



CITY OF DOVER

## CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
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**6:00 P.M.**  
**NON PUBLIC SESSION**  
**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

The City Council met in non public session to discuss consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of property.

NOTE: **This meeting was not open to the public per RSA 91A-3 II (d).**

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

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

Those present: Councilors Cheney, Ciotti, Dede, Keays, Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Hindle, Councilors Scott, Trefethen, and Turner. Also present: City Manager Joyal and City Attorney Allan Krans. Councilor Trefethen arrived at 7:40 pm.

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

The Mayor stated the Dover Teacher Union contract is on the agenda and they will be voting to accept AFSME fact-finders, also there are a couple of McConnell Center items.

6. **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

*Citizens are invited to speak to items that pertain to the business and/or interests of Dover, NH. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.*

**EJ Bleiler** of 28 Isaac Lucas Cr. spoke on the corruption in Dover and of what David Scott has been telling them for two years. (See prepared statement in councilor folder of 12/13/2006). He also has handed out two articles in regards to city budgets. He continued about the shortfalls in Dover and the high pensions, now that we see what Paul Beecher and Mike Joyal have done to the city. He commented on the dredging in the river and who is paying for this and are we doing this for Dickinson. Let the people decide. He mentioned the Goldberg and Zoiner environmental study-report done for the city he



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suggested the council get a copy of this report as it is the most damning report regarding pollution; he suggests they do a complete environmental study of this site. He added they should be doing an accounting of our pension liability.

**Jerry Lynch** of Lincoln Street is following Mr. Bleiler on what has been dumped there and it is very scary. It is not a nice site and they are endangering some of our city workers. It is just a dump. If we don't do what is right either the city or Dickenson, it is just blood money as far as he is concerned. He mentioned the high levels of contaminants that are being dug up. He questions some of the people that are involved. Maglaras field is a toxic area and kids have come down with chemical burns. They should not build on it. One more thing what he told him at the meeting was true.

**Carolyn Mebert** 254 Dover Point Road is on the school board and been working on negotiating team for the teachers contract for past year; this contract is very much in line with the council guidelines and goals. The teachers do a lot of work for the city, our children and our future.

**Karen Weston** of French Cross Road her forte is the Rizzo report. She thanked Mr. Stancel and Mr. Woodruff for the meeting among the businesses. There were 8 or 10 of them. She reviewed some of the proposed changes to the traffic patterns as proposed by the Rizzo report. The change that occurred on Main Street she was never notified of the change. On Main Street two lanes of traffic are now going into one.; there is a safety issue there . There is an accident waiting to happen with the new plan. People have complained about the racing and speeding up the avenue, this is now a safety issue. She requests the parking spaces be taken out and add the other lane back in as the Dover merchants were all in agreement to this idea.

**Dorothy Hooper** of 84 Katie Lane is here as a member of Dover School Board and here for the contract of the Dover school board. She pointed to all the teachers in the audience that have not had a contract since August. This goes beyond money and is a matter of respect; she wished them all a happy holiday.

**Don Medbery** of 3 Covered Bridge Lane referred to an article in the Portsmouth Herald about Dickenson having the green light to go ahead with the development. This is disturbing because it apparently it is not a signed agreement. He read a prepared statement mentioned the resolutions of a few years back. He does not think we need Boston up here. On another note the Fosters editorial is really over due. This editorial covered the top group of Dover employees. He continued about the Beecher arrogance and waste of tax payer's money. There are too many hidden items and costs. He then urged them to give the teachers a contract.



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**Ron Huml** of 199 Mast Road has gone completely through this contract and thinks COLA is too high. He had suggestions of what steps they should be started off with. It is too much at the high end. He gave examples from his calculations. He compared it to his property tax and how it takes more than 4 years of his property tax to pay for one teacher. He has also passed his information onto the Mayor. This contract is even greater than the last one; this is outrageous. In addition he read from the school contract. He does not think the council has all the information on this issue.

**Marjorie Fisher** of Hillcrest Drive is on the Dover School Board and negotiating committee as well and feels this is a fair contract.

**Rick Hebbard** 97 Spruce Lane has a number of issues, he now requests that they suspend the rules and bring forth item 12-B1 before going on.

**Alice Briggs** of Cote Drive is here for the contract as she gave her thoughts on the proposed teacher's contracts; she has concerns with the price of longevity in the contract. Dover taxpayers cannot afford this. Dover is looking at a new fire station in the north end. She is also concerned about the waterfront development about what they are not being told. Her mother was in the travel business for 25 years and when she came up to visit and they gave her a tour of Dover; she used to tell people not to come to Dover, the reality is we will get no return on the waterfront. She expressed her appreciation for the city councils time that they put in. She hopes they all realize the trust that people put in. She and her husband have discussed if they should have to go ahead and sell can they really afford to stay in Dover. We are dependent so much on residential property for taxes. A lot of us are worried about the future. She trusts them and appreciates what they do for the citizens.

**Cathy Latchaw** of Reyners Brook Drive wants to clarify something about the 14% on longevity; it actually comes out to less than \$600., she just wants to make them aware of that.

Seeing no one else the Mayor closed the citizen's forum.

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

### 8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Joyal submitted his report in writing. The city manager stated the McConnell Center is nearly complete and will be 100% occupied with tenants. The Blackwater Road is now open



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and the bridge has been replaced. Also the staff has completed striping the crosswalks in the downtown.

Turner asked about the human resources statistics on the new hires and separations. He asked about the \$8,000 difference in new hires as opposed to the people leaving. Joyal explained in the case of separations this reflects seasonal summer staff and part time, also you must take into account the full time people leaving the cost of their wages would be calculated at a hirer rate. Turner wants new hires and separations and our fiscal year to date has a reduction in costs. How are we reducing our costs and we are constantly hiring new employees. Joyal says because the new are being hired at entry level salaries. Turner will get together with him.

Scott added he fully supports the monthly breakdown. The Mayor wants to know what he is missing. The Mayor recommends that Turner and Scott get together with Joyal. Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor.

### 9. MINUTES

- A. WORKSHOP MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2006
- B. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 25, 2006
- C. COUNCIL WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 1, 2006
- D. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2006
- E. COUNCIL WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to accept, Cheney stated under the workshop on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, where Mr. Belheumer spoke on tax issues and was assured by Mr. Corcoran he would be contacted on the tax assessments. She just wants the city manager to make sure this happens. The Mayor confirmed this was in the minutes and that she just wanted to be sure this happens. All were in favor of the minutes.

### 10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated it was a busy month. He commented on the Portsmouth Herald Waterfront Report that Mr. Medbery brought up and how nothing has changed since 6 weeks ago. Also a week ago on Monday there was another meeting of the waterfront committee and a number of people attend these meetings. He attended a couple of ribbon cuttings; he thanked the city manager for holding the tour of Turnkey Landfill site along with Cheney, DeDe, Trefethen and himself were in attendance. There was a wonderful holiday parade with a good turnout from councilors who were walking. He thanked the Elks for taking over the parade. Joyce ElKourati did a presentation on the waterfront development at the Library last week. He and Trefethen were present at that waterfront meeting. The labor policy committee which is Councilor Trefethen, DeDe and himself meet on a regular basis and will have a report in a couple of months. A couple of Saturdays ago he did a reading at Café on the Corner and had a lot of fun there. He



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also did the lighting of the Christmas tree. He also attended an accreditation public hearing of the Police department. This is the first Police Department in the State to be accredited. He attended a second grade class last week at Horne Street School where the children learned about community and junior achievement and how money flows; he went to their graduation, he showed his new Mayor Myers sash that was presented to him at Mrs. Wood's class. He thanked the kids for their wonderful present and he wished them all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Hindle moved seconded by Cheney with all in favor.

### 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

B. **ORDINANCES IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING - NONE**

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

A. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. RAFFLE PERMIT – GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2. RAFFLE PERMIT – DOVER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL BOOSTERS
3. RAFFLE PERMIT – RAISING FUNDS FOR CAROL TAYLOR
4. RAFFLE PERMIT – GREAT BAY FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to grant and adopt. Keays wanted items 5, 7, and 10 pulled. Motion to adopt the remaining items passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.

### 5. **RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF #B07007 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES – PUMP STATION ODOR CONTROL SYSTEM. SPONSORED BY SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Keays stated he is very interested in this area as this is where the waterfront will be located and because we have had the smell down there for years. And now that they are ready to sign the papers for Dickinson to develop it we come out with a resolution to address the smell at the River Street pump station. He continued we spent 3 million dollars to cure the smell on Middle Road and the smell was never cured. Here you are now and you want to spend \$46,000 on a pump station. He wants to remind the citizens of Dover, this is not for you; it is for Dickenson. We won't cure the smell; that has been proven on Middle Road. He won't support this tonight.

Hindle asked the City Manager about the last years CIP and is this amount coming out of that. He is concerned about the total cost of this and is it a total of \$650,000 or \$850,000. The City Manager explained that River Street is the location where all of the wastewater in the City flows which is into this River Street pump station. We



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cannot afford not to maintain this pump station; we have major mechanical systems we have to maintain and upgrade; this is approaching 15 to 20 years old. We have programmed funds into the CIP to maintain that building and we also realize that it stinks; we have abutting landowners that regardless of what happens on the waterfront that we need to be concerned about and their ability to develop their own properties. This is for the benefit of the entire city. He explained that the scope of work that is on page 10 of the resolution is not for Dickinson developer. It explains and identifies other alternative technologies that we can install either immediately or into the future, it also is to develop a Master Plan for the pump station. We need to keep the flow going through the River Street station to get to Middle Road. Back along there was not enough flow through the force main and they found the sewer was in anaerobic conditions so this is to alleviate the smell; Varney Brook is on line and we need to keep it working as intended. The last item is most important, that is to provide an implementation schedule also for cost estimates for this work. Joyal stated it is \$650,000 for this last year \$650,000 this year and \$250,000 for next year. The waterfront is not driving the need for this. Hindle asked about negotiations with the waterfront and is there a cost estimate that we are asking the developer to chip in for on this. Joyal noted in the negotiations with Dickinson they are recommending requiring the developer to fund the high end or the gold plated solution. We are looking to take care of the basic odor problem. Keays asked Joyal if he is familiar with the Middle Road station where we spent the 3 million dollars down there and we still have an odor. Discussion ensued about the odors and filters that were installed on the Middle Road plant. Joyal stated the folks directly affected had the complaints and they have gone away. Keays continued here we are and why are we wasting this money. One of the recommendations from Dickinson was to get rid of the smell. If there was nothing down there the City Manager would not care if it smelled. Keays wants no hoopla. Joyal says the facts are on page 10, 11 and 12 of the resolution. Keays says 15 years and nothing was done.

DeDe is aware of the need to upgrade this system; this will benefit all the people in the area. This really deserves the vote of the council. Scott will be voting no for all of the same reasons Keays mentioned and because of the high taxes we will be paying. Turner says we have here 1.65 million in this account. Doug Steele came forward and explained what the \$650,000 in last years CIP was for and that it was designated for variable frequency drives for the pumps. They have found in working with Wright Pierce, the funding is inadequate. This is not strictly for odor control; technology has improved greatly in the last 15 years and the equipment is now worn out. Doug added we will be receiving 20% from NHDES on this. Turner asks why aren't we just waiting on this until we see how everything unfolds at the waterfront, why is it being done now. The City Manager explained the scope of services is spelled out in the contract in the background. Turner appreciates the fact the council can read all of these documents but his recommendation is this needs to be brought up in a workshop as he has not had time to read these. He moved to table this



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resolution Hindle seconded the motion. Motion failed on a vote of 5-4 with Keays, Hindle, Turner and Scott in favor of tabling. Trefethen has a question and a comment. Trefethen says we are really voting on the \$47,000; the other fees are a combination of and the rest they will get to vote on again. His question is maintenance why is the title "odor control" when that is not what the resolution is about. Trefethen moved to amend with Ciotti seconding the motion to amend the title to Pump Station "at River Street". Motion passed on a vote of 5-4 with Scott, Hindle, Cheney and Keays opposed to the amendment to rename. The Mayor stated he has read through the background and we are talking about the \$47,000; this is a serious infrastructure.

At this time Cheney moved to reconsider to table this item with Hindle seconding the motion. This time the motion to table passed on a vote of 5-4 with Hindle, Cheney, Keays, Scott and Turner in favor of tabling to a workshop.

**6. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF BID #B07013 FOR SNOW PLOWING/HAULING SERVICES FOR CITY STREETS AND PARKING LOTS.** SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

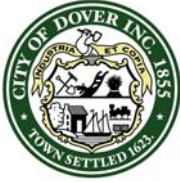
Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to grant and adopt. Keays wanted items 5, 7, and 10 pulled. **Motion to adopt the remaining items passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.**

**7. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF BID #B07019 FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MASS CASUALTY TRAILER.** SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. The city manager explained we received a grant for this purchase; and this will be kept at one of the fire stations. Ciotti asked if it was full of medical supplies. Assistant Chief Richard Driscoll says no. Trefethen commented this federal money is costing us something and if he thought this would come back to us in the form of a tax return he would vote it down. Turner has a concern that we are blowing the whole thing on a trailer. The city manager says the fire department saw a need for a trailer. Hindle asked if there are additional monies to defer maintenance costs to the trailer. The city manager stated the additional funds cannot be spent on anything else. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-1 with Keays opposed.

**8. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER FOR TROJAN LAMP C-SERIES FOR UV3000 PLUS.** SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

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**9. RESOLUTION RE: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAN GEAR OF NEW ENGLAND AND DOVER ICE ARENA. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to grant and adopt. Keays wanted items 5, 7, and 10 pulled. **Motion to adopt the remaining items passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.**

**10. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO LEASE SPACE TO MODIGS, INC. TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICES WITHIN THE MCCONNELL CENTER. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS, BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Keays wonders why all of a sudden do we have a lease handed out by the city manager. The city manager says they have all been approved by the council. Keays is also concerned the cost to rent the cafeteria is not that high.

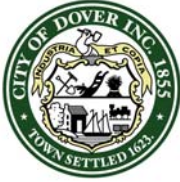
The Mayor explained there is a need for a food service in the building. There were guidelines that had to go into this dealing with USDA; this was set up for the tenants and the company started in Exeter and they have experience dealing with these types of educational not for profit services in the building. He has worked with Chris Parker, Don Andolina and Paul Mauceri. The company is also out fitting their entire kitchen and it will be up to code. Keays is interested in having that building paid for. He does not want to see that we need more money for that building. Keays hopes this pans out but he has his doubts, just like he had his doubts about the ice arena.

DeDe also worked on developing this particular lease and these people have undertaken a superior task in this kitchen. There are clauses built into the contract to protect the city. When the building was planned there was no plan for this area of the building. It was determined it was essential; to have a food service there and Green Bean Café had been exploring the area for a place in Dover and it is a match made in heaven. Trefethen wants to see this lease amount is only for the kitchen space and all tenants are sharing the cafeteria. The city manager confirmed this. The Mayor added people can bring a brown bag and sit in the cafeteria if they want.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Appointments Committee                 | 6. McConnell Center                   |
| 2. Arena Committee                        | 7. Planning Board                     |
| 3. Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee | 8. Recreation Advisory Board          |
| 4. COAST Bus                              | 9. School Board Liaison – submitted   |
| 5. Joint Building Committee               | 10. Transportation Advisory Committee |

**B. RESOLUTIONS**



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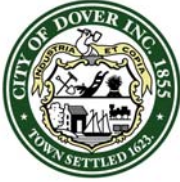
**1. RESOLUTION RE: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DOVER SCHOOL BOARD AND THE DOVER TEACHERS' UNION. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Turner has a concern with the amount of time he has had to look over the contract. He has asked for a summary and never received this. His feelings are he needs more time to study these items. He wants to speak about this and has a prepared speech. He feels the contract needs more attention than this. He is not prepared to vote on this if he has to vote he will vote no.

Cheney got the contract a month ago, also she had asked for a mailbox where you get the mail immediately. Scott echoed what Cheney and Turner say. He also appreciates Dr. O'Connor for his work and for the work of his staff members. He is aware of all the difficulties with union negotiations. He represents 3000 constituents in Ward 3 and one of them was here and spoke he is concerned about the cost of the contract over each of the next 3 years in the form of the tax bill. The administrative staff was very helpful and answered all his questions. This is going to be about \$200 on the average taxpayer next year and \$400 the year after. We need more time to know these unknown pieces that will hit us in year 2 and year 3.

Turner is shocked the council is not speaking to this, he wants this contract approved more than anybody. He read a prepared speech on starting salaries in Dover compared to other towns. What companies are giving 19% increase over the course of 3 years. He questioned the insurance plans and sick day plans. He continued reading his statement. He is on the fence about this. Trefethen believes he was the only one that spoke last time, then the name calling started. This is about dollars and cents and nothing else. He wants them to understand they all respect them and value them. Ciotti voted against this last time and the reason was the benefits were escalating and were not addressed; now all of their concerns have been addressed and for that reason alone he will support this tonight. Cheney wanted to make sure the message was specifically sent to the council. DeDe echoed Ciotti's guidelines and the School Board has the authority for negotiation the contract and the council is responsible for costs. While this does not meet the city's objective in terms of healthcare, he will support this. The Mayor says we are only bottom line authority and 98% of the language stays the same each time we receive the contract. It was available in the boxes on Friday.

This contract over the life of 3 years is actually \$18,000 more expensive than the previous contract and it does deserve our support. He explained his thoughts on the regional areas of Exeter and Hampton. Hindle is in support of it. Hindle moved the question. The motion passed on roll call vote of 7-2 with Scott and Keays opposed.



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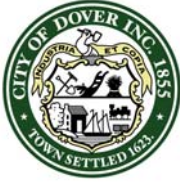
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**2. RESOLUTION RE: FACT FINDER'S REPORT FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF DOVER AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. The Mayor stated how they received a copy of the fact finders report a couple of weeks ago and if they vote tonight this becomes a template for a contract for the city manager to negotiate with the union. DeDe says if there are differences in the acceptance of this over and above previously approved contracts; there is a look back provision that would impact every other contract that has been negotiated and he has been through this contract thoroughly and will not support it. Keays says the "lady" has been very fair with the city and fair with the union. This union has been negotiating for two years. We just passed a contract that calls for almost 20% over 3 years. That contract is nowhere near this one. We passed ground rules back along and we did not adhere to them tonight. It is evident to him 2/3 of the councilors are afraid of the teachers. Hindle says point of order we are discussing fact finding. The Mayor will allow him a little bit of leeway. Keays continued we are charging the teachers 17% for healthcare and the public workers will have to pay 20%. Hindle stated again point of order we are discussing fact finders. Keays says they did a disservice to the community service workers tonight. Trefethen says a number of the items relate to costs. The council has been very clear in what kind of cost additions or what we will accept. When you do a complete comparison he believes the council is being consistent. The contract they approved earlier achieved those goals. He will not be supporting this. The Mayor echoes Trefethen, there are some positives but too many cost related items. You cannot truly compare one contract to the other. The Mayor continued regardless if we accept this or not, this will become a public document. A yes vote is to accept and it will become the basis for a future agreement, motion fails on roll call vote of 1-8 with Keays in favor.

**3. RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF THE MCCONNELL COMMUNITY CENTER GOVERNANCE PLAN. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. DeDe says one of the things needed at the McConnell center was the need for a sounding board and the government structure has been related to policy instead of regular operational issues. If there is a problem there needs to be somebody or a group able to act in an impartial way to settle a dispute. The City will be the landlord and this will be set up to have a councilor, a member of the recreation advisory board with 3 tenant members who will be nominated from the group of tenants. Then 5 members from the public for a total of 11; he thinks having general community members will be of benefit and a wise approach because it gives people from the outside an idea of how the building is run.



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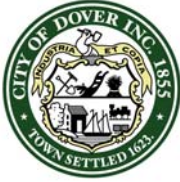
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From an operational standpoint this is very important and there will be input from all the individuals as there are escalator clauses built into all the leases for the future costs of energy. The second year this will be apportioned out on the square foot basis for the following year. This advisory board gives a place where things can be scheduled and problems can be resolved. Hindle wants this new governance plan in the form of an ordinance to fall in line like the other boards and commissions. He assumes the council representative will be appointed from the appointments committee. Trefethen asks on page #1 and question 3 is this a new employee or an existing employee. The Mayor fully supports this and fully agrees with the idea of 5 community members. Motion to adopt passed 8-1 with Keays opposed.

**4. RESOLUTION RE: APPROPRIATION FOR FY08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST. (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 10, 2007)**

Hindle moved to amend to move \$500,000 from appropriation from the school fiscal year 09 to 08. DeDe mentioned the space needs in city hall and the approval of the school board moving the SAU to the McConnell Center. They needed to make this motion before it goes to the public hearing. Keays wants to know what the big rush to move the SAU to the McConnell in 08. Keays wants to know what we are putting into the school department. The city manager says the police department is the most important, also to be able to look at the operations of the different departments. Also we are relocating some of our offices down to the ground floor and relocating the finance department to another area. Keays asked how much area the police department needs. DeDe says 60,000 feet. Keays says why has no one investigated the old armory. The city manager stated he contacted the adjutant general and there was no interest in selling it. Keays asked how much the school department pays here at city hall. The city manager says the city side pays for their costs here.

Trefethen asked after a vote tonight is there another opportunity to amend this plan. The city manager says the mechanics represent how this would be brought to a public hearing. And it will only be on these items and has nothing to do with the scheduling of items on the assorted years of the CIP. Trefethen has a potential idea to the plan and he wonders if he will have the opportunity to do that. The city manager says yes. Scott asked if Dr. O'Connor is in agreement to move from upstairs. Hindle says the school board voted to move them to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the McConnell Center. Also Scott wonders why we are making more room for the Police Department; this is going in the wrong direction. We are only moving the school project from 09 to 08. DeDe says it should be brought forward the JBC is looking for a proposal for the WPS and this will advantage the WPS greatly by having the SAU at the McConnell. There are cost savings to the taxpayers in having the SAU staff at the McConnell Center. Dr. O'Connor and staff are all excited about coming to the McConnell



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Center. There are two elevators. This overall change will save the taxpayers dollars. Turner asked where that figure come from. DeDe says fit out costs for space where SAU will be located for the ceilings, walls and carpeting. Also there is the possibility that they will be putting an all day kindergarten at WPS.

Hindle clarified on WPS that currently the JBC has the authority to redesign the 6,000 square foot space whether it is kindergarten or regular classroom space. With the consolidation of the SAU in one area it will relieve all the other schools for classroom space. Keays has heard rumors that this new building at WPS will cost more money. Keays says he thinks they are about a million and a half short. Hindle is working on the figures.

Motion to amend passes 8-1, Keays opposed. Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to move to public hearing on 1/10/2007 with all in favor.

**5. RESOLUTION RE: APPROPRIATION FOR FY08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – NON-DEBT FINANCED PROJECTS. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST. (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 10, 2007)**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to refer to a public hearing with all in favor.

**C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR FIRST READING:**

**1. ORDINANCE #15-12/13/2006- CHAPTER 131, OFFENSES, SECTION 131-20 ENTITLED REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER RESTRICTIONS, COMPLIANCE WITH STATE RSA. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST. (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 10, 2007)**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to refer to a public hearing with all in favor.

**2. ORDINANCE #16-12/13/2006- CHAPTER 166, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 166-50, SCHEDULE F, COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAVEL RESTRICTED, MAST ROAD. SPONSORED BY WARD 4 COUNCILOR DEAN TREFETHEN AND DEPUTY MAYOR JASON HINDLE, CHAIR TAC. (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 10, 2007)**

Hindle moved seconded by Trefethen to refer to a public hearing with all in favor.

**D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. WETLANDS APPLICATION – ARTHUR AND JOY BETTENCOURT
2. WETLANDS APPLICATION – BRIAN CAVEN
3. WETLANDS APPLICATION - CHANGING PLACES LLC

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



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### 13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

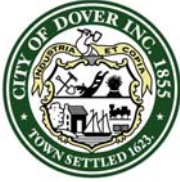
Keays stated he has been reading Fosters and is perturbed about the salaries of the department heads. He also read where Scott wants an independent audit done on the books. He mentioned Fenniman and if he stays over 5 years it is over a million dollars he will receive. He commended Mr. Scott for having the foresight. He will ask tonight to come in with a resolution to have the city council go along with an independent audit on the books especially with the sick leave and vacation time as it is almost impossible for a man to be here 15 years and to have never have taken a day off. He has had more complaints on this issue than anything while he is on the council. People are disturbed about what was in the paper so the only way to get to the bottom of it is to hire some auditor that does not know Dover. We need to do it and it should be done.

Cheney echoes what Keays stated. She does not know where the records are. She wants to give an apology to the teachers and Dr. O'Connor as he delivered the contract a day after the vote. It was delivered and it was just that we did not see the contract for a period of time after. He does his job very well.

Trefethen stated that due to personal reasons Ciotti will be filling for him on the Planning Board and he will serve as alternate. The Mayor confirmed this information.

Turner commended Keays for his topic and bringing up this audit; but he does not know if he can support an audit. As for his presentation on the teacher's contract tonight, he wishes he had received it sooner. Also we have passed a 0 and 2% budget for the city manager and he does not need to present his budget until April 15<sup>th</sup>. He sat down with Mike and was getting ready to put in a goals resolution. A 0% and 2% budget will be very similar to what they went through in last year's budget. He would like to take last years 0% and 3% budget and they won't be much different than last year. We have time let's give him detailed directions so we don't fall off the cliff. He wants the council's feelings on a workshop in January. Turner wants a meeting as early as possible in January. Turner will settle for the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, the Mayor asked if there is support for this. DeDe says this is the city manager's job, we have asked for a 0 and a 2%, by charter the city manager's job is to submit a budget. He will submit 3 budgets; the city manager has to look at what we can do without. Once the 0 and 2% are constructed the city council has the opportunity to go through it. The city manager is the one who has the most appropriate to cut and he is the one best qualified to do that. They sat down on an April Saturday to discuss the budget. He is not in favor of going with another exercise like that. He is not interested in a workshop to micromanage the city manager's job.

Trefethen understands what DeDe is saying and agrees somewhat and he applauds Turner for this issue, he would think the city manager would love at this point in time some input. He has no problem with having a workshop. Cheney says last year the City Manager listed some things he could cut without their direction. He still has that input. She would like to see a workshop on what we tabled tonight. The Mayor says he and Turner have spoken on this and he agrees somewhat. We will pass the CIP on January



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17<sup>th</sup>, the County budget will not be voted on until March and we will have direction by the School Board sometime in March. The County comes out with their budget some time in January and we will have a general idea. Then we will know what we can do with regard to the elderly and Veteran's exemptions so he would like a few more pieces to the puzzle so he would like to move the workshop up to February sometime so we can see the true impacts of it are; he is hearing about a lot of ugly rumors of unfunded mandates. Also the Joint Fiscal Committee along with Scott, Trefethen and himself will meet the first Thursday in January and they are looking for guidance from the council. He would also like individual emails for direction. We need to give the school guidance and he would like a unified direction from the council. Turner still wants it for late January; he mentioned the 11 items on the 0% of last year. This will give the city manager an idea of the level of priority for the city manager. The Mayor asked if he wants to use the specific list from last year. The city manager wants to clarify what he and Turner discussed. That the concern was we would get to May or June and we would have to make quick determinations in a short period of time. In order to avoid this cliff we would need to make amendments to the budget now. Look at those and if they want to make recommendations right now, now is the time to let him know such as recreation items. The work shop would be what they would consider cutting now and as a result he will have direction to make recommendations now. Turner gave the example of the Jenny Thompson Pool on the list, the city manager wants them to take action there is a process they would have to take to cut this. If they cannot collectively agree to make major reductions to the budget lets bite the bullet now. If that is the will of the council that gives him a six month window before we make, for example, a commitment to parents who may sign up for this for their kids. Turner is not looking to reduce this budget. He is not trying to change the budget he just wants to give direction to the city manager for next year.

Hindle noted if we do this in a workshop session, it will only be a straw vote. Keays asks can't we do this at a workshop. The Mayor wants to tweak it and Turner wants to schedule the meeting in January. Should they relay the message that we are considering a 0 and 2% option excluding capital and debt. The city manager has two quick things on the retirement of Mr. Harrington he will appoint him to serve as the acting Treasurer and he will bring in a hired gun (a retired finance person) to help them through the process; they hope to have someone on by late this winter.

### 14. ADJOURN

Keays moved to adjourn with all seconding and all in favor at 9:55 pm.