

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Cullen 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, Finance Director Lynch, City Clerk Vansylyvong-Bizier

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Taxpayers, Business owners, and Residents are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Workshop. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

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

6. DISCUSSIONS

A. REVIEW OF PROPOSED FY2026 BUDGET

1. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Council went over the budget worksheet provided to them by the Manager and had the following consensus:

General Government Operations

A.1. Yes

A.2. No

A.3. No

A.4. Yes

A.5. Yes

Police Operations

B.1. Yes

B.2. N/A

Fire & Rescue Operations

C.1. No

C.2. Yes

Community Services Operations

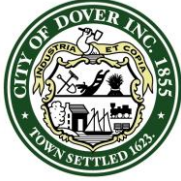
D.1. Yes

D.2. N/A

D.3. Yes

D.4. No

D.5. No



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D.6. Yes

D.7. No

D.8. No

Recreation Operations

E.1. Yes

E.2. Yes

E.3. Yes

E.4. Yes

E.5. Yes

Library Operations

F.1. Yes

F.2. N/A

F.3. Yes

Public Welfare

G.1. Yes

G.2. Yes

School Operations

H.1. N/A

H.2. Yes

H.3. Yes

H.4. No

H.5. Yes

Other Miscellaneous Suggested Adjustments

I.1. Yes

After a brief recess, City Manager Joyal informed the Council that if they were to include all of the amendments that they came to consensus on, the budget would be over the tax cap, thus requiring a 2/3 majority vote to pass. The Manager stated the estimated tax rate increase, which is subject to change, \$0.76 per thousand, if assessments remain unchanged, the new tax rate would be \$18.93 (estimated). Based on the consensus, the Council made a total expense decrease of \$736,277 and increased revenues to offset expenses by \$1,510,429.00, making a total net budget adjustment of \$2.2 million dollars. The Council came to the consensus, to keep the budget under the tax cap, to reduce item D.1. to \$70,000.

With that change, the budget comes under the tax cap by \$2,482.00, with a \$0.01 decrease in the estimated tax rate of \$18.93 bringing it to \$18.92, estimated.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Warach.

Vote: 9-0.