

City of Darien
Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee
December 18, 2023

Chairwoman/Alderwoman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Committee member Leganski was present. Also in attendance was City Administrator Vana and Treasurer Coren.

Approving a statement pledging to practice and promote social media and other communication pillars of civility in the City of Darien

Staff advised that as discussed at the 11-14-23 Goal Setting meeting, the Administrative/Finance committee will discuss the adoption of a Social Media Civility Statement. Several social media posts regarding the development of the vacant CVS building prompted this topic. These posts are all public comments, not private messages between two parties. The comments include

- Gee, I wonder who is getting the kickbacks
- A response linking Mr. Gombac to the comment above
- It's all about whose palm got greased

Staff advised any action approved by the city council is by no means suggested to discourage comments but to ask for civility from people using social media. The committee unanimously agreed that a resolution or Social Media Civility Statement regarding this subject might cause more inaccurate comments and misinformation about the intent of such a resolution or formal statement. The committee concluded that some type of verbal statement prior to council meetings might be more useful.

Minutes – October 2, 2023 – The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved:

Mary Sullivan, Chairwoman _____

Ted Schauer, Member _____

Gerry Leganski, Member _____