

**City of Darien**  
**Minutes of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the Whole**  
**Budget meeting**  
**March 8, 2016**

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The Meeting was called to order by Chairman/Alderman Ted Schauer at 6:30 pm. Council members in attendance, Aldermen Schauer, Kenny, Chlystek, Beilke, Belczak, and Marchese.

Others present include Treasurer Mike Coren, City Clerk Joanne Ragona, City Administrator Bryon Vana, Assistant City Administrator Paul Nosek, and Accountant Marie Kyriakoulis, Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac, Water Division Supervisor Kris Throm

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1       FYE 4-30-17 Budget Review

The Council began budget discussions with the Municipal Services Street and concurred with the vehicle purchase of an expedition for the streets supervisor. Staff then advised that one of the chippers will be deferred to FYE 18. The Council concurred at leaving money in the budget for consideration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street enhanced landscaping pending the bid results for the County.

The Council discussed general fund revenue options and reached a consensus on approving a \$0.02 cent gasoline tax and a 1.25% Food and Beverage Tax. The ordinances will be written and forwarded to the Council for formal approval. The Council also reached a consensus on continuing the building permit fee waiver for FYE 17.

The staff presented the Water Fund budget and Alderman Schauer asked for Council feedback on all of the Discretionary items and only those maintenance items anybody had a question about. Staff presented background information on the water system, water loss issues, and potential future projects. The Council reached a consensus on a water rate of \$9.75 per thousand and no increase to the fixed water fee. The Council also concurred on approval of the water fund bond abatement.

The Council then reviewed the MFT and SSA #1 budgets.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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Mayor

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City Clerk