



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Conference Room
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 2, 2021**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Carrier, Deputy Mayor Ciotti, Councilor Cullen, Councilor Gasses, Councilor O'Connor, Councilor Shanahan, and Councilor Thibodeaux. Councilor Muffett-Lipinski, and Councilor Williams attended virtually.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, City Attorney Wyatt, and City Clerk Mistretta.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Workshop. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Jodi Langellotti, 453 Sixth Street: She spoke about the long-term impact of passing this budget and how it's the State who is passing on the burden to cities and towns. She asked people to go to the polls. She asked the Council to show the citizens they can compromise.

Victor Gagnon, 9 Salem Avenue: He spoke about the struggles of senior citizens in the City. Social Security received a 1.3% increase in January. He supported a tax cap budget.

Michael Atherton, 22 West Concord Street: He spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Denise Copley, 29 Samuel Hanson Avenue: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Cynthia Walter, 22 West Concord Street: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Kathleen Cintavey, 5 Olive Meadow Lane: She spoke in support of a tax cap budget.

Linnea Nemeth, 21 Taylor Road: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.



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Sheriff Mark Brave, 17 Schooner Drive: He spoke about meeting with people whose opinions differ from him and how productive it can be when you listen to one another. He spoke about how several movements do not want to defund the police. He spoke about other communities who do have a social services department, and Dover needs to incorporate social services within the police department. He fully supported Police Chief Breault and the Dover Police Department.

David Ford, 143 Sixth Street: He spoke in favor moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Joseph Merullo, 21 Sandy Lane: He spoke in support of a tax cap budget.

Jennifer McCarthy, 18 Prebble Street: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Sarah LaPierre, 70 Grandview Drive: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Darci Blake, 1 Lisa Beth Drive: She spoke in favor of moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Sharon Boucher, 40 New Rochester Road: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Ashly Seeliger, 30 Baker Street: She spoke in favor moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Lynn Steakhouse, Locust Street: She spoke in favor moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Benjamin Schwartz, 14 Lisa Beth Circle: He spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Rachel Vaz, 21 East Street: She talked about keeping Dover affordable. She spoke in favor moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Andrew Jones, 30 Maple Street: He spoke in favor moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Margaret Fogarty, 16 Florence Street: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget. She spoke in favor moving money from the Police budget to mental health and social services.

Nathaniel Stewart, 5 Redden Street: He spoke that there were more than two options: support the Schools or have a Tax Cap budget.

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Phyllis Woods, 1 Barry Street: She spoke in support of mental health services in Dover, but didn't support funding it with the Police Department's budget. She spoke against the proposed School budget.

Daniel Eltringham, 15½ Broadway: He spoke in favor of reducing the proposed Police Department.

Marilyn Yorke, 52 Fisher Street: She said she depends on the Police and Fire Department to keep her safe. She supported a tax cap budget.

MaryAnn Cooper, 45 Elm Street: She spoke in support of the Police Department.

Jill Sears, 74 Atkinson Street: She spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Linda Merullo, 21 Sandy Lane: She spoke in favor of a tax cap budget.

Councilor O'Connor moved to suspend the rules to allow Lisa Dillingham, Dover Teachers' Union President, speak since she is not a Dover resident; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Lisa Dillingham, Dover Teachers' Union President: She spoke in favor of the proposed School budget. She said the DTU didn't support reducing the Police Department budget.

Robert Ragazzo, 16 Hill Street: He spoke in support of the proposed School budget.

Mayor Carrier, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Citizen's Forum.

6. DISCUSSIONS

A. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

1. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Carrier referred to the Budget Adjustment Options handout. He asked the Councilors if they had other items they wished to add.

Councilor Cullen asked about the baseline budget amount.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the tax cap budget – budget increased allowed is \$2,874,888. City portion is \$1,202,396 and School portion is \$1,491,665.

Councilor Cullen asked about General Fund

City Manager Joyal said the tax levy only applies to the General Fund.

City side of the budget is below the tax cap budget by \$126,950. School side is over the tax cap budget by \$5,160,130.



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Red items are already in the budget. Black items are not.

Items

- A.1. – Consensus was no
- A.2. – Consensus was yes.
- A.3. – Consensus was no.
- A.4. – Consensus was no.
- A.5. – Consensus was no.
- A.6. – Consensus was no.
- A.7. – Consensus was no.

- B.1. – Consensus was yes.

Councilor Muffett-Lipinski asked for a portion of the Police Department budget to be put towards a mental health response study.

City Manager Joyal said vacant position funds are used for overtime. He added that the City is receiving a grant and funds will be available for a mental health services study.

Consensus was to add \$50,000 for the study as grant funded.

- C.1. – Consensus was no.
- C.2. – Consensus was no.
- C.3. – Consensus was no.

- D.1. – Consensus was no.
- D.2. – Consensus was no.
- D.3. – Consensus was no.
- D.4. – Consensus was no.

- E.1. – Consensus was no.
- E.2. – Consensus was no.
- E.3. – Consensus was no.
- E.4. – Consensus was yes.
- E.5. – Consensus was no.
- E.6. – Consensus was no.

- F.1. – Consensus was no.

Based on the above changes the City side of the budget is \$108,297 below the tax cap budget for the City side.



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School Operations

Business Administrator Limanni said the School is expecting an additional \$100,000 revenue for tuitions and would like the proposed budget to reflect that.

Consensus was yes.

G.1. – Consensus was no.

G.2. – Consensus was yes to reduce School budget by 5,060,130.

G.3. – Consensus was no.

G.4. – Consensus was no.

G.5. – Consensus was no.

Council discussion consensus was to have a tax cap budget.

Overall budget is \$108,297 below the tax cap.

Council consensus 6/3.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor O'Connor moved to adjourn to the Special Meeting; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.