



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 2, 2010**
Meeting Time: **Immediately following Workshop**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence was held during the Workshop Session.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was held during the Workshop Session.

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, Finance Director Lynch, and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Mayor Myers asked the Council to go through the handout and make amendments to get to the consensus amounts that were reached during the Workshop of \$656,211 for the City side of the budget and \$130,000 for the School side of the budget. He said they can have further discussions on each item after the motions have been made.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore full shift staffing for the Fire Department with \$384,000 expenditure, minus \$45,031 for a wage freeze concession, for a net expense of \$338,969; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.



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Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore funding for the downtown patrol coverage with \$167,800 expenditure; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore funding for outreach programming with \$44,769 expenditure; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Vote: 7/2; Passed. Councilors Hooper and Weston were opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore funding to the Planning Department for a full-time Planner with a \$113,292 expenditure, minus revenue of \$22,658 and \$20,000, for a net expense of \$70,634; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Weston was opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore the Capital Reserve Funding for a total of \$156,993; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 7/2; Passed. Councilors Cheney and Garrison were opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore full-year operation for the outdoor and indoor pools, recognize all proposed revenues, and also an additional \$50,000, for a net expense of \$218,753; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore funding to City Hall Department so there will be no position eliminations or hours reductions with an expenditure of \$36,705, restore funding to Library so there will be no position reductions and restore Saturday afternoon hours at the Library with an expense of \$32,009, restore funding to Arena so there will be no position elimination or reductions with an expense of \$14,594, and accept a wage freeze concession of \$36,006 from the City Hall, Library, and Arena employees, with a net expense of \$47,302; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 7/2; Passed. Councilors Cheney and Weston were opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore the Main Street funding with an expense of \$12,000; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Cheney was opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to recognize the additional Children Center subsidy at the McConnell Center for \$19,871; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Cheney was opposed.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to recognize the savings to be realized from bond refunding at \$20,000; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Vote: 9/0.



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Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to relieve the existing gravel revenue related to appropriation for Thompson Pool Bath House and utilize \$100,000; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 6/3; Passed. Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilor Cheney and Councilor Garrison were opposed.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to reduce Inspecting funding from a full-time health inspector to part-time due to attrition, \$33,120; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 8/1; Passed. Deputy Mayor Trefethen was opposed.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to add VIN check service revenue totaling \$15,000; seconded by Deputy Mayor Trefethen.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to add an Ambulance rate increase from Medicare + 40% to Medicare + 100%, for estimated revenue of \$75,000; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to recognize health care legislation's 2% Medicare increase for \$22,000; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to add construction and debris disposal minimum charge of \$25 for anticipated revenue of \$25,000; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to increase the construction and debris disposal rate by \$.01 per pound for both commercial and residential with anticipated revenue of \$20,060; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weston moved to reduce the budget by \$10,000 from Page 265 of the Budget book, Account #4431; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weston moved to amend Miscellaneous General Revenue by \$1,000; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to recognize the \$10 million in additional assessed value to be applied to the budget at the tax cap calculation; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.



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Councilor Hooper moved to amend the budget to restore \$130,000, along with the \$120,000 from the new assessed values, totaling \$250,000 to the School Department; seconded by Councilor Carrier.

Vote: 4/5; Failed. Mayor Myers, Councilors Carrier, Hooper, and Nedelka voted in favor.

Councilor Hooper moved to amend the budget to recognize the \$120,000 in new assessed values to be applied to the School Department; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Myers asked the City Manager for an update on the numbers.

City Manager Joyal said the additions and subtractions amount to a net adjustment of \$655,211, adding \$.25 to the tax rate, and \$57 to the average home. He said the total impact will be a \$.38 increase to the tax rate, or \$86 on the average home.

Councilor Garrison moved to amend the budget to restore \$230,000 to the School Department; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Councilors Cheney, Garrison, and Nedelka voted in favor.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budget to restore \$130,000 to the School Department; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 7/2; Passed. Councilors Carrier and Garrison were opposed.

Mayor Myers said that that changes the total to \$785,211.

City Manager Joyal said the total impact would be \$.43, which was \$97 on the average home.

Councilor Cheney moved to offset the budget with the use of the contingency funds, \$100,000 from DoverNet, \$228,902 from Parking, and \$100,000 from Miscellaneous Government, and \$90,000 from Recreation, for a total of \$518,902.

This motion was not seconded.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to change the construction debris disposal rates by \$.02 per pound, instead of the earlier proposed \$.01 per pound; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Councilor Garrison said the Solid Waste Advisory Commission did not want to raise rates at all.

Vote: 2/7; Failed. Councilors Nedelka and Weston voted in favor.

Councilor Garrison moved to amend the budget to restore \$165,000 to Street Repairs funding; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Councilor Weston referred to leftover funds from completed CIP projects and asked if it could be used to restore Street Repairs funding.

Mayor Myers said that can't be done during this meeting.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Councilors Cruikshank, Garrison, and Nedelka voted in favor.



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Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to restore \$210,000 to the Capital Reserve Funding, instead of the \$156,933 proposed earlier; seconded by Councilor Garrison.
Vote: 3/6; Failed. Councilors Cruikshank, Garrison, and Nedelka voted in favor.

Councilor Weston referred to the Bellamy Park CIP project that has been put on hold, and asked if the money has been bonded yet. She asked, if it was bonded, if it could be used somewhere else in the budget such as Street Repairs.
City Manager Joyal said he believed it has been bonded, but it would have to be reprogrammed for a similar project. He said he would get back to the Council on whether it has been bonded.

Councilor Nedelka moved to amend the budget to restore \$10,000 to the Cochecho Arts Festival; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Councilor Nedelka said this was for the whole summer season.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Garrison, and Nedelka voted in favor.

Councilor Carrier moved to amend the budget to restore \$5,000 to the Cochecho Arts Festival; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 5/4; Passed. Mayor Myers, Councilors Cheney, Hooper, and Weston were opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to approve Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Appropriations, Fees and Capital Improvements Program as amended; and the budgeting restrictions of the Dover Charter provision C6-3.1e; regarding total expenditures are hereby overridden for the adoption of the annual fiscal year 2011 budget.

City Manager asked that they amend the Resolution first.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to amend the budgeting restrictions of the Dover Charter provision C6-3.1e; total expenditures are hereby overridden for the adoption of the annual fiscal year 2011 budget; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Cheney was opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to approve Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Appropriations, Fees and Capital Improvements Program as amended; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

City Manager Joyal said the final adjustment total is \$790,211, which reflects an estimated tax rate increase of \$.43, or an average tax bill increase of \$98.

Councilor Weston said she will find it difficult to vote yes, because the economy is terrible. She said she felt most do not want an override. She said she would have entertained an override for just the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilor Cheney said she has received a lot of calls from people who do not want an override of the spending cap. She said the Council has chosen not to use contingency funds which are just sitting there. She said she would be voting no on this Resolution

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said it has been a difficult decision for the whole Council. He said he was trying to do the best for everyone in Dover. He said he voted for the tax cap with the knowledge that the Council could override. He spoke about his personal employment problems and his priorities for the City. He said \$98.00 per year for all these services is worth it.

Councilor Hooper said they owe it to the City to get this in place.



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Councilor Nedelka said the original number to fully restore the budget was \$3.3 million. He said the Council has proposed an increase of \$790,000.

Councilor Cruikshank said the Council owes it to the taxpayer to look at what was more cost-efficient long term. She said she would vote to override the budget.

Councilor Carrier said the Council has done a good job. He spoke about depleting the reserve funds and how it takes away the future for the City. He said no one knows what's coming with the State, and more changes may have to be made.

Councilor Weston spoke about using more of the Sand & Gravel Fund, and making less of an impact on the taxpayers.

Mayor Myers thanked the City Council, City Manager, Finance Director, and Department Heads for all their hard work. He said he was within \$4,000 of the amount for an override. He said his priorities were different, because his priorities were for the long term.

Roll Call Vote: 6/3; Passed. Mayor Myers, Councilors Cheney and Weston were opposed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF DOVER POOLS ENDOWMENT FUND SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Garrison.
Vote: 9/0.

B. ORDINANCES

1. CHAPTER 3, FORMATION OF POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 9, 2010) SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to refer this to a public hearing on June 9, 2010; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.
Vote: 9/0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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