



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Chambers**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Councilor Retrosi

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, Acting City Attorney Perez, City Clerk Vansylvong-Bizier

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS – CONSTITUTION WEEK & NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

Mayor Carrier presented two proclamations, one recognizing September 17 to September 23 as Constitution Week and recognizing September as National Service Dog Month.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Warach.
Vote: 8-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY 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. APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR DHA GRANT TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSE ON AVON AVENUE (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE) SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR RICHER

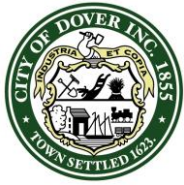
The Mayor, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

C. ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL ANTI DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN RELATED TO RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT FROM NH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR RICHER

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

8. PUBLIC FORUM

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.



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Mike Morse, Forest St, spoke about the Long Hill dog park and some potential improvements it could use.

Tom Lamy, Alder Ln, spoke about the Long Hill dog park and concerns he has with the sand being used.

*Councilor Cullen moved to suspend the rules so that a Somersworth resident may speak, seconded by Councilor Williams.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0*

Sam Blanton, Somersworth resident, spoke about the Long Hill dog park and concerns and improvement ideas that the Council could implement.

Paul Williams, Resident, spoke about the Long Hill dog park and his frustrations with the sand being used.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of his report that was submitted to the Council writing.

City Manager Joyal invited Police Chief Breault to the podium and thanked him for his 20+ year career with the City of Dover as he is retiring in mid-September. The Council thanked him for his many years of service and wished him well.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to accept the City Manager's Report, seconded by Councilor Williams.

Vote: 8-0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting & Non-Public Meeting

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Richer.

Vote: 8-0.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier and Deputy Mayor Shanahan gave an overview of the meetings and events they attended over the last few weeks.

Mayor Carrier invited Recreation Director Hebert and Senior Center Coordinator Linda Jarvis to the podium for an overview of the events and programs that are offered for seniors at the McConnell Center.

Mayor Carrier also invited members of the Dover Main Street to the podium and they gave an overview of their organization to the Council.

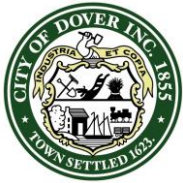
Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to accept the Mayor's Report, seconded by Councilor Hackett.
Vote: 8-0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2ND READING

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS



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- 1. RESCIND FY2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM \$2.5 MILLION APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING FOR DOVER HIGH SCHOOL TURF & TRACK REPLACEMENT PROJECT (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Williams.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

- 2. RESCIND FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING FOR SOUTH END FIRE STATION ADDITION (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hackett.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

- 3. FY2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT – APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSFER TO SCHOOL FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE AND OFFSETTING REDUCTION TO SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATION (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve a resolution, seconded by Councilor Nemeth.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

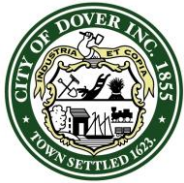
- 4. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED CIP APPROPRIATIONS FROM SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS REPLACEMENT TO FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES PROJECT (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Richer.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

- 5. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)**
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Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

6. APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR DHA GRANT TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSE ON AVON AVENUE

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR RICHER

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Richer.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

7. ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL ANTI DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN RELATED TO RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT FROM NH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR RICHER

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Warach.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. B26003 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD MAVERICK FOR PARKING BUREAU

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

2. B25075(a) REBID REPLACEMENT OF AC UNITS AT CITY HALL

SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Warach.

Councilor Cullen asked to pull item 13.A.2.

Roll Call Vote on 13.A.1.: 8-0.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve 13.A.2., seconded by Councilor Nemeth.

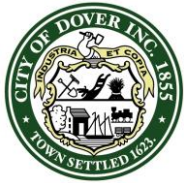
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

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)

14. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Hackett)
15. Transportation Advisory Commission (Richer)
16. Heritage Commission (Retrosi)
17. Board of Health (Richer)
18. Downtown TIF Advisory Board (Warach)
19. Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (Carrier)



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| 7. Recreation Advisory (Retrosi) | 20. COAST (Shanahan) |
| 8. Energy Commission (Richer) | 21. Waterfront TIF Advisory Board (Warach) |
| 9. Parking Commission (Warach) | 22. Dover Main Street (Carrier) |
| 10. Legislative Liaison (Shanahan) | 23. Strafford Regional Planning Commission (Williams) |
| 11. Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion (Nemeth) | 24. Government Affairs (Carrier) |
| 12. Graffiti Management Advisory Committee (Nemeth) | 25. Cemetery Board (Warach) |
| 13. Ordinance Committee (Shanahan) | 26. Joint Building Committee – Athletic Complex (Cullen) |

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 Richer gave an overview of the Energy Commission report to the Council.

B. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. B25018 GARRISON RESERVOIR TO OAK STREET AND BROADWAY WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN – ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF WORK**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR CARRIER BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Richer.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Nemeth spoke about how students will no longer be allowed to have cell phones in school and how that might affect the school year.

Councilor Hackett asked for a Willand Warming Center update.

16. ADJOURN

Councilor Nemeth moved to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shanahan.
Vote: 8-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.