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Citizens Forum

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Dover Fire Station Resolution to Suspend Construction 11/14/2007

I am opposed to the Resolution

A. Many residents of the city have contacted me about their concerns. On behalf of those residents, I request that deliberations include a dialog that answers these questions. They are:

1. What will happen to the bond?
2. How much will the interest and prepayment penalties cost?
3. Will it effect our bond rating?
4. Will the taxes already collected be refunded?
5. Will there be any liabilities against the city for canceling/delaying the project?
6. How much of the \$100,000 already spent will be lost?
7. Where has the money been spent from the increased tax revenues from new construction, plus the 3.2% allowed increase, plus and other adjustments?
8. Why is the library and recreation programs being targeted for cutbacks?

B. I would also like some answers to my own questions. Why is the council reconsidering what they have already passed and are charging the taxpayer for:

1. Are you unsure about the accuracy of the estimate for construction and apparatus?
2. Are you concerned about the contract ending up insufficient?
3. Is this a fixed price proposal?
4. If not, is that a concern?
5. Are there any specific concerns not mentioned that would effect funding the approximately 1/2% of the total budget which equals \$500,000 of operating cost.