

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Chambers**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Nemeth led the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Councilor Richer, Councilor Nemeth, Councilor Retrosi, Councilor Williams, Councilor Cullen, Councilor Hackett, Councilor Warach, Deputy Mayor Shanahan, Mayor Carrier

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, City Attorney Wyatt, City Clerk Vansylyvong-Bizier

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

Mayor Carrier presented a proclamation to recognizing November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

Mayor Carrier presented a proclamation to Atlantic Gymnastics in honor of their 30th anniversary.

Mayor Carrier presented a proclamation to the Dover Chamber recognizing the 40th anniversary of Apple Harvest Day.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to include resolution R-2024.10.23 – 192 Approval of Tri-City Agreement for Operation of Emergency Warming Center During 2024-2025 Winter Months as item 13.B.11, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.

Vote: 9-0.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilor Warach.

Vote: 9-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (CDS) CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

The Mayor, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

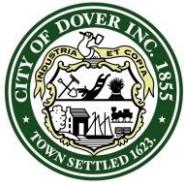
B. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE 2024 ASSISTANCE BALLISTIC VEST GRANT

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8. PUBLIC FORUM



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Taxpayers, Business owners, and Residents are invited to speak on any issue pertaining to the business of the City of Dover. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Courtney Peters, 5 Broadway, spoke about her concerns with the contract for operating the Warming Center.

John Burns, Direct of SOS Recovery, spoke about his concerns with the contract for operating the Warming Center.

Ariel Hayes, 38B Hill St, spoke about the importance of basic needs and her concerns with the Warming Center vendor contract.

Alia Caldwell, 24 Elliot Park, spoke about her concerns with the vendor chosen for the Warming Center this winter.

Bill Davis, 177 Mount Vernon, spoke about the importance of the Willand Warming Center and shared concerns about the vendor/contract for the center this winter.

Jackson Brown, 55 New York St, spoke about the removal of beds from the Warming Center and his concerns with the vendor and their proposal.

Beth Calaias, 1 Hall Ave, spoke about the importance of keeping Willand Warming Center operational.

Tory Jennison, 39 Spruce Ln, Direct of the NH Public Health Association, spoke about concerns in the proposal for the Willand Warming Center.

Steve Giguere, 26 Danielle Ln, spoke his concerns with the proposal and vendor that will be operating the Warming Center this winter.

Wendy Berth, 1225 Lilac Ln, spoke about the importance of healing, hope and compassion and the importance of the Warming Center.

Melissa Hartsky, 11 Federal St, spoke about the importance of the Willand Warming Center.

Larry Meldrum, 15 Back River, spoke about his concerns with the removal of beds from the Willand Warming Center.

Eliza Stewart, 5 Redden St, spoke about concerns with the proposal and contract for the vendor that is to run the Willand Warming Center.

Jane Hamor, 13 Roosevelt Ave, Dover Arts Commission Chair, spoke in favor of resolution 13.A.1. and gave the Council overviews of some of the projects the Dover Arts Commission is working on.

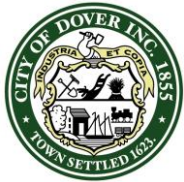
Christine Babor, 5 Gerry's Ln, spoke about concerns with the potential use of synthetic turf on school playing fields.

Alison Davis, 11 Hidden Valley, spoke about concerns with the potential use of synthetic turf on school playing fields.

Suzanne Guinette, 2 Susannah's Crossing, spoke about the cost of synthetic turf and the potential problems.

Brian Russo, 48 Dunn's Bridge, spoke about his concerns with the proposal and contract for the Willand Warming Center.

PJ Whitney, 7 Crown Point Dr, spoke about concerns with the potential use of synthetic turf on school playing fields.



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Kate Surman, 39 Sandra's Run, spoke about concerns with the potential use of synthetic turf on school playing fields.

John Atherton, 22 West Concord, spoke about his concerns with the potential use of synthetic turf on school playing fields.

Cynthia Walter, 22 West Concord, spoke about her concerns with the potential use of synthetic turf on school playing fields.

Gary Dickerman, 39 Sandra's Run, spoke about concerns he has with a project in the CIP.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to move resolution 13.B.11. to after the Mayor Report, seconded by Councilor Warach.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joyal submitted his report in writing. City Manager Joyal gave an overview of his report to the Council and answered questions.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve the manager's report, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.

Vote: 9-0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Retrosi. Councilor Cullen noted one correction on item 12.C.1. of the draft minutes. City Clerk Vansylvong-Bizier will correct before posting final version.

Vote: 9-0.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier gave an update of the events and meetings he has attended the last couple of weeks.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve the Mayor's Report, seconded by Councilor Hackett.

Vote: 9-0.

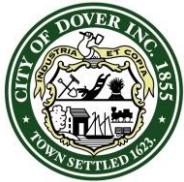
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2ND READING

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. **REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM SPUR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO COURT UNION MIDDLE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST



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Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Hackett.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

- 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (CDS) CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Hackett.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

- 3. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE 2024 ASSISTANCE BALLISTIC VEST GRANT (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
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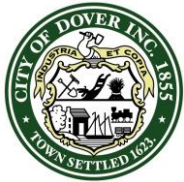
Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION – DHS STUDENT MURAL ON CITY-OWNED TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX (CORNER OF LOCUST ST. AND SILVER ST.)**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST
- 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A NEW FORD F-550 TRUCK AND UPFIT**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST
- 3. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SUPPLIES FOR VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST
- 4. B25015 SNOW PLOWING/HAULING SERVICES FOR CITY STREETS AND PARKING LOTS**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST
- 5. B25016 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES - LAND USE ANALYSIS CHAPTER OF THE MASTER PLAN**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Warach.
Mayor Carrier asked if any Councilors had anything to pull, Deputy Mayor Shanahan asked to pull resolution 13.A.3.
Roll Call Vote on items 13.A.1., 13.A.2., 13.A.4., 13.A.5: 9-0.



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Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve resolution 13.A.3., seconded by Councilor Hackett.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council and answered questions.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts Commission (Nemeth)
2. Conservation Commission (Williams)
3. Library Board of Trustees (Nemeth)
4. Appointments Committee (Williams)
5. Planning Board (Cullen)
6. School Board Liaison (Hackett)
7. Arena Commission (Hackett)
8. Recreation & Pool Advisory (Retrosi)
9. Energy Commission (Richer)
10. Parking Commission (Warach)
11. McConnell Center Advisory Committee (Retrosi)
12. Legislative Liaison (Shanahan)
13. Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion (Nemeth)
14. Graffiti Management Advisory Committee (Nemeth)
15. Ordinance Committee (Shanahan)
16. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Hackett)
17. Transportation Advisory Commission (Richer)
18. Joint Building Committee – DHS (Carrier)
19. Heritage Commission (Retrosi)
20. Board of Health (Richer)
21. Downtown TIF Advisory Board (Warach)
22. Coheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (Carrier)
23. COAST (Shanahan)
24. Waterfront TIF Advisory Board (Warach)
25. Dover Main Street (Carrier)
26. Strafford Regional Planning Commission (Williams)
27. Government Affairs (Carrier)
28. Cemetery Board (Warach)
29. Joint Building Committee – Athletic Complex (Cullen)

Councilor Williams gave an overview of the Conservation Commission Report to the Council.

Councilor Nemeth gave an overview of the Library Board of Trustees Report to the Council.

Councilor Cullen gave an overview of the Planning Board Report to the Council.

Councilor Hackett gave an overview of the School Board Report to the Council.

Councilor Retrosi gave an overview of the Recreation Advisory Report to the Council.

Councilor Richer gave an overview of the Energy Commission Report to the Council.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF DOVER HIGH SCHOOL AND REGIONAL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Warach.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

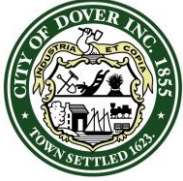
2. B25013 SIXTH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

3. B25008B AWARD OF RE-BID OF MUNICIPAL SECURITY SYSTEM SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST



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Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Hackett.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

4. B25011 AWARD OF BID FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS REPLACEMENT

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Nemeth.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

**5. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND SUB-RECIPIENT GRANT FOR GUPPY PARK III
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024)
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on November 13, 2024, seconded by Councilor Warach.
Vote: 9-0

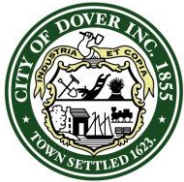
**6. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TO SIXTH STREET (BLACKWATER) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024 WITH A VOTE TO OCCUR ON DECEMBER 11, 2024)
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on November 13, 2024, seconded by Councilor Hackett.
Vote: 9-0

**7. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO COCHECHO WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024 WITH A VOTE TO OCCUR ON DECEMBER 11, 2024)
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on November 13, 2024, seconded by Councilor Richer.
Vote: 9-0

**8. ADOPTION OF FY2026-FY2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024 WITH A VOTE TO OCCUR ON DECEMBER 11, 2024)
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Vote: 9-0

9. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – NON-DEBT FINANCED PROJECTS

(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024 WITH A VOTE TO OCCUR ON DECEMBER 11, 2024)

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on November 13, 2024, seconded by Councilor Nemeth.

Vote: 9-0

10. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING

(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024 WITH A VOTE TO OCCUR ON DECEMBER 11, 2024)

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on November 13, 2024, seconded by Councilor Richer.

Vote: 9-0

11. APPROVAL OF TRI-CITY AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER DURING 2024-2025 WINTER MONTHS

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan motioned to approve, seconded by Councilor Warach.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.

After discussion of the resolution, Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to table the resolution, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.

Roll Call Vote: 8-1, with Councilor Cullen opposed.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

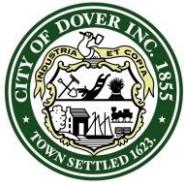
14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Carrier motioned to put a letter on file from the planning board, recommending that the Council approve the 2026-2031 Capital Improvements Program as presented by Planning and Community Development Director Benton, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shanahan.

Vote: 9-0.

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Nemeth spoke to the comments made during Public Forum in regards to grass vs. synthetic turf, noting that cost is a factor in the decision making. Councilor Nemeth noted that the City does not have the staff or budget of professional teams that are able to maintain grass



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fields. Councilor Nemeth stressed that these factors, as well as others, will be taken into consideration when the time comes.

Councilor Nemeth gave a shout out to Dover Varsity Field Hockey and stated they will be playing in the quarter finals on Saturday, October 26th. The team is ranked #2 in the state, and top 20 in New England.

Councilor Richer reminded the Council of pancakes and coffee in her neighborhood on Saturday, October 26th to talk about housing and food insecurity in the community.

Councilor Warach the last day to register to vote prior to Election Day in the City Clerk's office is October 28th until 6pm.

The Mayor reminded the Council of the Zombie Walk on Saturday, October 26th.

16. ADJOURN

Councilor Warach moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Williams.
Vote: 9-0.