

**MINUTES
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2002
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

6:00 P.M.

The City Council will be meeting in closed session to discuss matters relating to labor negotiations.

NOTE: This session is considered a NON-MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA: 91-a.

7:00 P.M.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilors Whitmore, Christenbury, Dunnington, Hindle, Hofemann, Mayor Nossiff, Councilor Quigley, and Mayor Pro Tem Taylor. Tweedie absent.

4. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

The Mayor read two proclamations, one for Public Works Week on May 19-25 and one for Water Week on May 4-11. He presented the proclamations to Community Services Director, Pete Lavoie.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Anthony McManus spoke about the published editorial that he had written awhile ago. He passed out a copy of it, (see folder of 5/8/2002). He explained the editorial and the problems with the budget process, he would like them to follow-up on it as the problem is never going to go away. He mentioned the elderly exemptions. He wants the elected officials of Dover to put real pressure on the electorate in Concord to let them know that we need some real remedies to the property tax situation in New Hampshire. The N.H. tax structure is a big problem.

Peter Schmidt of Fourth Street. Mr. Schmidt feels that as a former councilor he wants to add his voice to what Tony McManus just said. He pointed out what their goals were at the goal setting meeting. The tax structure in NH is not getting the job done and it is not fair. The taxes continue to go up. The job is not getting done at the State level. There are plenty of people that can not pay the tax burden. He hopes this council will take action and notify the Concord electorate of the problem.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Ordinance #18-04/10/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time (Various). Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Seeing no one, he closed the public hearing.

- B. Ordinance #19-04/10/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-57, Schedule J, Limited Time Parking (Various). Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

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7. MINUTES

- A. Special Council Meeting/Workshop - April 3, 2002
- B. Regular Council Meeting - April 10, 2002
- C. Special Council Meeting/Workshop – April 16, 2002
- D. Budget Workshop Meeting – April 30, 2002

Taylor moved, seconded by Whitmore to accept the minutes. All in favor.

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Transportation Advisory Commission – Councilor Jason Hindle

Hindle combined his reports saying the TAC met last month and he will have a report to the committee by next month. They have had discussions with residents on Bellamy Road for improvements in the near future. Money has already been appropriated. He is hoping to alleviate the Bellamy Road project with a resolution on tonight's agenda. They also had discussions with Willand Avenue residents regarding a speed bump issue. The planning staff is looking into it. The next TAC is May 29th at 7 p.m.

- B. Joint Building Committee (Horne Street School, DHS Mezzanine) – Councilor Jason Hindle

The JBC met last week and chose Witcher Builders to do the project at the Horne Street School. The Mayor wanted to know where we stand on the controversial issue of the mezzanine at the DHS. Hindle says they will be discussing it at their next meeting.

- C. COAST Bus – Councilor Ray Tweedie

No Report.

- D. Planning Board – Councilor Parks Christenbury

The Planning Board last met on 4/19. There was a minor lot line adjustment. There was discussion with Northam Builders for the property off Columbus Avenue – Wallace Woods. The developer wants to give the city a parcel of land for future use in exchange for a road easement. The land is only good for hiking trails, nature trails, etc. It would be a good green space for the city. The only other thing that is going on is rezoning, open space and green space issues.

- E. School Board Liaison – Kevin Quigley

No Report.

- F. Solid Waste Advisory Commission – Councilor Thomas Dunnington

They met last Thursday regarding the composting issue and have presented the committee a rough draft proposal based on some other cities outside of New England. They kicked it around and some of the people are very knowledgeable on this subject. Mr. Hebbard was there as well. They got a lot accomplished at the meeting. They are asking the State, DES for suggestions as well. They want to give the city some tools to address the problem with. This is new ground so they are not sure where this will lead. Also he reminded everyone that this Saturday is the hazardous waste recycling day. Dunnington encouraged everyone in community to come to the new facility at Mast Road between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. to bring their hazardous waste items from around the house. Also, the final plans will be available for the new recycling center at the next meeting. Quigley asked if the composting property is a commercial or private entity. The ordinance says that anything under an acre will not be commercial. Christenbury asked for a rough draft of the proposed ordinance. Christenbury also wants to know how soon the new recycling center will be open, he wants to be assured it will open before fall. The Mayor is happy to see they are working so hard on the composting issue to resolve the problem. Dunnington thanked Bill Caldwell publicly and the people in the neighborhood.

G. Seniors Advisory Committee – Councilor Roland Hofemann

Hofemann had a busy month again. He visited the adult learning center for their 30th anniversary and noted they have new computers. He also attended a few ribbon cuttings for Yukan Care Entree, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Atlas Title Company. He attended a meeting at the senior center and addressed some of their concerns. Hofemann attended a meeting of the TAC regarding speed bumps on Willand Avenue. He attended the board of directors meeting for the AARP. There are 3 particular problem areas to seniors. They are housing, prescription drugs (health care costs), and transportation services. These problems are not only here, but all over the country. Also they are going to visit Central Towers this month; this will be called the Senior Summit. Hindle clarified Hofemann's last statement. He would like to get the elderly all together at this meeting to address their issues and what the city can do with regards to these issues.

H. Arena Commission – Brenda Whitmore

Whitmore stated the next meeting is 5/21 at the arena. The arena commission is working on a strategic plan for increasing use of the arena and revenues.

Taylor moved to accept, seconded by Hindle. All in favor.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager stated the financial information that is in his report for the council. He reported that the health trust met recently and they set the rates for the city. They had anticipated a 24% increase, the final rate has been set at 11.7%, automatically the proposed budget will decrease by \$203,000. This results in a 13¢ decrease in the proposed tax rate. Christenbury thanked the City Manager for the report on city vehicles (inventory) – see folder.

Taylor moved to accept, seconded by Dunnington. All in favor.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN 2ND READING

1. Ordinance #18-04/10/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time (Various). Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved to adopt, seconded by Whitmore. Hindle explained these are housekeeping issues due to E-911 issue. Christenbury asked if we were adding anything new to this. Motion passed on a roll vote of 7-0.

2. Ordinance #19-04/10/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-57, Schedule J, Limited Time Parking (Various). Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved to adopt, seconded by Quigley. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

B. ORDINANCES IN 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Tag Permit – Greenwave Football
2. Tag Permit – Dover Little Green Cheerleading
3. Tag Permit – Dover Knights of Columbus Council #807
4. Parade Permit – Youth 2 Youth

Taylor moved to grant, seconded by Quigley. All in favor.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Award of Request for Proposals #B02050 for a Metal Storage Building. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hindle. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

2. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for Biocube Media Replacement for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Order Control System. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Quigley. Taylor wondered why bids were not sent out. The City Manager says this is a proprietary system. They found the system that works to eliminate odor. They are purchasing those cubes. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

3. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02045 for Miscellaneous Water Department Supplies. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hindle. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

4. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02039 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Blower Building. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hofemann. Hofemann asked what a facility blower is. The City Manager says the building was not designed properly so they had been searching for solutions. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

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5. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02057 for Construction Equipment Rental Rates. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hofemann. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Quigley abstained.

6. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02059 for Concrete Retaining Wall and Pads. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Whitmore. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

7. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for Surveying – Engineering Services – Bellamy Road Improvements. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hindle. Hindle would like the council's support on this. This is money from the past CIP. This will bring some relief for the citizens on Bellamy Road. This is a connector road between two major routes and the high school and alternative school, as well as, the athletic fields. This issue needs to be addressed. Christenbury would like to see a prioritized list of street improvements and why, because this argument can be made for several other streets in the city. He does not want to make promises to anybody, we all know the competition for CIP is tight. Quigley says along with Hindle, there are a lot of safety issues on this road, including the students and the speeding, he hopes it becomes a priority on the list. Whitmore is leaning towards supporting this and would like to have figures on finding the solution. Lavoie explained the section that will be addressed and the proposed plans for this area.

Hofemann stated he was almost killed on that road so he realizes the danger there. Hindle reiterates what Lavoie has stated that this money we are addressing is already in the pipeline. It is already appropriated in the CIP. Taylor asked, if we improve this street, won't the speeding get worse? Lavoie stated, the planning department is addressing these issues to slow people down. The idea is to use traffic calming and rumble strips, etc. Hindle would like to address this in a Workshop meeting, so it will help the council and residents understand.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

8. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02058 for Surveying Services, As Needed. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Whitmore. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

9. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Conveyance of Land by Prime Circle, LLC and Reservation of City-Owned Property for Extension of Webb Place. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hindle. Christenbury explained the issue. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

10. Resolution RE: Award of Contract Extension for On-Site Management Information System Services. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Hindle. Taylor asked about the 3 ½ year-old contract. The City Manager asked Mike Joyal to explain. Joyal explained, we went out to bid for Rocket Science. Joyal explained, there was an option for a 3-year contract, we are holding payments as it was not time to put it on the agenda. Taylor asked if we will go out to bid again. Joyal said we will evaluate the services at

the end of the contract and see if we do it in house or contract it. Joyal says we are very pleased with their services. It has been successful so far.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

11. Resolution RE: Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Dover and the IAFF- Local 1312 (International Association of Firefighters). Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 5/22/2002, seconded by Quigley. Christenbury added with the caveat to release the contract to the public. All in favor.

12. Resolution RE: Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Dover and the DPAA (Dover Police Administrators Association). Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 5/22/2002, seconded by Quigley. Christenbury added with the caveat to release the contract to the public. All in favor.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Wetlands Application – Bellamy River Village LLC
2. Wetlands Application – Marie V. Baxter

Taylor moved to place on file, seconded by Quigley. All in favor.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Hindle says the public is going to hear different numbers for the budget. He wants a program for the community to better understand the tax system and how it all comes together with the county, state, etc. People are very concerned on how it works, he feels this would be a good service. Christenbury said there is a lot of angst on the tax issue, because \$2.13 has been published. They have been working with the school board and the City Manager is working with the department heads to come back with new numbers. He knows new numbers will be coming. He feels this has been a real cooperative effort with regards to the school board and council.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Quigley moved to adjourn, seconded by all. All in favor.

Judy Gaouette
City Clerk