



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Chambers**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, April 08, 2026**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Granfield led the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

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

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Carmichael.
Vote: 9-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED CIP APPROPRIATION FROM FIFTH AND GROVE SEWER MAIN FY2024 CIP PROJECT TO HORNE STREET RECONSTRUCTION CIP PROJECT

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

Doug S, 70 Grove St, spoke in favor of item 7.A.

B. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – SOLAR PROJECTS – NON-DEBT FINANCED

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

C. FY2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT – RESCIND PORTION OF APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSFER TO SCHOOL FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE AND APPROPRIATION TO EDUCATION

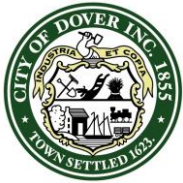
(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

D. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM FIFTH AND GROVE WATER MAIN FY2024 AND FY2025 CIP PROJECT TO HORNE STREET RECONSTRUCTION CIP PROJECT

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)



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(VOTE TO OCCUR ON APRIL 22, 2026)

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E. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM MCCONNELL CENTER HVAC SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

(VOTE TO OCCUR ON APRIL 22, 2026)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

F. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM DURHAM ROAD SEWER REHAB PROJECT TO SOUTH END GRAVITY SEWER CIP PROJECT (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

(VOTE TO OCCUR ON APRIL 22, 2026)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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.

Deb Clough, Don't Trash Dover, reminded the Council of the Power of An Hour event taking place on April 25th from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

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

Vote: 9-0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 25, 2026 – Regular & Workshop Meeting

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

Vote: 9-0.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

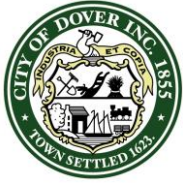
Deputy Mayor Williams moved to accept the Mayor's report, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.

Vote: 9-0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2ND READING

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING



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C. RESOLUTIONS

1. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM FIFTH/GROVE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

2. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED CIP APPROPRIATION FROM FIFTH AND GROVE SEWER MAIN FY2024 CIP PROJECT TO HORNE STREET RECONSTRUCTION CIP PROJECT

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

3. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – SOLAR PROJECTS – NON-DEBT FINANCED

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

4. FY2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT – RESCIND PORTION OF APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSFER TO SCHOOL FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE AND APPROPRIATION TO EDUCATION

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

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: 9-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

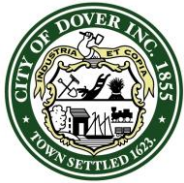
A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS CONSULTING SERVICES PESCHEL CONSULTING LLC

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

2. AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO LICENSE TO UNITIL FOR TAX MAP M-47-B (87A GERRISH ROAD)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST



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3. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSERVATION AND EASEMENT FARMING LICENSE TO SCRUTON'S DAIRY, INC (BLACKWATER ROAD)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

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

No Councilors wished to pull any resolutions for further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. Arts Commission (Robison) | 13. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Richer) |
| 2. Conservation Commission (Williams) | 14. Transportation Advisory Commission (Cullen) |
| 3. Library Board of Trustees (Richer) | 15. Heritage Commission (Retrosi) |
| 4. Appointments Committee (Williams) | 16. Board of Health (Veitch) |
| 5. Planning Board (Robison) | 17. Downtown TIF Advisory Board (Robison) |
| 6. School Board Liaison (Carmichael) | 18. Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (Shanahan) |
| 7. Recreation Advisory (Retrosi) | 19. COAST (Shanahan) |
| 8. Energy Commission (Veitch) | 20. Waterfront TIF Advisory Board (Cullen) |
| 9. Parking Commission (Cullen) | 21. Dover Main Street |
| 10. Legislative Liaison (Shanahan) | 22. Strafford Regional Planning Commission (Williams) |
| 11. Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion (Carmichael) | 23. Government Affairs (Shanahan) |
| 12. Ordinance Committee (Shanahan) | 24. Joint Building Committee – Athletic Complex (Cullen) |
| | 25. Dover Utilities Commission (Carmichael) |

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

Councilor Cullen gave an overview of the most recent Transportation Advisory Commission meeting to the Council.

Councilor Richer gave an update on the most recent Library Board of Trustees meeting.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. B25026 ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING SERVICES (ESCO) PHASE 2A SOLAR ARRAY PROJECTS FOR FOUR CITY FACILITIES **SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

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

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

Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

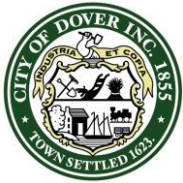
2. B26042 HOT BITUMINOUS PAVING (ASPHALT) LAID IN PLACE **SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST**

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: 9-0.

3. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING FOR FY2027 CIP WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES – FRENCH CROSS STATION (THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE) **(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 22, 2026 WITH A VOTE TO**



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Deputy Mayor Williams moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on April 22, seconded by Councilor Carmichael.

Vote: 9-0.

4. REPROGRAM UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM CERTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES CIP PROJECTS TO HENRY LAW AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION CIP PROJECT

(THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE)

(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 22, 2026 WITH A VOTE TO OCCUR ON MAY 13, 2026)

SPONSORED BY MAYOR SHANAHAN BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to refer the resolution to a public hearing on April 22, seconded by Councilor Richer.

Vote: 9-0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Mayor Williams moved to place a Unitil letter and email from constituent on file, seconded by Mayor Shanahan.

Vote: 9-0.

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Richer thanked the residents who contacted the Council during the budget season.

Councilor Cullen voiced concern about the Strafford County closing of Hyder House and how the County is being run.

16. ADJOURN

Councilor Carmichael moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Richer.

Vote: 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.