

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the Whole
Budget Meeting
February 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Alderwoman Sullivan. Other council members in attendance included Mayor Joseph Marchese, Alderpersons Ted Schauer, Tom Belczak, Ralph Stompanato, Eric Gustafson, Gerry Leganski, Joe Kenny, City Administrator Bryon Vana, Assistant to City Administrator Lisa Klemm, Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac, Treasurer Mike Coren, Police Chief Thomas, Deputy Chief Norton and Finance Director Julie Saenz.

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The meeting continued with discussions on the Police Department, Water Department, and open items from the previous meeting, MFT, SSA, General Fund revenues, City Council and Administration budgets. The city council discussed the property tax abatement and the consensus was to move forward with the abatement at the March 3, 2025 Council meeting. Administrator Vana reminded the council that there will be additional discussions at an upcoming meeting regarding the loss of revenue to Darien due to the state's reduction in grocery sales tax. 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 8:20pm

Mayor

City Clerk