

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY
MAY 4, 1999
7:00 P.M.**

1. DISCUSSION RE: BUDGET

Councilor Rawding and Councilor Berry are absent.

The Mayor opened the Budget Workshop. The City Manager stated Jeff Harrington is going to give his best shot at explaining the school funding with regards to the Claremont decision as it applies to Dover. Jeff handed out detailed sheets explaining how this will affect the City of Dover's tax rate. (See folder of 5/4/99).

Councilor Landry wanted it clarified that Dover is on the receiving end of state funds and not a donor town. If the City Manager's budget was passed tonight as proposed, it would equate to a -\$1.75 per \$1,000 on the tax rate.

The Mayor asked if the 5% reduction analysis was complete, the City Manager stated it was not available for this evening.

The Mayor gave his reductions and justified why he would adopt the City Manager's budget with a minor change. He feels this is an opportunity to invest in the City.

Councilor Wilson distributed his budget reductions and started to explain each one when it he was interrupted and it was decided the same items were going to be discussed many times over.

The next workshop is on May 18th, that one will be the school budget workshop, the next city budget workshop will be on May 26th.
The City Manager asks what level of service do people want? What level of spending do you want?

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Councilor Perry wants to see the rational of each line item for cutting in the budget.

After much discussion and debate about how to address the budget, the Mayor suggested they all forward their own individual cuts on the preprinted forms that were passed out and the forms will be compiled all into one document and then presented to the City Council for consideration at the next city budget workshop session.

2. Other Business

There was no other business.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Judy Gaouette
CITY CLERK