



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 12, 2010**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Cruikshank 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. FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET OVERVIEW – GENERAL GOVERNMENT

A. EXECUTIVE

City Manager Joyal discussed the few items that would be changing in the Executive Budget. He said there would be a \$15,000 reduction in grants and subsidies from the City Council's budget, which is primarily for the Dover Main Street subsidy. He said there is also an adjustment in subsidies for the McConnell Center tenants. He said the newly adopted amendment for the Dover Children's Center lease was not reflected. He discussed that there was no increase to his salary, but minor increases to the Human Resource Director's and his assistant's salaries.

City Attorney Krans discussed saving money on a daily basis when the legal environment was prone to spend money. He went over his PowerPoint presentation of the Legal Department's proposed budget.

B. FINANCE

Finance Director Lynch gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding the proposed budget for the Finance Department.

C. PLANNING

Planning Director Parker gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding the proposed budget for the Planning Department.

Mayor Myers asked the Council if they wanted to suspend the rules and have Citizen's Forum at this point, adjourn to the Regular Meeting, and then continue the Workshop Session at that point.



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Councilor Hooper made a motion to suspend the rules to have Citizen's Forum at this point in the meeting, adjourn to the Regular Meeting, and then continue the Workshop Session; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

FIRST CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Workshop that has been discussed at this point. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Ronald Cole, 1 Evans Drive, Planning Board Chairperson: He spoke about needing a GPS to get to Montana, and said Planner Steve Bird is a GPS for Dover. He said Steve Bird will always find the right way for Dover, which can't be replaced with an inexpensive GPS. He said Steve Bird was a resident of Dover, raised his family here, and is a taxpayer.

Dona Layton, 161 Back River Road, Open Lands Committee Chairperson: She spoke about the impact of eliminating Steve Bird's position in the community. She said 20% of Steve Bird's position is dedicated to conservation and open lands issues. She said it would be impossible to conserve open lands without his work. She said it is critical that he retain his position in the Planning Department.

Barbara Lehocky, 98 County Farm Road, Open Lands Committee Member: She said she moved to Dover, where the air quality is good, two years ago. She said the City can't have become what it has become without someone like Steve Bird in the Planning Department, and asked the Council to reconsider his position.

Gary Green, 18 Footbridge Lane: He spoke about the old nickname for Dover, "Dirty Dover," and said the City has lost that stigma. He said losing Steve Bird would be a huge loss for the City. He said his knowledge and dedication cannot be replaced.

Joyce El Kouarti, 19 Northway Circle: She asked those in the audience in support of keeping Steve Bird's position to stand up so the Council could see his supporters.

James Schulte, Land Use Attorney, 2 Towle Avenue: He said he has appeared before Planning Boards and Zoning Boards in several communities. He said Dover needed an independent voice to provide for the best interest of community and neighborhood. He said Steve Bird was a knowledgeable and detailed person. He said Dover had a Planning Department they could be proud of. He said the City will pay a high price by cutting back this position in the Planning Department.

William McCann, 20 Fisher Street, Conservation Commission Chairperson: He said everyone had a stake in Planning, and they needed to rely on a professional staff.

Richard Callaghan, 32 Horne Street: He said Steve Bird should stay with the Planning Department. He said Mr. Bird was honest, high caliber, and has a superb ability to work with



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people. He said the Planning Department will lose the ability to do what it does, and he hoped Mr. Bird could stay in his position.

Raymond Bardwell, 199 Spur Road: He spoke of his work with Mr. Bird. He spoke of ways to have the Planning Department more involved instead of politicizing issues.

Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane: He said Mr. Bird was very helpful to him when he built his log home. He said Mr. Bird knows the City, and would be very difficult to replace.

Marcia Gasses, 114 Garrison Road: She said she serves on three committees: Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Open Lands Committee. She said all volunteers will be overwhelmed and discouraged without the support from the Planning Department. She said it would be foolish to eliminate Mr. Bird's position. She said he has brought in an incredible amount of grant money for the City, which cannot be replaced.

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

Councilor Cruikshank made a motion to recess the Workshop and continue on to the Regular Meeting; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 9/0.

Adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 10:10 pm.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager Joyal went over areas of the budget that are not specific to any one department. He said there was an increase in the unemployment expense, for compensated absences.

E. DOVERNET

Director Annie Dove gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget for DoverNet.

F. HUMAN SERVICES

City Manager Joyal referred to Page 411 of the Budget book and went over the highlights of the Human Services proposed budget.

Councilor Carrier made a motion to suspend the rules to continue past 10:30 pm; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.



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G. REVENUE OPTIONS

City Manager Joyal discussed his handouts with the Council: Impact of downshifting from the County and State in the current year's budget and next year's budget, Alternative Revenue Sources, and Cost Scenarios for the Pools.

Mayor Myers asked if there was consensus on giving staff direction that the pools will be opened. There was consensus from the Council.

H. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Item was not discussed.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

All PowerPoint presentations and handouts have been archived with the Minutes.