



CITY OF DOVER

SPECIAL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Ordinance Committee Meeting**
Meeting Location: **McConnell Center, Room 306**
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 21, 2021**
Meeting Time: **7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Shanahan called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilor Dennis Shanahan, Councilor Fergus Cullen, Councilor Lindsey Williams

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN FORM re charter arrangements on upcoming ballot

Councilor Shanahan briefly summarizes what is available in much greater detail on the website) – 20 questions on the ballot, 10 of which are editorial, typographical and in some, sentence structure adjustment with clarity and consistency throughout.

The first question on ballot concerns changing the means by which our ward boundaries are identified, possibly re-identified after the census.

Question Two addressed by Councilor Cullen clarifies if an elected official moves out of his/her district it creates a vacancy on the city council committee or the school board committee and clarifies how the vacancy might be filled.

Question Three is addressed by Councilor Williams and is regarding terms of office.

Question Four updates the budget adoption date – currently April 15, updating to June 15

Question Five – clarifies the role of the Advisory Board

Question Six - deals with conflicts of interest

Question Seven - allows City Clerk to now use email

Question Eight- clarifies the ethics commission duties

Question Nine –Updates the city's Fine Schedule and clarifications to make consistent with State law

Question Twelve – Continuation and updates on removal of gender specific terms throughout

Councilor Cullen mentions it is the opinion of all of city council members that these matters are very basic, housekeeping matters, none should be viewed as controversial by members of the public and council recommends citizens doing their own due diligence and then voting YES on all twenty questions



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Councilor Williams mentions that the ballots are online to be viewed ahead of time if citizens need to and they can make any notes they wish and bring to election night with them. Also mentions that the Ordinance Committee has worked hard in preparing all the questions and asks for a Yes vote on all questions. Asks if anyone from audience has any questions.

A citizen in the audience thanks the committee and says she is very comfortable in the way the City of Dover and committee has handled everything.

3. ADJOURN

Councilor Shanahan moved to adjourn; seconded by unanimous vote. Adjourned.