

CITY OF
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular
Meeting Location: City Hall Auditorium-288 Central Ave,Dover,NH 03820
Meeting Date: November 14,2007
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm-

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-led by Deputy mayor Hindle

3. ROLL CALL-Councilors:Cheney,Ciotti,DeDe,Deputy Mayor Hindle,Councilor Keays Mayor Myers, Councilors:Scott,Trefethen and Turner

4. PROCLAMATIONS – AWARDS

5. SUMMARY OF AGENDA-most discussed item will probably be the suspension of the North End Fire Station (NEFS)

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.

Don Medbury-Coverbridge Lane NEFS cost is high however bonds sold, money in bank, debt in, and the committee has worked for months. Suggest waiting for bids before postponing. Vote no until then.

Regarding the Firefighters and employees choosing to ignore article 9. I evidenced political support in wards 5 and 6 and saw citizens instructed to vote no to tax cap because of potential loss of services. This was stressful to citizens. Lax enforcement of election laws.

Norm Champagne-13 Church St- agrees with above. NEFS_ years being discussed. Can we afford it? Look at what we need to prioritize for budget. Find the money without overriding the tax cap. Fire fighters knocked on elderly people doors and scared people that there would not be service which is reprehensible.

Rich Hughes-NEFS member-1977 long range planning started for NEFS. Increased growth has been discussed frequently. Land available, site testing done, plans done, bonds obtained, time is money and employee have done a lot of work. This type of eleventh hour delay attempt never occurred before. Money spent would be wasted. Companies would have wasted time on bids. Please vote no.

Jim Nalty-ward 3 –firefighter for many years-sees that north end gets fire station. Do whatever for funding as this is a safety issue.

Jerry Lynch-Lincoln St- how will this affect water pressure

Rick Callaghan-Ward 6 elect- NEFS- What happened to bond,liabilities,is budget accurate, any other concerns? These are questions that need to be answered. I witnessed the fire fighters as well- this is a union issue and the citizens will be served.

Jim Cheney-traffic issues and safety issues for pedestrians

Alicia Yak-138 Varney-against the NEFS resolution. Concerns about safety services-live on a main road with heavy traffic and I also know the consequences of delayed response time as a social worker.

Steve McCusker-Councilor at Large elect- Agree with naming gym after Mr. Butterfield. I agree with the concept of this resolution for the NEFS. Unknowns with the budget. If we don't know if we have enough money then it is a problem. However the NEFS is still needed and need to figure out how to budget. Someone will suffer- that is a reality however we need to ensure that no public safety will be compromised.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION RE: VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

Norm Champagne-this saves money on fuel but it takes a long time to get the money back

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2 items- page nine of the report on public works orders pending- move 1 cell down. Page 15- new table on planning projects. We have education impact information as well. Councilor Cheney requested update on Pike industries and Bob Woodruff will come up to the podium to discuss:



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I attended the Madbury Planning Board session and reports were submitted and most concerns addressed. This has been tabled until 12/5.

Scott requested that City Manager reports be numbered and Joyal agreed

Scott asked if it is the new practice for the Fosters to get the agenda before the City Council as they called him on Thursday and he got his agenda on Friday. Joyal responded that the Fosters did not get resolutions on Thursday from us.

Cheney questioned the zoning board review on page 3 and Joyal responded that the Planning Board is looking at the issue-Somersworth and Chris Parker are working on a joint remedy and DES grant to construct an outlet channel.

9. MINUTES

- A. SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 18, 2007
- B. WORKSHOP – JULY 18, 2007
- C. REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2007
- D. WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
- E. REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2007
- F. REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2007

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2ND READING - NONE
- B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING – NONE
- C. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION RE: VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

Motion by Hindle seconded by Ciotti-Trefethen stated that the projections on vehicle savings will support program. Cheney stated that she appreciates the concern for savings and energy but it can be expensive with increased insurance costs. She would like to see the police department get the cars they need and pass them down.

DeDe stated that the comparisons had been done when fuel prices were lower-this can be a significant savings.

Scott stated that he is sensitive to emissions however specifications and operations should be the main consideration. Will not vote for this

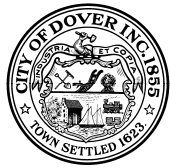
Myers stated that he saw the cost savings study done and taking more expensive cars off the road is a good thing. Try it and reevaluate as needed.

Turner asked what the trade in value is? Myers replied that it is \$8,000.00-10,000.00 with 60,000 miles not including idling time. Turner feels that we are basically trading in 2 police vehicles for 1 escort and questioned the mileage used after the police department is no longer using them. The answer was 14,000 to 18,000 miles per year. Scott felt that we should not micromanage the fleet manager and each vehicle should be evaluated separately. Passed on a roll call vote 8/1 with Scott opposed.

12. New Business:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. TAG PERMIT – SEACOAST TITANS
- 2. RAFFLE PERMIT – GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- 3. ROAD RACE – GARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOT CAMP
- 4. CANVAS OF VOTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2007 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
- 5. RESOLUTION RE: WORK BOOTS AND FOOTWEAR – RED'S SHOE BARN. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.



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6. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF BID #B08027 FOR SNOW PLOWING/HAULING SERVICES FOR CITY STREETS AND PARKING LOTS. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

7. RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TO SOUTHWORTH/MILTON CAT FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

8. RESOLUTION RE: ALAN R. SHELDON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

9. RESOLUTION RE: LINDA IVEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

10. RESOLUTION RE: MIKE WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

Motion to accept by Hindle seconded by DeDe. 12A-5 pulled by Myers and 12A-6 pulled by Keays. 12A1-4 and 7-10 passed 9/0 roll call vote.

12A-5 motion by Hindle seconded by Cioitti. Myers asked to have this pulled as he was recusing himself because a family member works there. Passed on a roll call vote 8/0. 12A-6 motion by Hindle seconded by Cioitti. Keays wanted to know how many plows we have. Joyal responded that he does not know the number but staff using all equipment during peak times. Keays also wanted to know if parking lots were included in last years bid and they were. This passed on 9/0 roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Appointments Committee 6. McConnell Center
2. Arena Committee 7. Planning Board
3. Arts Commission 8. Recreation Advisory Board
4. COAST Bus 9. Class VI Roadway Committee
5. Joint Building Committee 10. Transportation Advisory Committee

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Suspend Construction and Anticipated Operation of a New North End Fire Station. Sponsored by Councilor Dean Trefethen.

Motion by Trefethen seconded by Turner. Trefethen stated that this is not easy. This resolution is about prioritizing after the tax cap. The money can be reprogrammed. If someone voted to delay to punish firefighters for election conduct then that is wrong. Everyone keeps saying that somehow we make the money work out. I am looking for a policy discussion as something else will have to go and we need to figure out what that something else is, however I personally feel this is a need for the City.

Cheney stated that she voted for it on the CIP and work has already started. This is a need. Turner explained that this weekend he had put together a plan after asking for new construction information which he received. Voters chose this and we need to run numbers and work with City Manager and Finance Director to really look into this. Suggest we hold a work shop tonight or a special meeting tomorrow with a vote. Motion to suspend for workshop discussion. No second.

DeDe references were made that this was decided some time ago however things have changed. In the past the focus has been on emergency response and 47% of calls are for medical response. However we do not need 3 fully staffed fire stations. I voted against it and will continue until we have a viable plan.



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Keays discussed a fire on Henry Law 15 years ago that had deaths and they had a north end fire station. IF we do away with the Central Station then the response time will be a few minutes. Even if we save 1 life it is worth it. He supports NEFS and will not support the resolution.

Scott stated that we spend a lot of time making rash decisions and complimented Councilor elect Callaghan for his questions at the podium. Should have answers before the final vote however this resolution is [premature as the bids and costs have not been established yet.

Trefethen wished to respond to Turners suggestion for workshop. I don't feel we need a workshop. This fire station is not a substation like the South station- it will be a new headquarters and Central becomes a substation. We will be eliminating employees somewhere else.

Ciotti stated that he had told everyone this. Future Council will fund without overriding the tax cap.

Myers reminded everyone that if the bids come in less we can not use the money in operation al planning as was started at one time. Can only use it for Capital projects. Also, the statement that we need to do this because we have already spent money is also not true as in the past we have needed to stop a project after spending money on design. The original timeframe has shifted and it has been pushed back. We do need more information but we are always waiting for additional information. Thanks Trefethen for bringing this up because of the tax cap and putting it on the agenda for discussion. During the CIP I stated that this was the most important issue and a vote to bond should be a commitment to staff with equipment and still important. I will not override tax cap and tough decisions will need to be made. This is a public safety issue and has my support.

Scott stated that a yes no vote will be for different reasons with different councilors. My no vote does not mean that I plan on staffing-it means I want to see the bids. This resolution is premature which is why I am voting no.

Hindle stated that there needs to be north end service. This discussion would be whether 2 or 3 stations are needed.

DeDe stated he will be voting yes with an opposition to 3 full stations and the real debate will still occur.

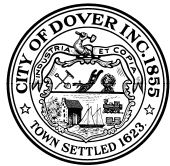
Turner thanked the City Council for support of the NEFS and questioned how long do we not supply adequate coverage to the North End citizens? Roll Call vote 2/7 with Trefethen and DeDe in favor.

2. Resolution RE: Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee recommendation on Old Garrison Road and David Tuttle Lane. Sponsored by Councilor Dean Trefethen.

Motion by Trefethen seconded by Ciotti. Trefethen stated that over the past several months the committee looked at all roads. 3 property owners would like to prevent access. 1 portion will remain class VI. Ask for acceptance. Then the City Council must notify and do a public Hearing and vote to actually close the Road. Passed 6/1 with Cheney opposed and Keays and Scott out of the room.

3. Resolution RE: Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee recommendation on Cook Road. Sponsored by Councilor Dean Trefethen

Motion by Tefethen seconded by turner. Passed 9/0



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4. Resolution RE: Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee recommendation on Fresh Creek Road. Sponsored by Councilor Dean Trefethen

Motion by teethe seconded by Turner. AKA Old County Road. On an 1839 road map. Still usable. Making it a class VI and designate it as a scenic road would be the suggestion passed 9/0

5. Resolution RE: Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee recommendation on Green Hill Road. Sponsored by Councilor Dean Trefethen

Motion by Trefethen seconded by Hindle. Green hill leaves Tolend and enters Madbury and eventually Barrington. Currently Class Vi and gated (not properly as it is not supposed to be locked.). In vicinity of landfill. Further steps would include convert to class a municipal trail. Other towns looking to conserve their portion as well. Passed 9/0 and Myers thanked the committee for their work.

6. Resolution RE: Waiving of Deeding Tax Year 2004 – Unpaid Property Tax. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request.

Motion by Hindle seconded by Ciotti. Some of these parcels cost more to chase then to take- i.e. motorhomes. Cattie questioned what happens to money owed and was told by Joyal that it continues as lien holder and try to make payment arrangements based on 3 year statute. Passed 9/0.

7. Resolution RE: Interest Abatement. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request.

State Statute sets property tax collection and provision allows waiving for less than \$25.00 for legitimate reasons (i.e. late in mail by 1 day) Myers questioned the use of the language in the tax collectors judgment-requests a written policy so that it is not subjective. Joyal responded it will be applied consistently so that chronic offenders are not allowed to use it. Passed 8/0 with Cheney out of the room.

8. Resolution RE: Naming of the Gym at the McConnell Center the “Butterfield Gym”. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request.

Motion by Hindle seconded by Ciotti. Scott stated that the biggest honor is to name a building after someone-no objection to this however the Butterfield building should still stay Butterfield. DeDe stated that the family fully supports the naming of the gym.

Keays stated that he grew up with Bob Butterfield and that the building should stay with the Butterfield building.

Myers stated that there is a stipulation in the children’s museum lease and it has the support of the family.

Turner stated that a plaque along with a biography would be nice. Passed 9/0

C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR FIRST READING

1. ORDINANCE #2007.11.14-04, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE IV, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ALTERNATES. SPONSORED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JASON HINDLE, TAC CHAIR.

Motion by Hindle seconded by Ciotti to refer to public hearing 12/12. Passed 9/0

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

1. LETTER – JUDY SAGIGNANO

13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Scott requested a report by 12/15 of unpaid taxes. Joyal responded that the lockbox report may not be in by then.



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Scott requested a first look budget under tax cap with a 3% CPI be worked up by manager. Myers responded that is a policy decision and would need to be a motion. DeDe reminded everyone that the Charter specifies when the City Manger presents the budget.

Motion to adjourn by Hindle seconded by Ciotti

14. ADJOURN