



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Type: **SPECIAL MEETING**
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 21, 2007**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL**

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

The Mayor stated we have one item on the agenda that is the supplemental bonding for the WPS.

The Mayor stated per council rules we need to suspend the rules to have a special citizen's forum to address only the item on the agenda. Hindle moved seconded by Trefethen to suspend the rules to allow a special citizen's forum. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.

The Mayor opened the special citizen's forum.

Marty Coyle of 22 Grove Street is a local carpenter and going thru apprenticeship training, he wondered if there was any provision in the WPS contract for an apprenticeship program for this project. He wishes there was provision for carpenters in the contract. The Mayor clarified this was not a time to engage in debate.

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

3. **RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. RESOLUTION RE: SUPPLEMENTAL BONDING FOR WOODMAN PARK SCHOOL.
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Hindle explained the school and the JBC have provided a wealth of information and the School Board is here to answer any questions for them. Keays thinks this as a shock to the taxpayers of Dover, with a 33% increase on the 3.1 million dollar bond. He thinks someone was sleeping when the contract was signed. He referred to his days in school and the estimate as explained by Dr. O'Connor is a long way off from 9 million. He cannot understand that after only 6 months they are back for 3.1 million dollars more. He can't believe we have people on the School Board that would allow this. He will vote in favor of this because he wants to see the school finished but if they do any other school please do not take the estimated figure. It isn't just you and I; it is the taxpayers of the city. When a mistake like this was made that school should never have been torn apart until they had a firm bid.

Scott will vote yes but he does agree with Keays about the mistake; he gets calls from people in Ward 3 to keep the spending down.



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Trefethen thinks there is still a misunderstanding about what the 9 million was for. The 9 million was our estimate; there was no contract. It was not until they actually had a contract that the problems became evident there wasn't enough money and it was started to be addressed. There was no bid of 9 million. We need to understand this misunderstanding. He will be voting for this.

Turner would like to see Dover learn from this. Cities around the country have been enlarging their schools and yet this is a 33% increase in costs. He would have liked to have known this information up front. He does not think you get very much for your money when you add on. He thinks it would be better to build from new construction. As we go forward he will have to support this but he hopes we learn from this. These things wind up costing a lot more money than anticipated.

Cheney will also vote to support the appropriation for WPS. She stated she is on the committee and they have gone over all these increases and she understands that these were unknowns at the time. This is a solid figure now and she has been assured that this is all that is needed.

Hindle appreciates Trefethen's comments stating when the school department decided to enlarge WPS they formed a JBC; he explained the funding behind the 12.1 million dollars. He reminded them this is a multi phased project and last year's project is on time and within the scope of the budget. Laurie Verville has advised him they will be having a construction meeting scheduled for tomorrow and they will be discussing moving into that facility. The JBC has not touched the current 100,000 square foot structure until now but they have worked hard to cut costs. A little known fact is that the state will be supplementing 30% or roughly a million dollars. With the 12.1 million, the state will be covering 30% of the project. This is the first time they are renovating a 50 year old school building. And it will serve Dover's school children for decades to come.

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

Cheney wants to excuse herself as she has another meeting to attend to.

Keays left as well to attend the same meeting on the Route 108/Longhill Road project.

3. ADJOURN INTO WORKSHOP

Hindle moved seconded by Trefethen to adjourn to a workshop.