



CITY OF DOVER

## CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session  
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, January 20, 2010**  
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Carrier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Cruikshank, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor Nedelka, Councilor Weston.

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

### 5. PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Mayor Myers thanked members of the School Board and School Administrators for being present.

City Manager Joyal gave a presentation on the preliminary budget, the need for prioritizing, and an overview of the concepts that the City will be employing.

Superintendent O'Connor discussed the handout regarding the budget impact on the schools.

City Manager Joyal went over a handout on an analysis of the tax cap.

Mayor Myers asked the Council if they had any direction to give to the City Manager and the School Board.

Councilor Carrier spoke about the \$5 million of proposed budget increases, and noted that there is only \$350,000 to work with because of the tax cap.

Discussion ensued on the tax cap and the budget.

Mayor Myers asked the public to come to the Council meetings and give specific advice to the Council.

Councilor Nedelka asked about the suggestion of changing the workweek to 4 days.

City Manager Joyal said there was some savings, but it required the cooperation of the unions that have scheduling contracts. He said the rationale was that the savings was minimal, but the impact would have been significant.

Mr. Appel, School Board Member, said the bottom line for the School Board of Ethics is that they will act in the best interests of the students in Dover. He said he will urge the School Board to bring a budget to the Council that reflects the needs of the students. He said the tax cap does give the Council the option to say that it is impossible to satisfy the needs of Dover without overriding.

Mayor Myers asked the Council to discuss areas that they don't want the City Manager to touch in the budget.

Councilor Cheney said she hoped the indoor swimming pool is left untouched, and she spoke about not adding any new positions.

Mayor Myers asked for a consensus on giving the City Manager direction on making the pools untouchable.



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There was no consensus.

Councilor Nedelka discussed waste collection and talked about raising the price of the bag and tag program.

Discussion ensued on the fee schedule and the process for updating it.

City Manager Joyal said it is looked at every year.

Councilor Carrier said \$5 million is a mountain to climb, and felt the citizens of Dover need to be prepared and ready to sacrifice and work with the City.

Mayor Myers said ultimately the Council is directing the City Manager to give his highest priority to public safety and infrastructure, and after that there is nothing untouchable.

### 6. GENERAL CIP DISCUSSIONS

Mayor Myers opened up discussion on the CIP.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen referred to Mayor Myers' proposed changes in the CIP, and asked for clarification on the delay in the Tolend Road/Watson Road project.

Mayor Myers said it was shifting the project and delaying the bonding by one year.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen discussed the out-years and asked if they should be discussed now.

Mayor Myers discussed his proposal of reducing the reserve fund allocation to \$150,000. He said after discussions with the City Manager, he was now recommending changing the heavy equipment line item that is presently coming out of the operating budget so that it would come out of the reserve account, and leave the reserve account allocation at \$300,000.

Councilor Nedelka said he would be interesting in seeing the Parks Improvements reduced to \$100,000 in 2015.

Mayor Myers discussed the reduction in the debt portion to \$1.3 million.

Councilor Cheney said the Tolend Road project was originally in the 2006 CIP, where it cost less. She said it was a safety hazard.

Mayor Myers discussed the water/sewer bonded projects.

Councilor Cheney asked for a list of the current projects that are bonded in the water fund, because she was concerned that it showed weakening.

Councilor Weston asked the City Manager for a date on the construction of the sewer main from the Willows to the Tolend Landfill.

City Manager Joyal said the construction will likely start at the end of the summer, and should be done by wintertime. He said there is a possibility of looking at alternatives routes, besides going through the Willows, which might reduce the costs. They're looking at going cross country from Tolend Road to County Farm, which would eliminate the need for a pumping station. They are also looking at going down Watson Road and tying into an existing pumping station.

Discussion ensued on moving CIP projects into future years.

Councilor Cheney referred to the City Manager's email regarding catch basins, and discussed moving out the engineering study.

Mayor Myers explained the new EPA regulations on cleaning the catch basins, and the proposed project of putting in a cement slab at the Tolend Landfill to store the sediment collected from the catch basins, saving money on Landfill tipping fees.

Councilor Cheney said they should wait for the actual mandates.



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Mayor Myers said the dredge cell will be closed in two years, and the City will be looking for a place to put this sediment to dry out before it goes to a landfill.

Mayor Myers asked for a consensus on removing this item from the CIP.

Councilor Cruikshank agreed that it should not be removed.

Councilor Nedelka said it belonged in the CIP, because it was a plan.

Mayor Myers said the Council has a nonbinding consensus to move the Tolend Road/Watson Road project, removing the \$200,000 for heavy equipment in the operating budget, and reducing the Parks Improvements to \$100,000 in 2015.

City Manager Joyal said he will be preparing a draft of the CIP Resolution for the January 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Councilor Weston discussed her reasons for being against putting off the Tolend Road/Watson Road project.

### 7. CITIZEN'S FORUM

*Citizens are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Workshop. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.*

Mayor Myers, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Citizen's Forum.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Trefethen made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

Handouts have been submitted with the minutes.