



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Type: **SPECIAL MEETING**
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 6, 2007**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Keays led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Catherine Cheney, Councilor Dennis Ciotti, Councilor Doug DeDe, Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle, Councilor Bob Keays, Mayor Scott Myers, Councilor David Scott, Councilor Dean Trefethen and Councilor Harvey Turner. Also Present: City Manager Mike Joyal and City Attorney Allan Krans.

Deputy Mayor Hindle reported that Phase I of the Woodman Park School construction is nearly complete and that there will be a savings of \$50-60,000.

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

THE CITIZEN'S FORUM IS LIMITED TO THE FY 2008 BUDGET RESOLUTION ON THIS AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY COUNCIL RULES, ITEM 12-H

Mayor Myers opened the Citizen's Forum:

Ed Bleiler, 28 Isaac Lucas Circle, reviewed the budget proposal stating that many of the areas are acceptable, but feels that Police Fire and Community Services should not have more than a 2% increase and that the school should be no more than a 3% increase. He distributed a handout of his budget recommendations.

Carol Pivor, 17 Hubbard Road – asked that the Council not cut the proposed school budget. She stated that the school system has outdated books and that the teachers go above and beyond to teach children without the proper materials.

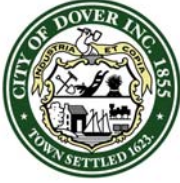
Mary Buese, 36 Middle Road – urged the Council to pass the school budget as presented as she feels the school has suffered enough.

Susan Martinen, 27 Wallace Drive - stated she is surprised that there aren't more people here to show their support against a school budget cut. She stated she is willing to forgo the \$10.50 extra it will cost in her tax bill to support the schools.

Jerry Lynch, Lincoln Street – stated that if we haven't had our audit yet how can we be sure that this budget is correct. He stated he is confused.

Citizen – asked that the budget be passed as proposed.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the Citizen's Forum.



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4. RESOLUTIONS:

A. RE: FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM. Sponsored by: Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.

Hindle moved to adopt, seconded by Ciotti.

Mayor Myers began by clarifying that the school department had been given the same direction as the departments heads regarding their budgets during the Joint Fiscal Committee meeting held in January but explained that it is not binding as the School Board is responsible for passing the school budget which then is forwarded to the City Manager for inclusion in his budget. He stated that the budget has been discussed during workshops, but no changes have been made.

Keays moved to cut \$300,000 from the school budget, seconded by Scott. Motion failed on a 2-7 vote, Keays and Scott in favor.

Ciotti moved to reduce the school budget by \$200,000, seconded by Turner. Motion passed on a 5-4 vote, Cheney, Trefethe, DeDe and Hindle opposed.

Hindle moved to amend by adding \$279,925.00 from Health Care Savings to be applied to each department based on recalculating with new rate, seconded by Trefethen. Motion passed on an 8-1 vote, Scott opposed.

Hindle moved to amend by reducing Sidewalk Improvements by \$200,000, seconded by DeDe. Motion passed on a 7-2 vote, Keays and Turner opposed.

Hindle moved to amend increasing General Street Improvements by \$100,000, seconded by Cheney. Motion passed on an 8-1 vote, Keays opposed.

Scott moved to amend by limiting Police, Fire and Community Services increase to 2% and Recreation Department increase to 3%, seconded by Cheney. Motion failed on a 1-8 vote, Scott in favor.

Hindle moved to amend by reducing line item #46510, Business Assistance by \$43,000, leaving an amount of \$50,000, seconded by Turner. Motion failed on 4-5 vote, Hindle, Scott, Turner and Cheney in favor.

Hindle moved to adopt budget as amended, no second.

Scott moved to amend by funding Dovernet at a 3% increase over last year, seconded by Keay. Motion failed on a 1-8 vote, Scott in favor.



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Trefethen moved to amend by adding \$100,000 for drainage improvements, seconded by Turner. Motion failed on a 2-7 vote, Turner and Trefethen in favor.

DeDe moved to amend by adding \$150,000 for drainage improvements, seconded by Turner. Motion failed on a 2-7 vote, Turner and DeDe in favor.

DeDe moved to amend by adding \$40,000 to Planning Department for consultants for impact fee assessment and Economic Analysis of the Master Plan, seconded by Ciotti. Motion passed on a 6-3 vote, Keays, Turner and Scott opposed.

Scott moved to amend by adding \$200,000 from Severino gravel funds as additional revenue to the general fund, NO second.

Scott moved to amend by reducing #4840, Contingency, Misc. General Government, to \$35,000, seconded by Turner. Motion failed on a 1-8 vote, Scott in favor.

Scott moved to reduce General Fund, Other Financing Sources, Uses to \$50,000. NO second.

Hindle moved to adopt FY08 Budget, seconded by DeDe. Motion passed on a 6-3 roll call vote, Keays, Scott and Cheney opposed.

5. ADJOURN

HINDLE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:10 P.M., SECONDED BY CHENEY, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.