

**Minutes of the  
City of Darien Regular Council Meeting  
May 20, 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, Interim City Manager Kieren McMullen, and City Attorney Sam Oliver

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made to approve the May 20 agenda.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Quarterman  
***Second:*** Councilmember Ragsdale  
***Vote:*** Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made to approve the minutes of the April 14 Work Session, and April 15 Regular Meeting.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Ragsdale  
***Second:*** Councilmember Quarterman  
***Vote:*** Unanimous

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**VISITOR PRESENTATION:**

A. Lisa Barrett/Event Coordinator/Darien McIntosh Chamber of Commerce – Red, White & Blue on the Bluff

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Motion made to appoint Jonathan L. Rowe to the Coastal Regional Commission.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Ragsdale  
***Second:*** Councilmember Collins  
***Vote:*** Unanimous

B. Motion made to reappoint Carrie Rath and Rusty Quarterman to the Darien Downtown Development Authority.

***Motion:*** Councilmember Collins  
***Second:*** Councilmember Ragsdale  
***Vote:*** Unanimous

C. Motion made to appoint Richard Braun to the Industrial Development Authority for the unfinished term of Sam Oliver.

**Motion:** Councilmember Ragsdale

**Second:** Councilmember Collins

**Vote:** Unanimous

D. Discussion to consider addition of Sec 46-33 Leaves and Grass on Roadway Ordinance. -*First Reading*

E. Discussion to consider addition of Chapter 19 Media Productions Ordinance. – *First Reading*

F. Motion made to approve a request by Robert Hane to use a goat rental company for clearing brush. This will be a one time approval and is not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

**Motion:** Councilmember Ragsdale

**Second:** Councilmember Quarterman

**Vote:** Unanimous

G. Motion made to appoint Holden Osburn as City Manager.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro-tem Lotson

**Second:** Councilmember Collins

**Vote:** Unanimous

**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.
Interim City Manager Kieran McMullen:	Gave report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Hugh “Bubba” Hodge adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

Priscilla Taylor, City Clerk