

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the Whole
Budget Meeting
February 18, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman/Aldерwoman Sullivan at 6:30 pm. Other council members in attendance included Mayor Joseph Marchese, Alderpersons Tom Belczak, Ralph Stompanato, Eric Gustafson (left at 6:55 p.m. returned at 8:30 p.m. to attend PZEDC), Ted Schauer, Gerry Leganski, Joe Kenny City Administrator Bryon Vana, Assistant to City Administrator Lisa Klemm, Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac, Treasurer Mike Coren and City Clerk JoAnne Ragona.

1 FYE 4-30-27 Budget Review

Alderwoman Sullivan began by providing an overview of the FYE 4-30-27 budget review process. Prior to reviewing the department expense budgets, Administrator Vana advised he would keep a list of the ongoing changes and modifications from the budget meetings and distribute those after the budget review has been finished. The discussion included City Council, Administration, Community Development, Street Division, and Capital Projects budgets. Administrator Vana stated that any necessary follow up to tonight's meeting will be reviewed at the February 25, 2026 budget meeting. Administrator Vana advised that he and Mayor Marchese are recommending no increase to last year's property tax levy extension. Vana advised no action is necessary this evening but the council would need to approve a tax levy abatement ordinance in order to reduce the tax levy that was approved in November of 2026.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Mayor

City Clerk