



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeDe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilors Callaghan, Carrier, Cheney, DeDe, McCusker, Scott and Weston.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, City Attorney Krans and City Clerk Lavertu.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – NON-DEBT FINANCED PROJECTS SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Mayor Myers, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

B. APPROPRIATION FOR FY2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

John Leggett, 128 Dover Point Road: He said he wanted to offer his support as the Council works through the CIP process. He applauded Deputy Mayor Trefethen for his comment that many projects will need to be cut from the CIP. He said the economy is tenuous. He said the City Manager was very optimistic when the CIP was written, but Dover is in a worse debt load position since the recession of 2001. He said since 2001 the City has issued over \$48 million in City debt, excluding schools, special revenue, water, sewer, and other non-City debt. He said the City's debt has grown 100% from 1999 to 2008; nearly \$37 million. He said the current net debt per capita is \$1,200, up from \$800, increasing \$400 per person. He said it was outpacing inflation. He said the per capita tax debt is now 7% of per capita income, up from 3% in 1999. He said raising the debt as proposed in the CIP is irresponsible. He said the 2010-2015 CIP is 50% more than the 2009-2014 CIP, and if he was on the Council he would want to understand why. He said since the City is over the Council's set limit for debt service as a percent of the total budget, he felt the Council should have a special vote to override the limit. He said additionally the proposed CIP would put the City over the Council's set debt ceiling limit, and another vote should be required to override that limit.

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5. ADJOURN

Deputy Mayor Trefethen motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Vote: 9/0.