

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Chambers**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

2. ~~MOMENT OF SILENCE~~

3. ~~PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Councilor Richer, Councilor Carmichael, Councilor Robison, Councilor Cullen, Councilor Granfield, Councilor Veitch, Deputy Mayor Williams, Mayor Shanahan

Absent: Councilor Retrosi (excused)

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

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Richer.

Vote: 8-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

Cathy Russell, 303 Washington St, informed the Council about decisions being made at the federal level about wireless towers in cities and towns.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

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

Vote: 8-0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 10, 2025 – Regular Meeting

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

Vote: 8-0.

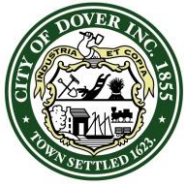
11. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to accept the Mayor's Report, seconded by Councilor Granfield.

Vote: 8-0.

Following the approval of the Consent Calendar, Mayor Shanahan moved to suspend the rules to reopen the Mayor's Report, seconded by Councilor Carmichael



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Mayor Shanahan stated that he omitted an item he needed to include in his Mayor's Report.
Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

Mayor Shanahan nominated Robert C. Carrier to the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee as private resident, now that he has stepped down from his ex-officio role.

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to accept the nomination, seconded by Councilor Robison
Vote: 8-0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2nd READING

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

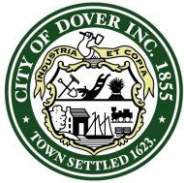
1. **APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR AIREY ROW ON CENTRAL, LLC**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST
2. **APPROVAL OF GRANITE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING LEASE AT MCCONNELL CENTER**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST
3. **APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO VACATE PERMANENT EASEMENT LETTER TO NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 914 CENTRAL AVENUE, DOVER NH**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST
4. **AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR EMS TRAINING WITH FIRE-MED, LLC**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST
5. **APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE OF LAND BETWEEN WEAVE FILTRATION, LLC AND APW PROPERTIES**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Robison.

Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. Arts Commission (Robison) | 14. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Richer) |
| 2. Conservation Commission (Williams) | 15. Transportation Advisory Commission (Cullen) |
| 3. Library Board of Trustees (Richer) | 16. Heritage Commission (Retrosi) |
| 4. Appointments Committee (Williams) | 17. Board of Health (Veitch) |
| 5. Planning Board (Richer) | 18. Downtown TIF Advisory Board (Robison) |
| 6. School Board Liaison (Carmichael) | 19. Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (Shanahan) |
| 7. Recreation Advisory (Retrosi) | 20. COAST (Shanahan) |
| 8. Energy Commission (Veitch) | 21. Waterfront TIF Advisory Board (Cullen) |



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| 9. Parking Commission (Cullen) | 22. Dover Main Street |
| 10. Legislative Liaison (Shanahan) | 23. Strafford Regional Planning Commission (Williams) |
| 11. Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion (Carmichael) | 24. Government Affairs (Shanahan) |
| 12. Graffiti Management Advisory Committee (Retrosi) | 25. Cemetery Board (Veitch) |
| 13. Ordinance Committee (Shanahan) | 26. Joint Building Committee – Athletic Complex (Cullen) |
| | 27. Dover Utilities Commission (Carmichael) |

Mayor Shanahan gave an overview of the Legislative Liaison Report to the Council.

Councilor Carmichael gave an overview of the last meeting of the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion meeting.

B. RESOLUTIONS

**1. APPROVAL OF FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF A PERMANENT 9/11 MEMORIAL
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams 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.

**2. B14074 CENTRAL AVENUE URBAN CORE (PHASE I) WATER TRANSMISSION
PROJECT-CONSTRUCTION OVERSITE-UNDERWOOD ENGINEERS, INC.
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams 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.

**3. B26018 AWARD OF BID - CENTRAL AVENUE URBAN CORE WATER IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE I TO SUR CONSTRUCTION
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

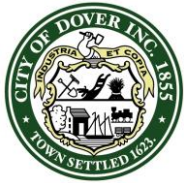
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
This resolution will be voted on at the January 28th meeting

**4. B25026 ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING SERVICES (ESCO)
ENERGY EFFICIENT INVESTMENTS PROJECT PHASE NO. 1 MCCONNELL CENTER
ROOF REPLACEMENT
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

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

**5. B26007 CRACK REPAIR FOR OUTDOOR ATHLETIC COURTS
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Granfield.
City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the resolution to the Council.
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- 6. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND LCHIP PRESERVATION GRANT FOR LOWELL AVENUE HISTORIC PUMP STATION
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING & VOTE ON JANUARY 28, 2026)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing, seconded by Councilor Carmichael.
Vote: 8-0.

- 7. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE NHDES 2026 EXOTIC AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL GRANT
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING & VOTE ON JANUARY 28, 2026)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing, seconded by Councilor Carmichael.
Vote: 8-0.

- 8. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE PISCATAQUA REGION ESTUARIES PARTNERSHIP GRANT FOR ASH ALERT COMPREHENSIVE DOWNTOWN PLAN
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING & VOTE ON JANUARY 28, 2026)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing, seconded by Councilor Robison.

Deputy Mayor Williams disclosed in her professional capacity she is connected to this project on the UNH side but did not participate in any decision making and does not believe this will pose a conflict.
Vote: 8-0.

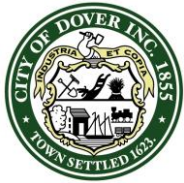
- 9. AMEND FY2026 SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING & VOTE ON JANUARY 28, 2026)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing, seconded by Councilor Veitch.
Vote: 8-0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Councilor Cullen noted that the Fahey's submitted an email they would like on record. Mayor Shanahan moved to place the correspondence from the Fahey's into the record, seconded by Councilor Carmichael.
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15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Richer informed the Council that the Dover Friends of the Library will be having an event on January 27th featuring Chef Evan Hennessy.

16. ADJOURN

Councilor Robison moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Carmichael.

Vote: 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.