not been an increase since FYE 23. The proposed rate represents a 9.5% increase from last year. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the contract.

**Minutes – February 2, 2026**- The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved:

Mary Sullivan, Chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_

Ted Schauer, Member \_\_\_\_\_

Gerry Leganski, Member \_\_\_\_\_