



7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. 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 Finance director Jeff Harrington

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Cheney led the Pledge.

Scott moved to suspend the rules with Turner seconding the motion to allow the public to speak on the budget for a total of 20 minutes. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-2 with Keays and Myers opposed.

Ed Bleiler of 28 Isaac Lucas Circle stated this budget is creative accounting in story book land and Mike Joyal is pulling the wool over somebody's eyes. He was good when he went to college but he cannot understand this budget, send it back and ask Mr. Joyal to go to Rochester and get their budget; it is the simplest budget you ever saw in your life. Whatever happened to the 3% budget that the council requested; just level fund the budget of last year. He guesses this is in the 6% range; don't let anybody suck out the motherhood in the budget such as taking away fireman and policeman and school money. One item they should look at is the \$750,000 fund called Miscellaneous General Government, also the \$250,000 Maintenance of Office Machines and then the \$200,000 of Office Equipment; for this amount of money we could have all new equipment every year. Dover has enough black eyes as quoted from the newspaper. We have an out of control Police Chief and City Manager as he sees it. Please vote no for the citizens of Dover and take back your home city.

Ray Bardwell of Spur Road stated the councilors have a tough job and you cannot kill the "800 pound gorilla" in one season. He referred to his personal budget; he would like them to budget and be realistic. He does not want them to go above the percentages of his semi retirement status increases. The people cannot stand it anymore. We don't need gold plated roads. There are better ways, why can't we get some hybrid vehicles for this year; why do we need Crown Victorias. He urged them to get a committee and look at the number of employees; let's put the department heads to work and not let them spend money like it was the public trough.

Don Medbery of Covered Bridge Lane thanked them for suspending the rules and stated there are a couple of things we need to look at; our assessing system; there is too much difference in the property values in this city. Another thing with the budget is to get going with the budget early in the year and just stick with it and not introduce all these other items. He thinks the new councilors did not have a chance to understand how the budget really operates as it is a difficult book to go through.



David Mincin of 366 Central Avenue in Ward One stated a lot of people have followed the deliberations on the budget. Keays has made a lot of statements, what does this cost and how many people are there. He finds the way he has been answered a little disrespectful. Exactly what are we paying for as the folks are bleeding. Older folks cannot afford the proposed 7% increase. Think about the folks; they are not all making six figure salaries.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the "public forum".

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution RE: Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Appropriations, Fees and Capital Improvements Program. Sponsored by: Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to substitute as a whole.

The Mayor explained this resolution would get the council's prior work into the resolution in one lump with all in favor of substituting.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt the substitute resolution.

Hindle stated we met a month ago on a Thursday and also on Saturday that same week where the Mayor asked each of them to come in with cuts they wished to see. He went over the entire budget and reduced each department further and the City Manager came in with a number for the healthcare reductions. Some departments were deleted because they had come in at what he wanted other departments he had additional deductions for.

Hindle moved with Trefethen seconding the motion to ask for a \$50,000 reduction in the sidewalk budget. Motion passed on a vote of 7-2 with DeDe and Myers opposed.

Hindle moved to amend to redirect the \$25,000 reduction in the library budget to personal services by reducing this item; Scott seconded the motion. His theory is the other items will remain that are not from this item # and this reduction will be off personal services. Joyal says this will make us not have enough staff for one morning a week. Cathy Beaudoin says based on reducing a person in the children's room and running it with one person instead of two will come out of Sunday hours; she does not think it would effect hours of operation though. Hindle asked about the Library pages. Cathy Beaudoin says \$8,000 is a Library page. The Mayor stated he has had emails on closing the Library and especially on the hours of the children's room. He would like to look at this amount later on to maybe add it back into the budget somewhere so he will not support this reduction. Trefethen will not support this cut either; he has in mind his own cut that is not as drastic. DeDe will not support it either as the Library Director knows the operation more intimately than anyone else. He thinks we should give respect to the Library Director to allow her make the \$25,000 cut where she thinks it is necessary. Hindle respects these comments however he just wanted to take a different approach so the other items would not be cut. He feels he is only being fair to every department.

Turner likes Hindle's idea and Scott also likes the idea of supporting this cut. He thinks the attention to the people side is where we should cut. Cheney thanked Hindle as one of her favorites is the public phone so she would like the cut from personal also. This is a motion for



\$25,000 out of personal services. Motion passed with Cheney, Keays, Hindle, Turner and Scott in favor on a vote of 5-4.

Keays has a question on the library in Manchester; he says we have 26 employees here in Dover and Manchester only has 29. He thinks this number of employees is a little high. Cathy Beaudoin says according to her information Manchester has 29 FTEs and we have only 9 FTE.

Hindle moved to add \$10,000 to the Dover Main Street Program, Trefethen seconded the motion. DeDe agrees with this addition. He has had several emails on this subject. Trefethen has also received the same emails promoting all the wonderful things the program does. Ciotti will also vote in favor of this addition to keep the downtown on a roll. Scott also agrees along with the Mayor who says it is a leverage fund. All were in favor of the addition.

Hindle moved to reduce the capital reserve to \$50,000 with Scott seconding the motion to level fund it to last year's level, Ciotti is in favor and Scott is also in favor. Cheney says this is one of her proposals. Joyal says in the CIP that is laid out for the next 6 years we have identified using capital reserves for a fire pumper. If we stay at the \$50,000 level we will not have enough for this apparatus and this has been carefully planned out. DeDe is uncomfortable in slashing the contributions to the capital reserve fund. He thinks our debt load is manageable, interest rates are rising and we will be forced to put more items into the CIP. This is a cut of our savings account and will impact us later. Cheney disagrees even though she knows we need savings. The mayor agrees with DeDe knowing we will need these items down the road and we have to put away for these items. Every year is a tight year; somewhere we will play catch up along the way; he does not think it makes long term sense. Motion passed on a vote of 5-4 with Myers, DeDe, Trefethen and Turner opposed.

Scott noted on page 410 the account called Contingency, we have spent \$20,000 so far this year for the city manager to litigate the Right to Know lawsuit. He wants to reduce this by \$70,000. DeDe seconded the motion and would like the city manager to explain. City Manager Joyal explained this is the contingency for the entire general fund; there are unknowns that will occur in a budget, an example for what it is used for is snow removal; if we had more snow he would have used this. Also the new mailboxes the council requested were paid for from this fund. This is a very small percentage of the 90 million dollar budget. The Mayor asked where is the money coming from for the flood repair. Joyal says there is \$800,000 in repairs so far. The \$80,000 that is remaining will help cover this. He will be suggesting reallocating money from streets for a certain sinkhole repair due to the flood. When money is left it rolls over into the fund balance. Joyal referred to the April financial statements. Joyal stated he looks to the departments to find savings in their operations to allow us to balance our budget. Scott questioned the Police Chief's salary again. Joyal read from his previous response to Scott's question.

Hindle asked if we could get a figure on the recent proposals. Jeff says we are at a \$90,000 decrease; Joyal held up the financial sheet for 2005 and 2006; Scott says it does not include the Police Chief's transfer.

Trefethen stated point of order his understanding in order to move money from one account to another requires council approval but this was moved within the police detail. Jeff explained during the budget year if you have a line item go over a certain level; they go in and look at



the appropriations for each department and cover any line item that is overspent. The city manager has the authority to move line items. Scott stated he will make an appointment to go over this with the city manager.

Discussion continued on reducing contingency by \$70,000. Cheney would like a reduction but not quite that much. Scott is the only one in favor; motion failed 1-8.

Scott moved seconded by Cheney to reduce Contingency by \$50,000. Just an FYI the city manager says he will be using all of this \$100,000 in Contingency in the next two weeks to pay for the roads. DeDe says in a previous discussion he made reference to this years flooding and here we are again with the state under another flood watch with already deteriorated roads and when you look at those elements and a \$100,000 contingency plan, if we don't have a rainy day fund we will be caught short. Ciotti echoed DeDe's comments; with this money already predetermined for the rain damage for that reason alone it deserves our support. The Mayor agrees; all indications are that the federal government is not sending a lot of money to reimburse us for these repairs. Keys is sure the company Mr. Scott worked for had a contingency fund. He hates to see the city not have a contingency fund. He will support keeping money in the contingency fund; he would even like to see it doubled. Scott believes in a contingency fund but so far this year we have only spent \$5,000 for a lawsuit. Vote on reducing Contingency by \$50,000 failed on a 1-8 vote with Scott in favor.

Scott motioned on account 4435 Maintenance Charges – Office Equipment to reduce to \$150,000; Hindle seconded the motion for discussion.

Scott stated he had asked for detail two weeks ago and only got it today and it is for Dovernet; where is the money. The city manager asked Scott if he knows what Dovernet is; it is the entire telecommunications for the entire city. Dovernet is a term that was coined in the mid 90's to define technology. This is a sophisticated system. Scott asked if this is where the person is that is part time. Scott says shouldn't this be part of the executive department. The city manager says that function does report directly to him. This was set up like the McConnell Center account. Scott moved to reduce to \$50,000 with Turner seconding the motion. Turner is curious we have Comcast coming up for renewal; isn't a good bit of the renewal going to pay for some of this technology. Ciotti stated he will speak to this saying every department has this line item and pays Dovernet. This is an enterprise fund; the Mayor added this supports our entire computer network including schools and all city departments.

Scott is confused about why all these line items are shown in each of the departments. The city manager says we try to account for costs in each department. We try to have an accurate accounting in each department; when that is done there is still miscellaneous costs that are allocated. He really could allocate all this money. Scott says this is double accounting. Turner stated on page 106; the Mayor clarified that these are different machines. Scott again fears there is double accounting. The city manager stated our summary budget is just like Rochester's budget. On page 94 is the detail of Dovernet and the balance is \$250,000. Scott withdraws the motion and now wants to reduce line item 4435 by \$20,000 Hindle seconded the motion for discussion. Hindle asks what would occur if they reduced it by \$20,000. The city manager asked for Annie Dove to help. Annie stated she wants to spend a little more time looking in the detail but a lot of this expense is licensing, something we did not do a good job of in the 90's. The city manager says it will have to come out of capital, he then kept referring Scott to page 94. Scott now withdraws the request. Turner stated he wants to take a moment to speak on this as he is concerned about the amount of the line item.



Scott stated on page 410, line item 4891 - Abatements he wants to reduce by \$40,000. The city manager says this line item is set by statute and by RSA. Scott will defer to the city manager's authority. Scott stated but in the absence of that he believes we have only paid \$50,000 in each of the last 3 years and we could always adjust this line.

The Mayor reiterated what the city manager just said on how it is set by statute and now Scott wants to reduce the item by \$20,000 with no second.

Scott stated on page 401, item 4160 Severance Pay with a motion to reduce this account by \$50,000 with no second.

Scott stated there is a department called Business Assistance on page 163, line 4510 for a total of \$90,000. He would like to drop this amount in half to \$46,000 Cheney seconded the motion for discussion. Scott feels we can let Main Street handle this along with the Chamber. We are not getting any manufacturing and he doubts that we will. We don't need Business Assistance for this as the Mayor does this and he does not think we need that much money in the account. He would like to phase this out. Hindle stated for clarification the prior year was only increased by a \$600 increase. The Mayor thanked the councilor for his confidence in him but he has a real job down the road in Hampton. Ciotti mentioned a memorandum with business contacts and 8 of them are questionable, but the other 108 are all local businesses. DeDe is troubled about businesses leaving Dover when he reads about this. This reduction would be counterproductive to the city's needs. Vote on reducing by \$46,000 failed on a vote of 1-8 with Scott in favor.

Scott has another reduction in Police on page 199 in the General Fund and wants to reduce the \$6,377,098 by \$100,000 and leave it up to the Police Chief to decide where with Turner seconding the motion. The city manager asked the Chief to come talk about the impacts. The city manager stated he was told not to look at outreach which shifts them to operations; he has given them an operation cut. Hindle then reviewed what had occurred at the work shop meetings saying last Wednesday we determined we wanted an additional \$100,000 cut. So there is already a \$100,000 savings in the substitute resolution tonight. The Mayor clarified there is an additional generic cut in addition to where we started tonight. Hindle asked Chief Fenniman what is part of the \$100,000 currently in the resolution. The Chief reminded them they have the Teen Center added to his budget and the \$40,000 is without cars would be the School Resource Officer and the cut of computers and the stray dog services. He also cut \$6,000 in uniforms and radar equipment. He cut all the furniture at the Teen Center and lay off a police officer as of January 1st 2007 to come up with this. Hindle stated between now and then if there was a retirement would he not fill that position. The Chief stated he would be in favor of that he is also working with the school superintendent to find cuts. Cheney asked about the teen furniture; the Chief says they are looking for grants to replace this furniture money. Now for the additional \$100,000 without the cars would include all cuts so far stated plus two additional police officers as of July 1st. Scott asked if there were any open positions right now. The Chief says no.

The city manager has already cut 2 police officers in the original budget so this will make a total of a 5 person cut. Hindle asked about looking at the use of hybrid vehicles; he added we should utilize a hybrid vehicle for one of the inspectors. The city manager says as a result of the council endorsing the Cool City Program Resolution he has asked staff to look at hybrid vehicles and he will be coming back to the council in the next month or two as a test with our climate issues and look at it for the next year. DeDe asked about the hourly employees and



how this would affect the mounted police. The Chief says there is no impact. Trefethen explained that in the course of the year no one expects to need the police but the once in a lifetime we may need the police we want them there. We had 48 hour police coverage during the flood of three weeks ago; we did all that and with the flood and we still want to cut the budget. Scott wants to know if the Chief has talked to the Chief in Rochester or other towns as we are above on employees per capita. The Chief does not accept Scott's comparisons. The Chief says we provide certain services and you cannot compare us to Hudson they don't even have a downtown. The Mayor says we have two issues the first is the first \$100,000 cut and now the additional cut of \$100,000; this is actually a total of \$200,000 in cuts. Hindle thinks there is an easier approach; he believes the motion is Scott's and we need to vote on this first. We are now voting on the second \$100,000 cut. Hindle stated so a yes vote would reduce for a \$100,000 more. Trefethen stated so far exclusive of this motion there is \$144,000 cut already. Turner says in February we hired two Police officers, why. Chief Fenniman says we had opening for a year or so and it takes us a while to hire the best and most qualified. The Chief has hired 4 new officers this year. The Chief says we are full right now. Vote on the second \$100,000 failed on a 1-8 vote with Scott in favor.

Trefethen wants to discuss the first \$100,000 reduction, Ciotti seconded the motion. The Mayor would like a motion to discuss the idea by adding \$1.00 for a motion with Keays seconding the motion to discuss. Hindle explained his original motion was the first \$100,000 cut which is reflected in the substitute. Turner will support the substitute. The motion to add a \$1.00 failed on a vote of 1-8 with only Trefethen in favor.

Turner moved to amend on page 410 to save the city manager the hassle of stealing from the paving fund so he wants to up the Contingency Fund by \$100,000 making it \$200,000 to account for the flood. County Farm Road and Black Water Road are both in his ward and this is a serious thing. \$100,000 is not going to cut it and we need more. Hindle thinks he heard the city manager say the Federal Government will be coming in to reimburse this money and where would Turner find another \$100,000 cut. Turner has been looking but no he can't find anyplace and stated the government will pay the 75% reimbursement of the expenses. Keays seconded the motion. The Mayor is comfortable with the \$100,000 that is already in the account. Turner asked the city manager what it will cost to fix Blackwater Road. The city manager says Blackwater Road is just over \$200,000 to fix and we may have a total of upwards of 3/4 million dollars in repairs. We have been told that they will reimburse us by up to 75% eligible expenses and the State will pick up another 12% and they do need to proceed with the reconstruction. There are funds that have been allocated for other projects that he thinks we can reprioritize.

Scott says there is no question we have a crisis. He likes the city manager's suggestion about waiting and seeing what the feds will be paying. Motion to add \$100,000 failed on a vote of 2-7 with Turner and Keays in favor.

Keays stated he has not been able to ask a question all night; he wanted a cost of the cell phones in May and he has not seen it yet, the city manager agreed and apologized for not responding to him with the information. Keays asked why do we need a solid waste assistant when we have a solid waste person in charge his problem is why do we have two supervisors instead of 3 To amend this the Mayor wants a motion, Keays moved to reduce the Solid Waste position by removing \$46,000 with Scott seconding the motion. He cannot see the logic of this; this issue has been swept under the carpet before.



The city manager says as far as the solid waste folks go there is a supervisor coordinator for the city in charge of negotiations with Pinard and is responsible for the recycling operation. He has two employees that report to him, one is a truck driver and both are certified to handle hazardous waste; they are laborers in the field and working and the assistant is out making contact with the stores and works at the recycling center. His position is just a title, Solid Waste Assistant given by the union. The truck driver also works at the recycling center in addition to driving the truck. Keays is looking back at the 2006 budget and how this has changed. Keays does not think this is right; once you negotiate a position we will never get rid of it. The city manager says in the process when we negotiate wages and benefits we negotiate certain things but titles mean nothing. Vote on the motion to remove \$46,000 from the Solid Waste Assistant line item on page 297 failed on 2-7 vote with Keays and Scott in favor.

Keays stated when you built the new public works facility on Mast Road that was supposed to house all public works employees. In Dover; we still have employees at Pine Hill Cemetery says Keays and we have to heat the chapel and the barn in the winter and he thinks we could save between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The Mayor wants a motion to address this. Keays moved to move the 3 Facilities and Grounds employees over to the Mast Road location and reduce by \$40,000 with Turner seconding the motion. His point is he is trying to save money and this won't eliminate any people. Keays knows this was Mr. Beecher's intentions and he added there is plenty of room over there. Turner wants to know what we are keeping at Pine Hill. The city manager asked Doug Steele to come explain and the city manager added that there is a separate line item for Facilities and Grounds. Doug confirmed this saying it was his intention to never move the Facilities and Grounds department to Mast Road as there is a total of 11 employees with 6 seasonal employees. In the winter all of the City landscaping equipment is stored in the barn and the equipment is gone over. The men's locker room is full and he does not have room at Mast Road. Keays asked about the Cemetery and Facilities and Grounds and where do they work out of. Keays says they do have to punch a card. Doug confirmed they are out of the storage facility. Keays disagrees about the idea that the Cemetery folks and Doug disagrees with him. Ciotti says wasn't South Pine Street part of the CIP or was it taken out. Keays says the only solution is to save \$40,000 or \$50,000 without hurting anyone. Keays thinks the move should be made. The city manager does not want them to just throw a number out there; he suggests for us to do a preliminary analysis he will include some analysis whether there would be expenses or savings in moving the employees to Mast Road. The Mayor clarified this is an issue that was brought up at their goal setting. And we should be jotting down items we want to address.

DeDe stated on page 271, line item 4571, the Community Services Cemetery is down in percentage. Motion to reduce failed on a vote of 2-7 with Keays and Scott in favor.

Ciotti moved to reduce on page 427, item 4612 operating supplies by taking \$20,000 out of this account with Hindle seconding the motion. Ciotti would like a clarification on this as it is a 1500% increase this year. The city manager says this is a Central Stores and internal fund. Jeff explained we have 4 internal central funds, including: Dovernet, Fleet Maintenance, Water fund and the Sewer fund. The reason for the \$30,000 increase is we have always bought the cleaning supplies out of their budget and we will charge out the supplies to each building as used and then they will be reimbursed as it comes back to the general fund. The city manager says this does not reflect any purchasing power. Ciotti then withdrew his motion.



Cheney motioned on page 291 in Community Services Facilities and Grounds to reduce personal services by \$50,000 for discussion about the new Facilities and Grounds Supervisor with Scott seconding the motion. Cheney asked who are these people and are they new for this year. The city manager says on page 291 there are no new employees. Cheney then withdrew her motion.

Scott asked about the healthcare amount on the same page. The city manager says this reflects any retirees that are from this department. Scott thinks to be clearer the retirees section should be broke out separately so the city manager stated he will add this to the issue list for how we separate these out. Trefethen says when you look at it there are 10 employees, he did the math and if you look at the going rate that is probably about in line with what it costs. Scott says but who can afford this. Scott added that this is a long term problem. The Mayor clarified this is a long term union agreement.

Keays asked why it costs so much for electricity at the Mast Road facility in the amount of \$50,000, do they burn the lights at night. Joyal says no but we have a welder and it burns a lot of electricity.

Ciotti asked about on 492, the crack sealing in the amount of \$6500 at WPS with Hindle seconding the motion and where we will be doing the renovation anyway unless this is for something else we should delete it. Hindle thinks it is for the tennis courts. Motion was withdrawn.

Hindle moved to adopt the FY 07 budget with reductions in the amount of \$648,530 that is substituted in the resolution and along with the cuts made this evening and it adds \$10,000 back in for Main Street seconded by DeDe. The city manager mentioned the staffing reduction in the tax office that was not intended to make a line item he would like them to consider restoring that \$17,000 position as a stand alone position and as an alternative he will find \$17,000 in the budget. Hindle moved to amend by adding \$17,000 to the finance budget and delete \$17,000 from the ball field maintenance account.

Scott wants a clarification is this to take from sports and give to finance. The city manager stated he will give regular updates on the ball fields. Keays asked if the city manager has seen the ball fields lately as they look like hell now and we should not cut money from that budget. Hindle withdrew the amendment.

DeDe moved to add \$17,000 back into the finance budget with no second to the motion.

Hindle moved again to adopt the FY 07 budget with DeDe seconding the motion. The Mayor asked Jeff for the new amount. Jeff confirmed that \$648,530 is the number of cuts. Hindle reviewed his previous cuts saying the only proposal that was not met is the sidewalk goal; he says the budget does not end this evening as we work on the budget every time we spend our dollars which is every meeting.

Scott commented he will vote no on this budget, Nashua is working on a 3% spending, he then compared us to other communities. We need to tilt down the percent of increase.

He thinks we could come down to 1% if the city manager asked each department manager to make the cuts.

Motion to adopt the budget passed on a roll call vote of 6-3 with Keays, Scott and Trefethen opposed.

Trefethen appreciates Scott's sentiments and on the surface no one disagrees with him and we had a whole bunch of votes that failed on a 1-8 or 2-7 vote but it is clear the majority



of the council does not want to stick their neck out and make the cuts. Tonight we only robbed from the future; we did well at it and his taxes have gone up \$1,500 on his house in the past 2 years. He represents hundreds of people in his ward. The over all consensus is to show fiscal restraint. Keays asked if we are voting on just the city portion. The Mayor says we have one vote for the City, County and School.

Cheney thinks she made it clear she did not enjoy the process; she would like changes before we do this again next year; she thinks we could have done more. There were only a few councilors that brought suggestions forward and there are a few councilors that are totally satisfied with how the budget is now. She thinks Trefethen's comment on not having enough courage is right we really need to do this. She is hoping to individually make some recommendations to the veteran councilors. The first thing is when we did present the budget and we asked for 3% we thought it meant the whole thing. She is pretty happy about the \$650,000 reduction.

Ciotti echoed Trefethen's comments after going through the book it is not as easy as people think it is; he thinks we have done a fine job with what we have cut. Payroll retirement and benefits we need to work on controlling these. DeDe has said it will take years to get this budget back down to where we can manage it. Keays will not be supporting this budget; he was disappointed the council refused to discuss the school budget. Every year the school department gets what they want and he blames the council. He challenges them to look at this as he does not think this is right

Turner echoed Trefethen and Ciotti and we have worked hard on this; he is hoping to change and do better at the start; he would like to triple our time and next year at the public hearing he would like to have citizens step forward and suggest line items. The public hearing is an opportunity for the public to make cuts. If we don't approve this budget the managers budget comes to fruition; if we don't vote for this the manager's budget becomes the budget. He will vote for this.

DeDe says the basic preface of what the city of Dover is all about is providing services. As unpleasant as it is we are faced with some expensive contracts. It's a problem that will take some time to resolve. It serves the citizens with the level of services they have come to expect. He gives the city manager a lot of credit by having him bringing the 3% and 0% budget. It is a service oriented city. He too has seen his tax bill rise dramatically and is anxious to see these things come under control.

Trefethen reminded everyone about the senior citizens on fixed incomes and that we gave a big increase in the elderly exemption to them and a good portion of our elderly and truly needy citizens will pay little or no taxes. This is something we thought was important for the community and about 20% of our increase is targeted on those that truly need help.

Scott is glad Trefethen brought up this issue; he would like to be able to let the elderly know what the exemptions are with the rules written out on a sheet of paper.

The city manager stated there is a piece of paper at the Assessor's Office explaining the exemptions and procedures to follow.

Hindle stated it is now 10:30 PM as he moved to suspend the rules to finish the meeting with Ciotti seconding the motion to suspend the rules to go past their deadline. Motion to suspend passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.



The Mayor thinks we can always find ways to improve and we should talk about it in July and August and he asked each of them jot down their individual concerns. He thanked the staff; he reminded the councilors they have full control over the labor contracts and we need to stay the course and work hard as we go forward. He thanked everyone for their support on this budget tonight.

Hindle wondered about the budget number as they have an automatic 11 cent County and with the changes here this evening, the city side is a 53 cent increase over 5.1% for a total of \$1.01 on the tax rate. Again motion to adopt passed 6-3 on roll call vote with Keays, Scott and Trefethen opposed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution RE: 1% Increase Municipal Budget. Sponsored by Councilor David Scott.

Item withdrawn.

5. ADJOURN

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adjourn at 10:35 PM with all in favor.

Judy Gaouette,
City Clerk