

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the Whole
Budget Meeting
February 25, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Alderwoman Sullivan. Other council members in attendance included Mayor Joseph Marchese, Alderpersons Ted Schauer, Tom Belczak, Eric Gustafson, Gerry Leganski, City Administrator Bryon Vana, Assistant to City Administrator Lisa Klemm, Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac, Treasurer Mike Coren, City Clerk JoAnne Ragona (left at 7:30 p.m.) Police Chief Thomas, Deputy Chief Jump, Director DBA/Community Events April Padalik and Finance Director Julie Saenz.

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The meeting continued with discussions on the Police Department, DBA/Community Events, Water, MFT, SSA, and open items from the previous meeting. The city council discussed the property tax abatement and the consensus was to move forward with the abatement at the March 2, 2026 Council meeting. The budget meeting concluded and Administrator Vana advised that staff would distribute a revised budget based on any changes from the budget meetings.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Mayor

City Clerk