

**City of Darien**  
**Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee**  
**August 3, 2026**

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

A motion approving an Overhead Sewer Assistance Pilot Program as described in Exhibit 1

Staff advised DuPage County owns and maintains the sanitary sewer system for the majority of Darien. During the recent storms on July 4, numerous homes (current estimate is approx. 35 homes) in Darien suffered sanitary sewer backup. DuPage County has an *Overhead Sanitary Sewer Program* for homeowners who are in their sewer maintenance area and install an overhead sewer in their home. The program is intended to replace a home's gravity sewer system to an overhead sanitary sewer so that future sanitary backups can be prevented. The county will reimburse the first \$2,000.00 of the resident's bill. Thereafter, the county will reimburse the owner 50% of the remaining bill up to \$3,000.00 for a maximum payout of \$5,000.00 for the installation of an overhead sewer. The County will only pay for sewer related work, not remodeling of the basement. The County is planning to increase the reimbursement to \$5,000 of the 50/50 split for a total maximum payout of \$7,500. The committee discussed a pilot program where the city contributes \$5,000 to residents that participate in the county program. The contribution by the city would reduce a homeowner's expenses if they participate. Staff reviewed the policy for a pilot program. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the program.

A motion approving a contract extension, year 6, with Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc. to provide janitorial services for the City of Darien in an amount not to exceed \$32,260

Staff advised that in 2021 the City of Darien requested bids, which included optional contract extensions. For the past 60 months, Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc. has provided janitorial services for the City, including Public Works, Police Department and City Hall. The City is satisfied with the service provided by Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc. The total monthly increase is minimal, \$100.00 per month, which is still the least expensive from the bid tab. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the extension.

An ordinance establishing a tax of five percent (5%) upon the gross rental charge for the rental or leasing of any individual self-storage space in the City of Darien

Staff advised at its August 4, 2025 Admin/Finance committee meeting, the committee unanimously recommended approval of the new revenue. Based on the direction of the committee, the city attorney prepared the ordinance. Staff originally planned to include the ordinance at the September 2, 2025 city council meeting. However, at the request of Stanley Bonilla, Senior Vice President of Development Safeguard Self Storage, staff postponed this item until the October 6, 2025 council meeting. Mr. Bonilla requested additional time to provide the city with information relating to another revenue alternative that could replace a self-storage tax, which would include a partnership between the city and Safeguard to work on a battery storage

facility that could generate revenue, by providing electricity into the electric power grid. The committee recommended the city postpone a vote on the ordinance until Safeguard could provide additional information. Staff received periodic updates from Mr. Bonilla regarding the progress of an agreement between the between Safeguard and Nextamp regarding the construction and operations of a battery storage facility. Staff spoke to Mr. Bonilla on July 25, 2026 and he advised that Safeguard and Nexamp were unable to agree upon an agreement so the battery storage facility will not move forward. The committee unanimously recommended approval of an ordinance establishing the tax at 3% year 1, 4% year 2, and 5% year 3.

**Minutes – June 1, 2026** - The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**Other Business** – Staff reviewed the meeting procedure for tonight’s council meeting.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved:

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

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

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