

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee
June 5, 2023

Chairwoman/Alderswoman Sullivan called the Meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Committee members Leganski and Schauer was present. City Administrator Vana, Treasurer Coren and Adam Hoover from NIMEC were also present.

A motion accepting a proposal from AIS, Inc. for the upgrade and replacement of the City’s firewalls including labor in an amount not to exceed \$32,792.

Staff advised the City’s firewalls are nearing their end of support life. A firewall is a network security device that monitors and filters incoming and outgoing network traffic based on an organization’s established security policies. After CJIS tools setup and monitoring, AIS was able to determine cyberpunks trying to break into emails. Additionally, AIS is able to identify that the attempts are coming from foreign countries/entities. This device will stop those attempts. The staff presented the proposal from AIS to perform the upgrade and the FYE24 budget includes \$32,792 in Account 01-10-4325. The committee unanimously recommend approval of the proposal.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC. (MC2) to provide full-requirements electricity supply and related services for the City’s Electric Aggregation Program

Staff advised in 2012, Darien residents approved a referendum authorizing the City to operate an opt-out electric aggregation program for resident and small business ratepayers. NIMEC serves as our consultant for the procurement of power for our water pumping facilities and street lighting power. The city periodically reviews rates offered by electrical providers other than ComEd. If the ComEd rate is higher than alternate providers, the city can enter into an agreement that locks in the lower rates for a specific period. If the ComEd rate is lower, the city maintains them as the electric supplier. However, if the city contracts with an alternate provider ComEd still bills residents because ComEd owns the infrastructure that brings electricity to customers. NIMEC has recently solicited proposals for lower rates but could not find a rate lower than ComED. However, NIMEC has obtained a proposal from MC2 that matches the ComEd rate but also includes a civic contribution payment of \$10,000 to the city. This agreement is for 12 months and NIMEC will continue to review electric rates for savings to the community. The committee unanimously recommend approval of the agreement.

Minutes – April 3, 2023 – The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

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

Approved:

Mary Sullivan, Chairwoman _____

Ted Schauer, Member _____

Gerry Leganski, Member _____