CITY OF DARLINGTON

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026
6:00 PM
Held in the Old Council Chambers – City Hall
400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532

Present: Mayor Boyd, Councilpersons Angela McRavin, John Milling, John Segars, Elaine Reed, and Bryant Gardner. Also, present were Interim City Manager Ronnie Ward, Cheryl DuBose, Lacie Weatherford, Hunter Thomas, and Ronald Scott.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to Order by Mayor Boyd.

II. Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor Boyd.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

1) Special Meeting –Tuesday April 21, 2026

Councilwoman Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 21, 2026. Councilman Gardner seconded the motion. Councilpersons Milling, Segars, Reed, and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

2) **Regular City Council Meeting –Tuesday May 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

Councilwoman McRavin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday May 5, 2026. Councilwoman Reed seconded the motion. Councilpersons Milling, Segars, Reed, and Mayor Boyd voted in favor of the motion.

3) **Special Meeting – Tuesday May 19, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

Hold off till next month.

Citizens Wishing to Appear Before Council

Citizens may speak for up to 5 minutes. Maximum of 30 total minutes for public comments. (*Neither personal attacks nor disruptive behavior are allowed. Please sign in to be heard at this time.)*

No one signed up to speak.

V. Proclamations & Resolutions

Councilwoman McRavin read the Vitiligo Proclamation.

VI. New Business

a. **First Reading on 2026-2027 Budget**

Councilman Milling made a motion to approve the First Reading on the 2026-2027 budget. Seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

Councilwoman McRavin said I noticed that we are not scheduled to have that work session. She said there were several questions she had on the one they did receive. She said we really need an opportunity to discuss the budget before we have a

second reading and a public hearing and finalize this so that we can get our questions answered. Not only questions answered but if we feel there are some funds that need to be adjusted in some way, we'll have an opportunity to do that before we have a second reading so there won't be any delay. Mr. Ward said I thought we would try to tie that in with the public hearing. Councilwoman McRavin said then that won't give us an opportunity to make those changes if we're doing it all in the same night. Mr. Ward said, "I can arrange to do that. I think you are absolutely right; we do need to do that. Councilwoman McRavin said we still need to have our meeting on the 16th so we can address these concerns. Councilwoman Reed asked did she miss something where all of the department heads presented and we had a chance to talk with them. Mr. Ward said, "I have talked with the department heads and got their feedback, and I've gone through their requests along with last year's budget and made the comparison. Councilwoman McRavin said the budget was in their packet, but the ordinance was not. Mr. Ward read Ordinance 2026-03 for First Reading on the 2026-2027 budget.

b. **First Reading on Ordinance regarding updates to City Water & Sewer Service Contracts**
   Councilwoman McRavin motioned to approve the First Reading on ordinance regarding updates to city water and sewer service contracts. Seconded by Councilwoman Reed. All in Favor.

c. **First Reading on Ordinance on Ordinance 2026-04 updating language on city work sessions.**
   Councilman Milling motioned to approve the First Reading on Ordinance updating language on city work sessions. Seconded by Councilman Gardner. All in favor.

VII. Old Business

a. **Second Reading on Ordinance 2026-02 Sale of Property on Exchange Street**

Councilman Gardner motioned to approve the Second Reading on Ordinance 2026-02 Sale of Property on Exchange Street. Seconded by Councilwoman Reed. All in favor.

VIII. Reminders/Announcements

a. **Friday June 5, 2026, Painted Man Concert – Public Square from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
b. **Friday June 19, 2026 - Juneteenth Holiday – City Offices Will Be Closed**
c. **Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – work session. (Meeting scheduled for June 16th, but changed to June 23, 2026)**
d. **Saturday June 27, 2026, Freedom Fest on Public Square from 6:00 PM –10:00 PM**
e. **Monday June 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM -Public Hearing & Special City Council Meeting**
f. **Friday July 3, 2026 – City Offices will be Closed for July 4th Holiday**
g. **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM– Next Regular City Council Meeting.**

Mr. Ward said I put at your seat an agenda and order of business that came from the Municipal Association and it regards the taking of minutes. He said my people are having to take minutes verbatim and it takes days for them to compose the minutes when they write down every word that everybody says. Mr. Ward said the minutes should be a summary, a vote of yes or no. It doesn't need the detail to be verbatim what everybody says. I would like for them to be able to take the minutes in that order as recommended by the Municipal Association and if you want to look or review verbatim, we have it recorded, and we have it on video and we can make it available to you if want to see if somebody said something or you said something that you didn't think you said. He said I would like for them to be able to save days of work by doing the minutes in a normal fashion. Councilman Gardner asked, that's what you want us to do going forward, correct? Mr. Ward said, "Exactly." There was no opposition from the other council members, therefore everyone was in agreement with Mr. Ward's request.

IX. Adjournment

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Councilman Gardner. Seconded by Councilwomen Reed. All in favor

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Mayor

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Cheryl Dubose, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer

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Lacie Weatherford, Secretary