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**6:00 P.M.  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council will meet in Executive session to discuss Legal Matters

NOTE: This meeting is not open to the public per RSA 91-A:2-I(c).

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**7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

Those present: Councilors Ciotti, DeDe, Deputy Mayor Hindle, Councilor Keays, Mayor Myers, Councilors Scott, Trefethen, Turner and Cheney. Also present City Manager Joyal and City Attorney Allan Krans.

- 4. PROCLAMATIONS – AWARDS**
- 5. SUMMARY OF AGENDA**

The Mayor stated there is a Public Hearing on the city portion of the budget and Councilor Turner had requested the merit plan amendment resolution that they will be voting on tonight.

- 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

***Citizens are invited to speak on any issue pertaining to the business of the City of Dover. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.***

**Ed Bleiler** of 28 Isaac Lucas Circle has a question, who is running the city is it the council or Mike Joyal, they asked him for a budget of 3% and he comes in with a budget of 6.3%; send it back. We have highest spending of any major city in NH. Dover spends \$388. per capita why only in Dover, do we spend 45% more than Nashua or Rochester, why did Mike Joyal cut the city council budget, now comes the merit plan it should be rejected and studied thoroughly over the summer. Let's not make haste like we did in 1999 and one year after the Fenniman and Beecher contract was signed. He thinks the city should level fund the budget at last year's level. Then he read from an article; he hopes they read his handout. (See City Council folder of 5/24/2006)

**Jim Sconyers** of Shawnee Lane is here to ask them to support the cool cities program. It is totally flexible and can be tailor made. It will save energy and tax payer dollars. There is no money



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involved in the program. The City of Keene and Manchester have signed onto this also but this is the first city they are asking the city council to sign on.

**Otis Perry** of 91 Court Street is here as Chair of the McConnell Re-use Committee with Don Andolina and would like the council to support the McConnell Center lease resolution. The exception is the probate office space which requires them to comply with police format in regulation with the State. DALC is being given a lease for the first year; all of the leases have been negotiated by the full and sub committee. The committee voted unanimously that this lease be adopted. They are 30% complete so far and on track for a mid September completion. He will be here for questions later on.

**Danielle Alley** is also here for their support of the cool cities program; this is a good opportunity for the City of Dover.

**Pam Lessard** stated she is a resident of 62 Glenwood Avenue and also an active participant in the community. This is the first time she has come before the council. She is a parent and a school teacher but she does not teach here in Dover. She is here to talk about the cool cities program. This is a program that will help save the city money it will also improve public health. We are handing our young people a world full of problems. Our environment is something that we can do something about. She urged them to consider what type of world we want to pass on to our children.

**Ron Huml** of 199 Mast Road is here about the union contract of the teachers. He has obtained a lot of info from the school department but first he wants to talk about health insurance. He explained the numbers in the contract. He noted the section in the contract that indicates the items must be better than they had before. He asked who represents the citizens regarding this contract, he was told no one. He went over some of the major cost items including the increase of sick days, also the teacher's contract from other cities. The Mayor noted the school board is elected representatives and they do represent the taxpayers.

**Doug Boggin**, NH Program Director of Clean Water Action is here and commends them. The Mayor interrupted him and explained citizen's forum is only for Dover residents only.

**Norm Champagne** of 13 Church Street was reading in the paper the other night there is a \$1,800,000 that the Arena owes us and we are thinking of moving it from their side to our side of the ledger giving them a credit; he is against this move. We could have built a new fire station or police station by now with the money spent on this issue. He wants people to remember that we were sold a bill of goods when we spent 5 million to build the second arena. With energy costs he does not see how this will ever operate in the black. Perhaps instead of trying to get better interest rates we now have been told to move this money around. Also on the McConnell Center are we going to have agencies that will be assessed rent; he says some of these people have never had to pay rent and now they are. We have to stop and think what we can really afford. He mentioned the Tolend landfill he remembers we took \$180,000 out of the Tolend Landfill money to clean up the hides that were found at Beckwith Field. He listed other areas the where the Tolend money has been dipped into. We need to stop spending so much of our money. Sooner of later it has to stop. He noted the school budget with their contracts is also too much.



**Janet Perry** of 27 Arch Street is a business owner of Nicole's Hallmark and is here to ask for their support for the budgeted amount for Dover Main Street. She has seen what the Main Street Program has done in the downtown and it is very important. This past clean up day there was 360 volunteers to help clean up the city; these people believe in what Main Street has done for the community. She invited everyone down to the Factory on Fire that is now showing. This is a partnership that is really working here in the city. She urged them to consider their same past requested amount.

**Suzanne Medbery** of 3 Covered Bridge Lane is here to thank the council as over 3500 signatures were turned in on the landfill. She wanted to thank them on behalf of the group. She then thanked Hindle, Cheney, Keays and Turner for sponsoring the resolution. She wanted to share how odiferous the old construction debris is as it creates hydrogen sulfide which smells like rotten eggs. She continued to thank them for their support of the closing of the Landfill. She does not know where the Sierra Club was a few weeks ago but they are all of the same mind and they want to leave a legacy for our children.

**Don Medbery** of 3 Covered Bridge Lane supports every thing that his wife and Norm just said here tonight. He has been watching the budget sessions for a couple of weeks now and he thinks the Mayor, DeDe and Ciotti are in support of a 6.8% increase in spending. Neither of the 3 have come forward with any creative thoughts on curbing spending. The others are in support of a 3 -4% increase over last year. Those that ignore the will of the people should be turned out of office by the will of the people. Real estate sales and values are softening. We didn't run for office but we do serve from this side of the podium.

**David Mincin** of 366 Central Avenue apologizes to the Mayor but there is a couple of things he is curious about; the council requested a couple of months ago for the city manager to come in with a 3% budget. He thinks they should demand rather than request that he adhere to their request. There is a 7% increase no matter how they play around with the numbers. He encouraged them to adopt a 0%; the city won't fall apart.

**Rick Hebbard** of 97 Spruce Lane wants to speak about sidewalks and RSA 231:11. He handed out a copy of RSA 231:112 (however he did not include the clerk). He then quoted from the RSA. Another issue has to do with the emails and what they are going to do about them. He has found what he thinks is the best avenue under RSA 91 A. Also Joyal deserves credit for his explanation on emails. We had a little bit of rain in the last week or so and he has asked people about water in their cellars and the material in the dump will move as a result; lets hope we can get the dump issue straightened out.

**Mary Hebbard** would like an update of the dredge spoil cell after all these rains as she recalls earlier; were we able to cap it and how did it hold up in the flood. If not what were we going to do to remedy that situation.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution RE: **(CITY PORTION ONLY)** Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Appropriations, Fees and Capital Improvements Program. Sponsored by: Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.



Hindle explained this is a public hearing on the City portion of the budget. The Mayor explained we had the school budget public hearing a couple of weeks ago.

**Tony McManus** a member of board of directors of the Main Street Program is speaking in favor of the Main Street request as they are not asking for any increase this year. It is the same amount as in prior years. He wants them to look at it as an investment. It encourages people to come in from outside the community on days such as Apple Harvest Day. They have recently produced a brochure that has gone out to the bus stations, and assorted other facilities telling what Dover is all about. This is free advertising for the city. This is in collaboration with the Northeaster to advertise Dover as a destination and it explains what we have to offer. He hopes all of them noticed the park at the corner of Silver Street and Central Avenue that has been put in by Main Street volunteers. He mentioned other events also the flowers and banners. He asked them not to reduce this item.

**Carol Boc** of 8 Arch Street is here as the board chair of the Main Street Program. She thanked them all for their work and effort. Main Street is a national program, a third of their budget comes from businesses and a third from private and a third from local government.

**Ron Huml** of 199 Mast Road stated he has been watching on TV on the city side about the fire department's Suburban. He says his son just went out and leased a vehicle and maybe this should be the way to go. He feels it is more expensive to keep the used police cars rather than sell them outright and buy more economical cars for the other departments. He asked about Police contractors on police on details; are they part time or full time workers. Also last year when they approved the additional firemen it was said you were going to increase the ambulance service with these additional people. Also on the miscellaneous revenue page; the Mayor stated five minutes is over. Mr. Huml stated he will come back later to speak.

**Tom Fargo** of 14 Cobblehill Drive is a volunteer and Chair of the Conservation Commission and also Chair of SRPC and is here to urge them to add this line item for the SRPC back into the budget. The return on the investment is a value for the city. He suggests that the work of the Planning Commission is complimentary and he would like the SPRC moved over to the council budget. He thinks this commission brings value added to the city. He thinks working with the city and the business community brings a unified voice to the state project.

**John Scruton** of 99 Sixth Street is here about the funding of the SRPC and to ask for their support to put it into the budget. He also noted the Strafford Planners helped with traffic calming by keeping speeds down in the neighborhood of Sixth Street. The SRPC also help with truck routes in this city. The regional planners found a way to allow trucks to use the state numbered roads; they are quite a bit of help.

Now for the budget, the July audit is coming up he would like an independent audit instead of the same company we have been using. He does not believe we need to talk about our bond rating; there is plenty of money to run the city if you run the core of the city; ordinarily you pay something off before you start a new venture. David Scott keeps coming out with numbers every now and then and gets numbers cleared up for him and his hat is off to him. He quoted from David Scott's numbers and other town comparisons. He spent this morning working on how he is going to pay his property taxes and he will be using his savings. He



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recommends that we put Scott in to run the city for a couple of years to find out where we are.

**Becky Ohler** of 9 Cushing Street and an Engineer for the Dept of Environmental Services wants to emphasize she would like to see the budget held to a 3% max but she does not want the SRPC cut. It is essential that Dover Planning be networked in with the SRPC and to know what is going on in the area. It will enable them to see what is going on in neighboring towns. Transportation Planning cannot be done without the SRPC as we may not get federal funds; there is a lot of funding opportunities that we would miss out on by not funding this item.

**Norm Champagne** of 13 Church St has been paying property taxes for 40 years he has listened to people say spend it now on industrial parks but he has never seen his property tax go down. We can keep building and keep spending. He was watching the other night and some councilors were indicating that we would have to either borrow or tax them. Dover employs too many people and they are way overboard with their benefits. As long as the school board is going to add benefits; it seems to him we could stop and if we have some debt we should pay it off. Interest rates are going up but he does not think it will slow us down. It seems as though nothing ever changes. If there is a pot of money sitting here; they want to spend it. He has all kinds of people in the court system with judgments against them that cannot pay their rent as there is a whole bunch of people in the City that just cannot afford their rent. He cannot eat the increases any more as he has to pay his taxes. The Mayor stated the five minutes is up. Norm questioned the time limit with regards to speaking at a public hearing.

**Otis Perry** of 91 Court Street feels compelled to speak about the SRPC as our residential employment and amenity patterns have changed; they have become rural. We no longer can plan the waste disposal, flood control transportation and who is going to pay for the operation of the train station. The SRPC provides a forum for these that has a different outlook. Not all that affects Dover happens in Dover. We need a conduit to outside the city. And this is an excellent way to do it and it has a proven track history.

**Cynthia Coaklin** Executive Director of SRPC is here to ask their support of adding this item back into the budget. She and Tom Fargo sent a letter to all of them last week telling of all the accomplishments made in the last several years. She is also here to thank them for their support and leadership in past years.

## **8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The City Manager responded to comments made during citizen's forum in reference to per capita numbers in which theirs are incorrect and he wants to set the record straight. Total operating expenses per capital he quoted the towns that were above and below the City of Dover.

There was also a statement to the council about the city manager failing to give the guidance to lead but this is information coming from letters written to the editor. He was asked to reach a 3% budget his was 2.8% excluding debt and capital. He appreciates the council working with him and the city manager did comply with the council's resolution.



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In answer to the dredge cell cap; the council did not approve funding to cap it; they did approve for the treatment equipment to drain any water that it collects on it; there was no cap and won't be until it is full; then they will cap it.

On the recent floods; he thanked all the volunteers who have stepped up to assist the residents that have been affected. The city wide flood related clean up will take place June 5th to the 9<sup>th</sup>. At the curb they cannot take any brush, yard waste or household trash, or hazardous waste. They will accept carpeting, linoleum, wall board, things that have been damaged in the flood and will be picked up on their regular days for folks. Any materials that do not qualify for pick up the company will leave behind. Carpet must be cut and rolled no longer than 3 feet long.

In the mean time the recycle center will be open 8 AM – 4 PM Friday, Saturday and Sunday again for people that want to transport their own items.

Lastly he recognized Jeff Harrington for receiving a certificate of excellence in government accounting. He congratulated Jeff for receiving this award.

Hindle passed along information on the Community Services Department several residents have complimented the staff for the professionalism. Scott asked about the Police Chief's increase from last year to this year. There is a \$40,000 difference. Joyal stated you asked the same question last Saturday and he is working on the answer. Scott has been in all these other towns that John Scruton quoted from and he has stopped at all these towns and received the financial information himself. Manager Joyal defended his own numbers and Dover is average compared with those communities but Joyal will be happy to look at his numbers. Scott stated he has people that meet at his house weekly to discuss this budget. And under severance pay in the police budget there is also office equipment seems high. And why is the contingency so high. Joyal says miscellaneous general government is just that miscellaneous; it is not a department which covers the entire general fund it includes where we budget abatements it also includes money for the contingency, and Dovernet. Severance is just that as he explained previously it is for accrued vacation and sick leave and is charged against the city's long term budget. The city manager says overall the amount is \$2,500,000.

Trefethen says there were a number of washers and dryers that were damaged in the flood and should they be set out to be picked up with the program we already have once a month. Joyal wants them set out for curbside pickup as soon as possible.

Cheney mentioned that on Snow's Court several families were dislocated from their homes and Chief Plummer is looking for volunteers to help. Also the Chief did a great job and she is touting the Chief's efforts.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor.

## **9. MINUTES**

## **10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor stated there was a Strafford County Delegation meeting that was scheduled but has been moved to next week and they are or will be approving their first quarter budget. He attended the Water Front Committee Meeting where there was a lot of give and take with the developer. He attended a ground breaking ceremony for Seacoast Hospice Facility out on the



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County property and also recognized WTSN for their 50 years of service and public service announcements on the radio. He also echoed the kudos to the Community Services Department and all people in the community that have helped out their neighbors; there have been many volunteers with offers to help people.

Hindle noted the tax rate for the county is a 12 cent increase. The increase is 13 cents says Joyal. Hindle reiterated the county is a considerable portion of our overall tax rate. He urged people to speak for what they are in favor of. Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor.

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES IN 2<sup>ND</sup> READING - NONE

### B. ORDINANCES IN 3<sup>RD</sup> READING – NONE

### C. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Merit Plan Amendment Pursuant to City Charter C7-2. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request. **(TO BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE)**

Hindle moved seconded by DeDe to remove from the table with all in favor. Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Hindle thanked them for delaying the vote until he returned from his business trip. He commended the city manager and city attorney for their work on this in their efforts of balancing the powers between the city manager and city council. He urged the city council to support this change.

Scott has questions, why do we have a merit plan, what is it's cost, what is it's purpose, how does it dovetail with the other contracts. Does it provide the framework to allow the city manager to spend more tax payer's money than necessary. Why do we need to adopt it now; we are trying to adopt the budget right now. Shouldn't we put this off and look at it in July, August or September, why now.

Cheney is excited about the changes and added we were to get the class code and pay plan as part of it and there should have been a table of contents as well. The city manager says he can handle the administrative change to the table of contents. The city manager noted the pay and class plans were emailed to everyone on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and no one had asked any questions as to their whereabouts before this time. Cheney is excited as these changes balance the power; she admits there is a cloud because of the current lawsuit going on. Turner has also been looking forward to getting the merit plan adjusted. He would like to vote on it tonight but with the budget going on and a lawsuit pending; he thinks we should wait. We have had no other council involved with this and it is part of our goals but he would like to put this off until July and move it up to a later date. It should have been done a year and a half ago. Scott echoed Cheney's comments saying the wording is a step in the right direction. He is disturbed the document did not include the attachments of the pay and class plan. The city manager reiterated they received these previously on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Scott is concerned; therefore he is requesting that this should be moved off for a couple of months. Let's separate the



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attachments from the plan. The city manager explained with regards to the classification and prior to that he had sent it to the council by email and he has not had any questions from any of them about it. The city manager asked Allan Krans to explain the mechanics of the vote. Krans says on 5/10 he was asked if they could divide the question. He has researched when this is allowed. According to Robert's Rule it is not dividable with the ability to have one part passed and the other part not. He quoted from the charter changes. If we were to allow division of the question, we would be allowing the council to take charge from the back door. This would not be allowed by Robert's Rules. The Mayor explained that 8 steps of the 12 were something the police contract did when it was passed last fall by the previous council. The city manager says the 12 step system is in place now. Scott wants to divide the question; the Mayor repeated again that would be in violation of Robert's Rules as Krans just said. The city manager stated again on Tuesday 4/11/2006 they all received the email with the class and pay plan; he then read from the email he had sent them all. Krans suggests that the 60 days started when the pay plan and class was presented to the council. Hindle asked the city attorney about the comments that allow them to table this until July. Krans says the council is obligated to go with a yes or no vote within 60 days.

DeDe feels reasonable people know better; he has spoken with Cheney, Hindle, Scott Turner and the Mayor and this is long overdue. With regards to the 12 steps they were created with saving money in mind; what happened is it takes longer to get through the 12 steps. The separability section on page 15 was added in and gave the city manager the opportunity to make changes. Each of the issues that were problematic have been addressed. To vote against this says we don't want to vote on it. The city manager has held off bringing Doug Steele's contract forward; when is the right time; could it be because of who was at the podium first tonight. This is a chance for the council to have a voice.

Turner stated excuse, me who was the first speaker and this is demeaning and he finds this offending. The city is currently under a law suit and they do want this done. If this does not get motioned for a table and tabled until June he will vote for it but he wanted to speak his mind. He is not back stepping.

Trefethen says on January 2<sup>nd</sup> we all stood in the auditorium and vowed to uphold the Charter. The Charter says we have 60 days to act on this. We extended the courtesy to Hindle to delay the vote until they were all here. And now we have a clock that has been ticking but the nature of being a city councilor is you will have 3 or 4 balls in the air at the same time. There will always be issues and we must do several things at the same time. This merit plan is something we have been working on since we came on the council. It addresses every single concern that has come up and now we don't want to vote on it.

Hindle says for clarification to follow up on the City Attorney's comments; the 60 days will end on June 12<sup>th</sup> the next time we meet will be June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ciotti stated we all knew the clock was ticking. He believes the amendments do what it was set out to do. Cheney agrees with Turner, Trefethen and Ciotti. However she thinks the timing was ill placed and thinks if it were put off until after the budget; it would be better but there is no need to insult other councilors. She will be voting for it. Keays stated he read the old and the new merit plan and says this is a good plan. If they do not vote on this tonight, they will go back to the merit plan the way it currently is.



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The city manager cannot see the big deal why we cannot vote on this tonight; you are not helping the taxpayers by not voting on this. Krans added it has to be adopted at a regular council meeting. The Mayor does not think that we are rushing this. Scott wants a motion to divide the question. The Mayor explained the rules to Councilor Scott again one more time. Scott again asked is there a classification to this question. Hindle then read the council rules pertaining to speaking to a motion. DeDe says the last point that should be made is this was an objective and a goal that was made by this city council. The only reason for tabling this was to give Hindle a chance to vote. There is no good reason to not move forward with the question.

Trefethen noted the disarray of the last meeting and given what he has heard from the city attorney it is tonight or never. If we do not vote on it we will be in violation of the Charter. He would like to give a chance to suspend the rules to allow councilors to address the issue one more time, Scott seconded the motion. Motion failed on a vote of 2-8 with Scott and Trefethen in favor.

Main motion to adopt passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Tag Permit– Dover Knights of Columbus, Council 807
2. Raffle Permit – City of Dover Recreation Department
3. Parade Permit – American Cancer Society
4. Parade Permit – Seacoast Area La Leche League
5. Fireworks Permit – City of Dover Recreation Department
  
6. **Award of RFP #B06069 for Old Rochester Road/Long Hill Road Watermain Design and North End Pressure Study.** Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to grant and to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-0. Keays wants item 12A6 to be removed. Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt item 12A-6. The Mayor wants to remove the committee report on appointments.

Keays asked you have the Old Rochester and Long Hill Road but you don't have the New Rochester Road. The city manager says it is to take a global look of the area. Keays questioned the Long Hill portion of this. The city manager says the other part of the study will look at water tanks and pumps to get a comprehensive plan. Keays wants to know if the New Rochester Road will be included in this. The city manager stated it says and North End Pressure Study and that includes this; there is two parts to this. Keays asked are we letting contractors build up there. The city manager says we are still allowing this and folks are aware of the conditions of the area. The city manager asked Doug Steele to comment. Doug says the study portion has a 75 day window; this is the portion where they will meet with the residents. Keays asked how much we were paying the consultants and is \$49,000 the amount. Trefethen says some months ago when they were asked to have this done; he felt there was some urgency and we were supposed to have an answer. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.



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**7. Award of Purchase Order for Construction Engineering Services –  
Varney Brook Pump Station Force Main/Chemical Feed System.**

Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Appointments Committee **(Report submitted)**  
**Ciotti moved seconded by Cheney to appoint their recommendations of Phil Renaldi  
and Bruce McEldonney to DEDC.**

2. Arena Commission **(Report submitted)**
3. Arts Commission
4. McConnell Center Committee
5. Planning Board
6. Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee
7. School Board Liaison **(Report submitted)**
8. City/School Joint Services Study Committee
9. Solid Waste Advisory Commission
10. Transportation Advisory Commission
11. Joint Building Committee **(Report submitted)**
12. Recreation Advisory Board
13. COAST Bus
14. Joint Fiscal Committee
15. Dover Main Street Committee

## **B. RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Authorizing the City Manager To Enter into Agreements to Lease Space Within  
the McConnell Center with – Wentworth Douglass Hospital, The University of  
New Hampshire, Seacoast Hospice, the Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford  
County, and the State of New Hampshire.** Sponsored by Councilor Doug DeDe.

DeDe moved seconded by Cheney to adopt.

Trefethen asked about the capital reserve portion at 40 cents per square foot. How much will this generate in the future as he does not want this on the backs of the taxpayers. Stancel came forward to explain that 40 cents per square foot generates about \$16,000 per year. The Mayor pointed out there are several members of the McConnell Center Committee present tonight and thanked them. Trefethen asked and the money goes into a reserve fund.

Trefethen asked who makes the decision on the spending of it. The city manager says the city council decides. Keays asked what are we getting per square foot. DeDe says \$6. and we have got \$4.60 for the first year for operating expenses that will change each year from the prior year as these items change. Keays asked if we will have enough revenue from the building to be able to do the upkeep. DeDe explained again the answer.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-2 with Keays and Scott opposed.

2. **Authorizing the City Manager to Formulate Policies Encouraging the City of  
Dover's Participation in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.** Sponsored  
by Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.



Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. The Mayor explained where this resolution had come from. DeDe had seen a TV special when this all started that gave amazing examples of the impact this has had on cities. Trefethen says there has been considerable discussion on global warming and it is by no means a scientific consensus. He agrees we need to conserve energy but he believes we can and we should do these things without the resolution. He will be voting no. Scott is in favor but he agrees with Trefethen that it is not clear whether this will provide benefits. He likes the idea and likes the idea of a city ordinance but would like it to be voluntary as usually there is some cost involved later on. Cheney says she heard no cost but it mentions hybrid autos. The Mayor says we should factor these considerations into items we are considering going forward.

Turner is wondering what the vote was on the police squad cars; how this resolution will affect line item 4742 of the Police Department budget. He is in favor of this; and how does this help us in the immediate future. Scott says the concept is good but something about geo thermal heating like many other communities but a resolution is not necessary. Hindle stated to answer Turner and Scott this resolution asks us to find cost saving ways to save energy with regards to building costs. It is giving us another avenue to keep a reign on energy costs. The Mayor gave the example of the Arena's second chiller where one is electric and one is gas depending on the price of each and also looking at replacing windows in the fire station and city hall; this simply formalizes the ability to tie into some other resources as well. Keays asks about the generators at the back of the building and is that electricity or is that heat. The city manager says that is for emergency power. Passes 8-1 with Trefethen opposed.

**3. Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Amendment #1. (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 14, 2006)**

Hindle to suspend the rules to introduce item 12B-4 seconded by Ciotti. Motion to suspend passed on a roll call vote of 8-1 with Trefethen opposed.

**4. Resolution Re: Appointment of Joint Building Committee Member as Advisory Position ONLY. Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle.**

Hindle moved seconded by Cheney to appoint. Hindle apologizes for not bringing this forward last month as the council and school board should both have equal representation on the JBC. He is appointing Ray Bardwell as the council representative and as a non-voting member. Cheney stated as member she was asking for their support on this appointment. All were in favor.

**C. ORDINANCES IN 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

- 1. #06-05/24/2006**, Chapter 97, Dumping and Rubbish (*and Recycling*) Collection, Section 997-3, Collection Schedule, Restrictions. Sponsored by Councilor Scott Myers by Request. (*To be referred to a public hearing on June 14, 2006.*)

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to refer to a public hearing on June 14, 2006 with all in favor.

- 2. #07-05/24/06**, Chapter 22, Ethics, Various Sections and Addition Section



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22-13, Ethics Commission. Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle. ***(To be referred to a workshop on June 21, 2006 and to a Public Hearing on June 28, 2006.)***

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to refer to a public hearing on June 28, 2006 with all in favor.

#### **D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Comcast Letter #1
2. Comcast Letter #2
3. Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to accept and place on file with all in favor.

#### **13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Hindle asked a question of the city manager about during the budget discussions on Thursday and Saturday he quoted the amount of reductions made on Saturday he asked about the \$244,877 amount on the Police budget does this include the \$118,000 that they removed for capital expenditures as well as the reduction in health insurance. The city manager says yes. Hindle noted he will be away on business on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. He asked the city manager to send the list of reductions soon. Cheney reiterated that Chief Plummer is organizing any volunteers that want to help with the flood victims at 516-6140. She also attended the Factory Reveal and it was very worthwhile.

DeDe stated the photo of the washed out Blackwater Road was in the Schenectady newspaper.

#### **14. ADJOURN**

Hindle moved seconded by Cheney to adjourn at 9:47 pm with all in favor.

**Judy Gaouette,  
City Clerk**