

**Minutes of the
City of Darien Regular Council Meeting
March 18, 2025
David Bluestein Meeting Room, City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hugh “Bubba” Hodge called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hugh “Bubba” Hodge, Mayor Pro-tem Griffin Lotson, Councilmember William Collins, Councilmember Russ Quarterman, and Councilmember Jeff Ragsdale

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Priscilla Taylor, City Manager/Attorney Richard Braun, and Kieren McMullen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made to approve the March 18 agenda.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Lotson

Second: Councilmember Collins

Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made to approve the minutes of the February 17 Work Session, and February 18 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Collins

Second: Councilmember Ragsdale

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING: None

VISITOR PRESENTATION:

A. Timothy and Karinna Karsten – Update on the Partners for a Sustainable McIntosh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion made to approve the lease of a Ford F-550 chassis to replace existing crane truck.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Lotson

Second: Councilmember Collins

Vote: Unanimous

B. Motion made to approve resolution authorizing adoption of the McIntosh County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion: Councilmember Quarterman

Second: Councilmember Ragsdale

Vote: Unanimous

C. Motion made to approve the Master Plan of “The Bluffs at Darien” Planned Unit Development.

Motion: Councilmember Ragsdale
Second: Councilmember Quarterman
Vote: 2 to 2 with Mayor Hodge breaking the tie with a Yes

D. First Reading – to consider the adoption of changes to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Accessory Dwelling Unit use ordinance - *Discussion*

E. First Reading – to consider proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulation Ordinance - *Discussion*

F. Recognize the American Legion Unknown Soldier Post #137 for 90 years of service to the Darien and McIntosh County Community - *Discussion*

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro-tem Griffin Lotson:	Gave report.
Councilmember William Collins:	Gave report.
Councilmember Russ Quarterman:	Gave report.
Councilmember Jeff Ragsdale:	Gave report.
Mayor Hugh “Bubba” Hodge:	Gave report.
City Manager/Attorney Richard Braun:	Gave report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal, Personnel, Real Estate

6:20pm out of Regular Meeting into Executive Session

6:50pm out of Executive Session into Regular Meeting

Motion made to choose Kieren McMullen for the position of Interim City Manager, Holden Osburn for Assistant City Manager, and Samuel Oliver for City Attorney as of April 1st, 2025.

Motion: Councilmember Collins
Second: Councilmember Ragsdale
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Hugh “Bubba” Hodge adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

Priscilla Taylor, City Clerk