



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, October 6, 2010**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Myers, Councilor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Cruikshank, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor Nedelka, and Councilor Weston.

Absent: Deputy Mayor Trefethen.

Also present: City Manager Joyal and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. DISCUSSION: STREET/SIDEWALK PAVING POLICY

City Manager Joyal referred to one of the Council's goal setting policy to review street paving priorities and practices of the City. He said they will be presenting the City's policies as well as giving recommendations that will be incorporated into a resolution for the Council's adoption. He asked Community Services Director Doug Steele to give a presentation to the Council. Mr. Steele gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding Street/Sidewalk Replacement Policy.

Mayor Myers started a discussion on the costs for paving.

Mr. Steele discussed the prices over the past few years.

Mayor Myers asked about outside utility work on the roads.

Mr. Steele said they do contact the utilities companies to tell them they are going to be repaving a street so they don't go in afterwards to upgrade the utilities.

City Manager Joyal said the pavement management plan is a multi-year plan and needs a reasonable and predictable level of funding in the City's budget.

Mr. Steele continued his presentation on sidewalk paving policy.

Mayor Myers started a discussion on sidewalks being put in new subdivisions where they are not necessarily needed and then the City taking over the maintenance expense.

Mayor Myers asked the City Manager to have the 2011-2012 sidewalk replacement list posted on the homepage of the City's website.

6. DISCUSSION: SIDEWALK SNOWPLOWING

Mr. Steele referred to the Sidewalk snowplowing map to the Council. He said the decision on which sidewalks are plowed is based upon the School Department's transportation policy. He said the City plows 29 of its 62 miles of sidewalk. He said with the 2 new sidewalk plows he is anticipating less breakdowns and more efficient plowing.

Mr. Carrier pleaded with the citizens to shovel their own sidewalks.

Mr. Steele asked citizens to keep trash and recycling out of the sidewalks.



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City Manager Joyal said the City doesn't have the budget to have all the sidewalks cleared. He said he felt it was reasonable that for 9 months out of the year the sidewalks are usable.

7. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

John Scruton, 99 Sixth Street: He said he is a pedestrian that walks a few miles every day. He discussed his issues with sidewalks covered in snow and walking in traffic. He suggested that the City just have shoulders for walking and biking that can be plowed with the street plow. He said this would allow for better drainage. He also said in the '70s the high school students shoveled downtown for some extra spending money, and asked the City to try doing that again.

Jerry Lynch, 26B Lincoln Street: He said Fifth Street residents told him they haven't had sidewalks in 50 years. He said the City put sidewalks on Lincoln Street when they fixed the street, and most of the people don't use it.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cruikshank moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Vote: 8/0.

Mr. Steele's PowerPoint presentations will be archived with the Minutes.