



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

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1. 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.

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM

THE CITIZEN'S FORUM IS LIMITED TO THE CIP RESOLUTIONS ON THIS AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY COUNCIL RULES - ITEM 12-H.

The Mayor opened the Citizen's Forum for items on the agenda. The time limit to speak will be 5 minutes.

Martha Haley of 407 Sixth Street stated she is here tonight to urge all of them to vote in favor of the north end water tower. She explained how she has lived in the north end many years and they have not had acceptable water pressure.

Aviva Myer of 1 Pebble Hill Drive was at the McConnell Center and she had a story about a friend that gets lost in Dover each time she comes here she believes because of the traffic patterns we have. She thinks the Rizzo changes will help. She thanked the Planning Board and everyone for their meeting. She is also in favor of the roof for DHS.

Gary Green of 18 Footbridge Lane is a member of the DUC and is here for the River Street Pump Station he attended the tour and found it educational. His understanding is these improvements will help with the odor problems. He commented on the upgrade and at the waterfront project stating one has nothing to do with the other. This is one part of the major part of the utilities infrastructure. He does not see this in the CIP though so is this coming out of the reserve fund.

Anna Schuman of 5 Elm Street has a concern with the water pressure in the north end. Although her experience is different from Martha's; she wants to speak against this expenditure. She resided 25 years in the Cherokee Street area and she did not have a lot of water pressure problems, she was always able to do multiple water chores. She has never experienced any adverse effect from the pressure.

Karen Weston of 42 French Cross Road is here with two hats, there are a number of items on the CIP to put into priority. We have been given land from Liberty to put in a fire station in the north end; this is one of the most important things we need in the north end because the response time of the fire department. This is for our own good. This opportunity of free land from Liberty, we should jump at this opportunity. She also believes the north end water pressure is affected. As a business owner she has a concern with the two way traffic pattern proposed by Rizzo. She and the businesses



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were criticized for not knowing what they are doing. She listed the taxes that are paid by businesses. All of their business fees affect the city of Dover with their fees and help the city. This city now has the opportunity before them which is the businesses and their residents. The City and Main Street is having a group meeting to see what the businesses think can be done to help the traffic pattern. She would like them to remove items 8 and 9 for further study before using this money and put it towards the parking garage but not towards the downtown.

Diane Gauthier of 82 Old Rochester Road agrees with Karen to remove 8 and 9 she believes we the people need to be heard. She is a merchant and has been there only a short time. She wants them to take into consideration the merchants. What is going to happen to merchants that receive products from large trucks. Currently a truck can double park but we won't be able to in the future. Also we need a parking garage in downtown Dover.

John Scruton 99 Sixth Street wants to speak about the traffic light on Chestnut and Central Avenue. All we have is stop and go traffic and strip malls. There are other ways of handling traffic besides having one light after another. How is it that traffic continues on when the lights fail. There is down side to all these lights. More and more lights, no. We don't use roundabouts; no one even talks about them. As far as a parking garage, just build one. He quoted from the Rizzo report; where are you going to put the garage if folks don't want to walk. Where is all the money going.

Pam Simpson of 11 Toftree Lane an owner of Harvey's Coffee Shop urged them to please keep the parking garage in the budget. The future of Dover is in the downtown. Let's get the garage in and pull number items 8 and 9 tonight.

Mike Provost is Executive Director of Dover Main Street is here on behalf of volunteers and businesses in downtown. He asks the council to continue to support funding for the parking garage. There are businesses that are looking at expansion and wonder if they should move out of town. We need ample parking with the Children's Museum coming to town also.

Rick Hebbard of 97 Spruce Lane stated you councilors are representatives for the people. People have come out to instruct them on items such as the Tolend Landfill and the north end water pressure project and such items as the need for parking decks in the downtown. There are some very important issues that Dover is dealing with. But please remember that each of these projects take money out of our pockets. He urged them to not fund items that people have not spoken about. He listed some of these items. He urged them to exercise restraint and only do what people really desire.

Vicki Blanchette of Sixth Street does not think the Maglaras Park is needed right now; this should be held off for awhile. She can see where the north end fire station is needed. She agrees with Mr. Hebbard that they should listen to the people.



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Don Medbery of 3 Covered Bridge Lane stated the CIP gives him heartburn. We do have a problem, lots of them; this is a giant mortgage on a community the size of Dover especially when the real estate is decreasing. We have a management that does not solve problems; they farm them out to outside consultants. This city has been fleeced with this management. Many expensive projects, he listed several, they are badly managed and lack of oversight. We the citizens need to question all the consultants. He held up 15 pages of revised and increased assessments, the Mayor interrupted him, he was belligerent. DeDe also interrupted that this has nothing to do with the CIP. Medbery says these assessments affect the right to bond. He continued with a prepared statement (see council folder of 1/17/2007). Dover's property owners are under constant seige by the from the likes of this council, the City Manager's office and the assessor's office.

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

The Mayor reminded them of a couple of dates to remember. The Tri City event and Saturday AM is Coffee with the Mayor at Café on the Corner. This Monday there is a waterfront meeting at the McConnell Center at 5:30 PM and finally the County just released their county budget and they have scheduled a public hearing on January 31st in Superior Courtroom at the Justice and Administrative Building on County Farm Road.

DeDe added the easiest way to get into the McConnell Center for the Waterfront meeting is on the St. Thomas Street side of the building.

Mayor Myers stated we have two resolutions on the agenda tonight. He explained how the process will work and there will be one final vote at the end, this will take a 2/3 majority vote to pass the entire package. Also he would like to engage in discussion about items in the 2009 to 2013 CIP as there will be a resolution at the next council meeting to determine if these items are still a priority.

Scott stated in terms of voting are they going to vote tonight on this. Didn't we have two meetings, are we changing the rules about the 2/3 vote. The Mayor says we have not changed the rules; we held the 1st workshop in November; he listed all the meetings on the CIP that have been held. We announced back in October or November when the CIP adoption would be. This is a Special Meeting and can be called either by the Mayor or a vote of 5 councilors.

Cheney says if we don't get the 2/3 vote to pass then do we then revisit it. The Mayor referred to Attorney Krans who said you can bring it up again tonight. The Mayor says if the vote fails; Krans says there are two options; motion to reconsider a different substance or motion to reconsider by the prevailing side depending on the motion.



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Keays asked could we have the amount we are retiring in bonds for the past year. Joyal says in the general fund about 5 million dollars. Also the numbers for water and sewer are a 1 million decrease and the sewer fund is approx 1.6 million decrease if no new debt is added. Hindle wants to know about the Tolend and is that excluded. The manager confirmed this. Ciotti asked about the change in the numbers of the Tolend cleanup. Joyal explained with Collins and Aikman's bankruptcy, the city would end up with an \$11.8 million bill. They have been assured that Textron, the original owner would be responsible for the eastern plume so we can use the amended remedy which is 6.5 million in the resolution.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution RE: Appropriation for FY08 Capital Improvements Program and Authorization for Bonding. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt.

#1 City Hall Improvements. Cheney moved to remove the entire \$315,000 item from CIP. Scott seconds the motion. Cheney stated because we are doing a space needs analyses with all the changes in technology; this item would be premature to do with this study. Keays thinks we need to go forward with this. This has been turned down now for 5 years. Someone is going to get hurt on the front steps; he thinks it is time to do some work on the city hall building and he cannot recall when the last time some work was done on the building. He wanted a list of what we plan to do. Joyal says the steps are one item, the clock tower, the bricks need repointing, the gold leaf is coming off also we would like to put air conditioning in the council chambers. He may ask them to reconsider some of these items based on the space needs assessment so he may want to change this. DeDe says one of the things that is occurring is the additional change of the SAU moving from this building which tells him the \$315,000 is absolutely essential to move forward. This study is actually underway and the study will tell us this. Hindle asked if we have a breakdown for the improvements and how much the A/C would be. Joyal recalls it is upwards of \$75,000. Ciotti says to put this off because of the space needs is irrelevant regardless if we have the space needs or not. Turner commented on the A/C. Scott wants to know how much the steps will be; Joyal does not recall but it is a total of \$315,000. The Mayor has asked for their input on whether we need an energy committee. This is a wonderful old building but it does need our attention. Hindle recalls about 5 years ago there was an amount for fixing the clock. DeDe says they back lit it. Motion to remove the entire \$315,000 failed on a vote of 1-8 with Cheney in favor. Turner moved to remove the \$75,000 for the A/C to amend to \$240,000 Ciotti seconded the motion. Keays is not in favor of A/C in the chambers as he is against spending taxpayer's money. DeDe pointed out the appropriation is only for bonding; if there was an appropriation, this will come to the council before a vote. Trefethen thinks we can be sure that the city manager will wait for the space needs analyses to come in and not spend this money until then. The fiscal year for these expenditures begins July 1st. The Mayor pointed out there is activity



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that goes on here all week long. Motion to reduce to \$240,000 passed on a vote of 6-3 with Hindle, Ciotti, Cheney, Keays, Turner and Scott in favor.

#2 Police Storage Facility. DeDe moved seconded by Cheney to remove \$350,000. DeDe explained one of the items asked of the city manager was for a reduction in city owned vehicles and in looking at the garage he thinks they could just put a fence around the cars. The other issue is if the police department is part of the space needs study; they may find a space in the existing structure and make this irrelevant. Motion to remove passed 9-0.

Trefethen pointed out that we won't need **#3** if we don't pass **#4** so they reversed the items.

#4 North End Station Design/Construction. DeDe moved seconded by Turner to remove all of item as suggestions were made to move this to 2011. DeDe is opposed in view of the fact of the Chief not wishing to forego the station on Broadway. Keays would like to see a study done on a police and fire station combined as he has supported this from day one. He would like to see both departments brought together under one roof. Trefethen is concerned about supporting this, even though this is an area that has been growing and the response time needs to be improved. He does not see the indication from this council to go forward with this. If the staff that is required was put into the operating budget that is the 2% increase that they are opting to take out. Cheney thinks this is a need because the citizens have come out to speak on this. Turner has heard a lot of support for this for a long time. Discussion ensued. Turner does not think this is negotiable as he has spoken with Chief Plummer who has done his research. The north end of Dover needs this but either we strike it or partially staff it and close up Broadway or semi staff it.

Scott supports Keays idea that we should have a public safety study of the north end. He thinks folks are talking about an ambulance need for the north end so he could visualize a garage for an ambulance at the north end. DeDe says there seemed to be an expression of concern that if the fire did not put a building on the free land the land would be lost. Trefethen thinks this is true but we do need to build a fire station there. It will be limited in height restrictions though and due to wetlands and the limited area, it would have to be a sub station. Hindle says about 6 years ago this came up for a vote and it was for 1.6 million now it is 2.9 million. Discussion ensued. As a resident of the downtown Hindle would be vocal in not closing the Broadway station, the debate is not the discussion; the discussion is a north end station. Also we do know the north end is growing at an expeditious rate. So he will be supporting the north end station tonight. He urged them to support this project also. Cheney wants to point out how they heard the response time took 12 minutes; she knows the first 4 minutes of any event is crucial and the majority of women that have a heart attack do not live to have another one. She used to be an EMT; these people will be Dover employees. The time is now. DeDe says the situations where there might be more than one call at a time are rare. The Mayor says this is the most important item on the CIP this year. He thinks the police department should be in the downtown. He agreed with Trefethen that it is a 2 part question because if they are not going to vote for staffing in April on the budget then it won't work. The timing is right right now with this council voting for both the CIP and the operating budget. If they are not going to support the staffing in April; then don't vote for it tonight. Keays asked if there were any way to get the figures on the tax rate and what it would be. The City Manager cannot do it right now. We would need 4 additional fire



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fighters so we could have 10 on staff. Chief Plummer says it would be \$90 on the average tax bill for a home based on an average evaluation of \$289,000 valued home. Scott is concerned when you hire 10 or 11 more people. Hindle corrected it is 4 new people. Explanation to Scott ensued about the math and how many it would take to staff the north end. Motion to remove line 4 failed, with only DeDe in favor on a vote of 1-8.

#3 Fire Apparatus for North End. Hindle motioned to remove the \$450,000 saying he would like this moved to 09 and the council can vote at that time. The City Manager noted they would need funding in place for apparatus but we would not issue the bond until needed. Motion was withdrawn. No action.

#5 General Streets Improvement. Hindle asked for a list of streets to be paved. The City Manager listed Central from Merry to #750 Central Avenue, Blackwater, Washington, Strafford, Wellington Avenue and Wellington Road will all be paved. Trefethen will support this as this what everybody mentions to him in his calls. Scott asked how much we have spent in the last two years. Scott will support this. Hindle agrees with Trefethen that this is the second biggest issue people talk to him about. For the record the council needs to take a hard look at how we do our street improvements as there are concerns from the citizens on how they can get their street on a list and the council needs to take a look at this as a whole to see how we allocate funds for improvement. The Mayor agrees and will support a quarter of a million for this in the operating budget as well. Sidewalks are not debt financed now. Hindle asked if we have any money left over from last year. The City Manager says it went to Blackwater. No action taken.

#6 Tolend Road Landfill Remediation. Cheney supports this as the people have spoken loud and clear and we have to clean it up. Keays wonders if he heard that our share is 11 million. Joyal says the new estimate is 6.5 million because Textron is going to pay. The project will be done in phases but we need the commitment in funding. But it will be over 2 or 3 years. Cheney wants to know when the federal documents will be put up. Tomorrow evening there will be another meeting of the solid waste and Dean Peschel can answer this. Ciotti says we have put off a parking garage for many years; it is time to pay the piper and get this done in its entirety. Scott asked must this be done in its entirety; this will be a large amount to bond and he would like it stretched out over the next couple of years. No action.

DeDe suggests we do item #20 next. **#20 Water Main Replacement - Paul/Wallingford.** The Mayor says this is out of the water fund not out of the property tax. DeDe says there are several things in capital expenditures on Wallingford and this has to be done. No action.

#7 Street Reconstruction – Paul/Wallingford. Scott asked why is this different from general street improvements. Trefethen explained on the general streets the pavement is overlay only; this is a total reconstruction. No action.

#8 Rizzo –Signalization – Central Avenue/Chestnut St. Cheney moved to remove the entire amount from the CIP, Keays seconded the motion. Cheney says this is a friendly 4 way stop



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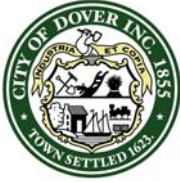
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intersection. This would cause undo traffic on Grove and Mt. Vernon Street. She does not agree with this section of the Rizzo plan. DeDe could not disagree more with Cheney on this motion. He thinks this would make the intersection more safe. Having a signal there would be negligible; he goes through there every day at least twice. Hindle wants the Planning Director to speak on this item. Steve Stancel says this realigns Chestnut with Central Ave. at peak hours as this is rated a failure. People are using all the side streets currently and this would relieve traffic. Turner asked what is the plan with Sixth and Chestnut Street. Discussion ensued, Ciotti can't get up the hill with the ice storm we just had. Trefethen asked as part of the traffic light, wouldn't we have pedestrian crossing as a result. Keays says we put lights on Chestnut and at \$100,000 per light we will be lighting up the city. He has lived on Grove Street for 47 years, why do you want to fool with traffic; the man up above don't like a lot of changes. Trefethen asked if Keays drives; Keays says not any more. Motion to remove failed with Cheney, Keays, and Scott in favor on a vote of 3-6.

#9 Rizzo – Downtown Traffic Change. Hindle moved to amend to reduce to \$165,000; DeDe seconds the motion. Joyal explained the \$1,347,500 was the entire collection leading up to the two way traffic change. Following the meeting the conceptual design was not detailed enough to address these issues. The \$165,000 could address emergency vehicles, accidents, and loading zones, the other part allows them to separate out the parking issues. The Mayor clarified this is for a preliminary engineering study to address these problems. Cheney asked how much have we spent on the Rizzo project so far. Steve says the original amount was \$125,000 with \$25,000 coming from a Coastal Grant. With the allowance of this money it will help us to determine what will work and what won't work. The Mayor noted on page 3 of the resolution is the breakdown of this line item. DeDe commented on the idea of having two-way traffic as he had gone to the meeting last Thursday night. Discussion ensued, it would be very foolish of this city to expend any money on two way traffic until a parking garage is operational. Trefethen could not make the meeting last week. But he understands there was a realization moment and he is glad the merchants got involved. He is in favor of this and he wants to be clear this is only a study for this. Turner is also in favor of the city getting a parking garage so he does not see any reason to spend another dime on the Rizzo line item until we have the parking garage. Motion to reduce to \$165,000 failed with only DeDe and Hindle in favor. Turner moved seconded by Scott to eliminate this entirely; motion passed on a 7-2 vote with DeDe and Ciotti opposed.

#10 Woodman Park Tennis Court Reconstruction. Hindle moved seconded by DeDe to remove in its entirety. Keays is opposed as a lot of people use these courts. It is well worth the money we spent up there. Trefethen will also support this; he asked the alternative. Scott has also had many calls on this and he will support. Ciotti would have voted no on this because Gary Bannon says we have several other tennis courts in the city but he will now vote to support this because it is used more than any other tennis court. The Mayor wants to keep up with our old parks and take care of them so he will support this. DeDe thinks we should have a central recreation area in the city. By repaving this it won't solve the problem. Keays feels that people enjoy playing tennis and we should give them a good place to play. For the taxes that people pay they are deserving of decent tennis courts. Gary says this is a total reconstruction of the



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court, and this ties in with the other street improvements. The Mayor asked is there any chance we could advance this project to April or May so we get a full season use out of it. The City Manager says they will try to fast track this project. Turner plays hoop there as well and that area has drainage issues; why are we not doing a two for one deal. Gary wants to do both at the same time; he doesn't know if he can do both for \$175,000 though. Motion to remove failed on a 2-7 vote with DeDe and Hindle opposed.

#11 Park Improvements – Maglaras Park. Trefethen motioned to remove in its entirety with Hindle seconding the motion. Trefethen explained the park study that was done by Planning Board. When he heard of this he had used these fields when his kids were younger, he in no way anticipated the final result. He thinks we need to go back to square one and do an improvement park plan. Ciotti agrees this is a want more than a need. Vote to remove passed by all on a 9-0 vote.

#12 Park Improvements – Bellamy (including Bridge). Cheney asked if this was a new bridge, Trefethen asked can the City Manager break out how much it is for park improvements and how much for the bridge. Gary Bannon says \$70,000 to \$75,000 for a bridge of that span. Trefethen asked him to tell of the improvements. Gary says the access trails and stairways and buffers are included because you might fall in the river going to the bridge. Gary says the water quality and water flow was the issue when it was closed to swimming back in the 1970's or 1974. The Mayor asked what it includes. Gary says a picnic shelter and playground equipment. The Mayor agrees we need a new bridge and bankment buffers but he is not in favor of playground equipment. He wants to keep it a natural recreation area. Gary clarified the shelter is needed for camp Sun and Fun; this would be two fold. Trefethen moved to strike the item to reduce the entire \$155,000, Hindle seconded the motion. This needs to be kept a rustic park. He would like to leave it as is. He thinks the bridge should be done in the operating budget. Keays says the park was given to the City by the State. When he was a boy the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) put the bridge in, the state gave it to the City and it went to hell because of people like him. Gary is just trying to keep the bridges half decent. He thinks this is a shame; it used to be a beautiful park years ago. Turner says apparently when the dam was knocked down that was the end of that area over there. He would like to get it back to the 70s; his feelings are this is a fantastic spot. This amount won't do that. Motion failed on a vote of 4-5 with Trefethen, Cheney, Hindle and Turner in favor. The Mayor wants to motion to leave \$100,000 for the bridge and playground equipment. Trefethen seconds the motion. Ciotti wants to know what type of playground equipment he wants. Gary says they will update what is out there. Motion to reduce by \$55,000 passed on a 5-4 vote with Hindle, Cheney, Keays and DeDe opposed.

#13 Shaws Lane Bathroom/Concession Building. Keays moved to reduce to \$125,000, Ciotti seconds the motion. Keays was talking to a fella that could do it for less. Ciotti says he knows Bannon can pull this off for less than \$125,000. Scott will support this and he likes what Keays has said. Trefethen will support this for the full amount; he does not want to put a number on it now and let him spend less. Also the concessions with their proceeds will put the money back into this field. He encourages them to leave this as is. Ciotti asked Gary for an



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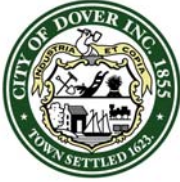
update. Gary says these new numbers are not locked in stone as yet but the bathrooms are critical out there. Keays says the reason he wants it reduced is if we give the \$190,000 there will not be much fund raising done. Gary added the building design has already been done down there. The Mayor agrees with Keays on this line item. Motion to reduce passed 8-1 with Trefethen opposed.

#14 Horne Street School Boiler replacement. Turner wants to know if we replace boilers every 18 years. He was on a ship that had a very old boiler. He just replaced his home boiler after 50 years. We need to get a lot more time from this boiler. We need to fix it and fix it right but not spend \$300,000. Keays says he was at Horne Street and the boiler is 25 years old and the gun is 17 years old and every so often the gun keeps going off, the company can't seem to locate the problem, so they do have a problem and he wants to make sure the kids are warm. He does think the price is high but they want two smaller boilers. Ciotti explained the reason is because of the change over from oil to gas; it is all the extra stuff that goes with it along with it including the chimney. DeDe agrees they need a back up if one goes out. If this will solve the problems for the long range then he is for it. Trefethen commented on the age of the burner; it is time to do this right. An unfortunate by product is we try to do things for the cheap and it comes back to bite us. We should do this right. Turner motioned to remove this amount with no second. No action

#15 Dover High School Roof Replacement. Scott believes we must do something with the roof but feels it can be done for less. He moved to reduce to \$700,000, with no second. Trefethen commented we got a good explanation of this and again when we replaced the roof last time we did it on the cheap. This time we will do it right and get a guarantee. Keays talked to the superintendent last Sunday and this new roof will be a rubber roof with a guarantee. We have to take care of the building. Turner wants to know how long the guarantee is for. Laurie Verville, Business Administrator stated generally it is a 10 year guarantee but through the bid process you can ask for longer. Also there will be a preventative program built into this. No action.

#16 SAU Relocation. Trefethen clarified this is to go to the McConnell Center. And this is for the fit out. Scott does not understand why we need to spend \$500,000 because there is only about 10 people in the SAU. DeDe explained the process. Dr. O'Connor stated in addition to the staff at city hall they want their curriculum office and special-ed office and possibly another person with their staff plus so there will be approximately 10 more people up there. DeDe explained there will be wiring, A/C, utilities, internet, walls, partitions and painting. Scott says aren't the walls and ceilings part of the original costs. The Mayor says every tenant is paying for their own fit out. Keays can't understand why they want to move from city hall when they pay no rent here. At the McConnell Center it is on the third floor and that is not the proper place for them. No action

#17 Rizzo – Downtown Parking Improvement Design. Trefethen says this is from special revenue (parking revenue) Scott asked about the consideration of the School Street lot for a parking garage. The City Manager says we are doing a study that the council approved for a



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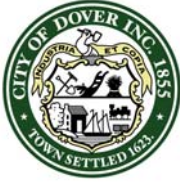
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parking garage and School Street is one of the areas they will look at. Scott says he thinks our own planners could do this study. The City Manager says this is for architectural services. Keays will support Scott. The Mayor says this is for the design and engineering sites. Cheney asked where we got this number, the City Manager explained they made an estimate based on upwards of \$20,000 per space this study will tell us what will work best and based on that knowledge, we may have 10 – 15% that will be for engineering services. Again the Mayor explained this will not impact the tax rate, this is coming from the special fund. The City Manager says the estimates we have the average is \$20,000 per parking space. Assuming we have 500 spaces that is 10 million dollars. This allows us to go out to bid and proceed with construction. Keays asked if this was for general parking. The City Manager says the majority will be pre-sold permit parking to get people off the streets. So businesses will have parking in front of the stores. The study will determine how we pay for it. Ciotti asked what the feasibility of selling these lots off and having a private company come in and build and run it. The City Manager says the private sector is not able to generate enough capital to build this. The City Manager says ideally he would like to see a partnership do this. Concord used Tax Increment Financing to fund theirs. No action

#18 Water Main Replacement – Atlantic/Gulf. The Mayor says this is from the water fund. Ciotti commented when the development out on Gulf Road how much is that reducing this number. Steve Stancel says there were moneys received from sidewalks, nothing else. No action.

#19 Water Main Replacement – Old Rochester/Longhill. No action.

#21 Water Pressure Improvements – North End. Water rate payers will pay this stated the Mayor. DeDe moved seconded by Trefethen to remove from CIP. DeDe would like this boosted up over the next 3 years in the operating budget; if we put money into this reserve account we would be able to do some of the studies; the improvements in #18 and 19 will help the pressure in the north end. We should be saving up to do this; he wants to put a million in the reserve account this first year as it will have a negative impact. Keays would like this to not become a dead issue. He wants the 6 inch main replaced with a 12 inch main. That could be done with money in the water fund. Keays thinks the people up there need something up there. He is not in favor of a water tower as that is not the answer. We need to have a study done. He thinks we should put a pumping station in Willand Pond for a couple of million dollars and this would solve the problem. He would like a good study done. Trefethen says the number he heard was different, he agrees we need to wait on this, maybe increasing the reserve each year is the way to go. He has talked to people he knows in the area and many people have a problem and some don't. The curious thing is some of them live at different elevations so he does not think we have a clear solution to the benefit of everyone. This is lot of money and it will come out of the water users and will be a hefty increase in the rate. The Planning Board has recommended that we wait a couple of years. Scott supports Keays on this; he was unimpressed with the consultant that came here. While he is generally not in favor of all the studies but in this area we need to have a good engineering study to find what we can do to bring the pressure back. Cheney wants to get confirmation on if they raise the level of the



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Garrison tank would that improve the PSI. Cheney agrees with Trefethen; we do not have a clear answer, we need to evaluate and look at other solutions. Turner says there is clearly a problem on the flat up there. There are things that have been done; he would like to wait and see what happens when we raise the tank 5 feet. Motion to remove 6 million passed 8-1 with Keays opposed.

The City Manager will give affirmation of additions to the capital reserves.

#22 Sewer Main – Henry Law Avenue. The City Manager says this is essential before we do the reconstruction. No action.

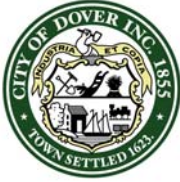
Ciotti moved seconded by Hindle to suspend the rules to complete the meeting. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-1 with Keays opposed.

The City Manager says based on their amendments they have removed \$3,692,500 from the original recommendation. They will be voting on \$15,070,000 of which \$8,570,000 is subject to debt capacity or 6.5 million is exempt with a total of \$15,070,000 that includes Tolend. With debt financing they will be authorizing \$575,000, the Water fund is \$2,375,000 authorizing sewer \$250,000 for a total of all funds is \$18,195,000.

The Mayor thanked them and opened it up to revisiting.

Scott says based on these numbers the average debt service was \$650,000 with what we have added there is a \$600 increase per taxpayer. They all disagreed with Scott; the City Manager clarified the average homeowner in the city is explained on page 5 for an average home which is assessed at \$240,000, the reduction is about a third if they adopt this.

Trefethen wants to amend that we remove both items for the north end **#3** and **#4**, DeDe seconds the motion. The reason is he does not see many other items to revisit. This is an opportunity to reduce the taxpayer's debt by 3.5 million. He wants to have the discussion again. DeDe has a question for Chief Plummer and the operating costs when they went to full capacity. It was \$568,000 for a whole year if we opened the station in May. DeDe says the amount of money for a new apparatus would be \$450,000. This is a little over a million. There will be a huge hit in looking at operating expenses. He cannot support this. The Mayor clarified it would be a year from May before we would open. The Chief stated that we would be hiring 4 firefighters to have trained and up and running for May 1st, 2008. Hindle says between now and then we can look at DeDe's concerns. Motion is to remove items 3 and 4; Cheney wants to support the fire station as she is convinced we need this fire station. Turner agrees with Cheney on this. Scott will also support this fire station. Ciotti has been in favor of the north end for many years, he has sat down with Chief Plummer and people have to realize if we build this it will cost them tax dollars; we have to staff it and run it. By approving this you are beating the wrong side of the drum. You have to see what will happen with this project alone. This will hit the next council not them with this impact. Discussion ensued with DeDe saying he would support another ambulance as there are far many more ambulance calls than fires and there may be better ways of doing this. Trefethen says Ciotti made a good point when he looks down



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the list this is the only item that adds to the operating budget year after year. We are making a decision that affects a lot of people for many years. To quote Scott a year and a half ago "the city has a spending problem not a revenue problem". Turner says we could hold the vote on the entire CIP tonight, he would like to vote tonight and then we can go through this again, Scott will vote no also, we should be the representative of the people. The Mayor says the discussion is on the north end fire station. Motion to remove failed on a vote of 3-6 with Ciotti, Trefethen and DeDe in favor of removing.

On item **#19** Cheney wants clarification, Doug Steele says this will replace an old main and will add water flows to the north end and stabilize the pressure. Also we have not figured a site for this proposed tower so this would be an appropriate way to approach this. Doug says this will provide more flow and stabilize the pressure. And it would provide water to areas of the north end that do not have water and it will improve water quality. This is an appropriate way to do this. Keays says now that we are not doing the water tower, why do we have to do this Long Hill loop right now. There is no big rush; this could be taken out along with several other things. Keays moved to reduce the Long Hill **#19** with Cheney seconding the motion. Turner disagrees. This is something we need to do until we see if this will stabilize things. Cheney and Keays are in favor on a 2-7 vote as the motion fails.

Hindle called the question, with DeDe and Cheney seconding the motion. Motion passed on a vote of 8-1 with Keays opposed.

Main motion to adopt passed on a roll call vote of 6-3 with Turner, Keays and Scott opposed.

B. Resolution RE: Appropriation for FY08 Capital Improvements Program – Non-Debt Financed Projects. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request.

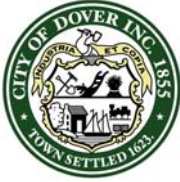
Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt.

#1 The City Manager says the \$25,000 for the parking garage was not needed. The total amount is \$211,300. Trefethen moved seconded by Hindle to reduce the amount by the \$25,000 amount. Motion passed with all in favor.

#2 Cheney wants to know what we are talking about. The City Manager says we often identify a parcel and the person will give us permission to go on the property to see if there is an aquifer so on an annual basis we appropriate money to see if we could use this parcel should it come along. No action.

#3 no action.

#4 no action.



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#5 Cheney asked what for; the City Manager explained this will give us a plan for the next 20 years per the Master Plan, once the study is done this will allow the equipment to be purchased.

#6 no action

The city manager explained the water fund has \$874,000 as of November 1st and the sewer fund \$126,000.

Cheney asked if we do nothing at the pump station would the money stay in the reserve fund. The City Manager confirmed this.

Scott wants to know how much cash we have in the sewer fund. The City Manager says if he will look on page 2 and the last two lines. The Mayor says it is already in the reserve fund, like a rainy day fund.

Hindle moved seconded by DeDe to call the question with all in favor.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-1 with Scott opposed.

The City Manager wants to know if he can include the Planning Board's recommendation for years 9-13 on next week's agenda. He wants them to know they are not voting on spending. This will only provide a plan for the next 6 years.

DeDe says we made a decision awhile ago to do the CIP only in one night, kudos for Hindle for bringing this up as the only item on the agenda.

4. ADJOURN

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adjourn at 11:25 PM.