



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**
Meeting Time: **To follow Special Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

Also present: City Manager Joyal, General Legal Counselor Krans, and City Clerk Lavertu.

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) DISCUSSION

Councilor Garrison started a discussion on the renovations to the Garrison Elementary School and the moratorium on State building aid.

Mayor Myers said the Garrison Elementary School renovation was put into the pipeline before the moratorium went into effect and is still eligible for State building aid.

Councilor Garrison asked about the City Hall atrium, if there was any money available to correct the leaking.

City Manager Joyal said they are trying to address the leaks with basic caulking. He spoke about the glass itself where the seals have failed and water is collecting between the panes of glass.

Councilor Garrison asked about moving it up on the timetable.

City Manager Joyal said it's attached to the outside of the building and he didn't feel that it was critical to the overall structure of the building.

Councilor Garrison started a discussion on traffic calming devices. He asked to add another \$25,000 and include Arch Street in the project.

Councilor Garrison referred to road construction on Union Street in year 2016, and asked if it included the area between Central Avenue and Court Street.

Community Services Director Steele said that it does include that area.

Councilor Nedelka referred to the City Hall's clock tower and asked the City Manager if that was a greater structural issue.

City Manager Joyal said that was correct.

Councilor Weston said she would not support adding Arch Street for traffic calming. Her reasoning is that Arch Street is a through street, and not a cut-through street.

Planning Director Parker said the \$50,000 for speed calming is supposed to cover the area between Atkinson and Arch Street. He said there are alternative methods to slow down traffic. They are waiting for the results from the Lexington Street trial before they proceed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen referred back to the Garrison School project, and asked if the City could risk losing funding if they delayed the project a year.

City Manager Joyal said he would research that and get back to the Council.

Councilor Hooper asked about Downtown Infrastructure Improvements.

Director Parker said this was design work for the Downtown area, and looking into two-way traffic.



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Councilor Hooper asked about the Park Improvements and if they could be done by residents as some recent renovations have been done.

City Manager Joyal said the Park Improvements were for major renovations.

Councilor Cruikshank started a discussion regarding the renovations for the pools, \$188,000 for lighting and a solarium, and \$800,000 for a new bathhouse.

Recreation Director Bannon spoke about the need to meet code requirements with lighting for the indoor pool. He also spoke about the bathhouse, and said the amount is for a complete replacement.

Mayor Myers discussed funding for the bathhouse; the use of gravel funds and debt financing.

Councilor Garrison discussed if a new bathhouse would increase revenue/use of the pools.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen asked about the Pool Advisory Committee getting outside funding. He said people need to support the pools, be involved, and help meet goals. He said the pools were not a necessity and he felt they were going to have the same discussions as last budget time.

Mayor Myers said the Pool Advisory Committee is scheduled to appear during a Council workshop to discuss their progress.

Councilor Cheney discussed all the Park improvements, and started a discussion on a boat launch.

Director Bannon said the boathouse was part of a partnership with UNH.

Councilor Cheney asked about unissued debt, \$6 million is still outstanding, and asked how it will affect the City's rating.

City Manager Joyal said they are holding off on issuing bonds until the City needs the cash. He said it shouldn't affect the City's rating.

Councilor Nedelka discussed the gravel funds and pool budget, and said the gravel funds should be put into the capital reserve funds for parks. He said the City can wait for a few years to make sure pools are viable to build the bathhouse with those funds.

Councilor Hooper discussed the \$5,000 for the pedestrian bridge in 2013, and asked about the \$195,000 in 2014.

City Manager Joyal said it is being considered to place the pedestrian bridge over the Cochecho Basin.

Councilor Garrison referred to the Deputy Mayor's comments regarding the pools. He is the Council liaison to the Pool Advisory Committee, and he felt they were working very hard at accomplishing their goals.

Councilor Garrison started a discussion regarding the boathouse and dredging.

Councilor Weston asked if the agreement with UNH was a done deal.

Director Bannon said UNH is supportive of the project and want to be here, but both sides need to get the financing.

City Manager Joyal said they were approached by UNH, and the City has encouraged them to go forward and raise the funds.

Councilor Weston asked if it could be a public boat launch, instead of just a dock.



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Director Bannon said if the money were there they would do it.
City Manager Joyal said that area was not appropriate for a public boat launch.
Councilor Weston said she disagreed, because it's the last viable area in the City for a public boat launch.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said he didn't mean to disparage the Pool Advisory Committee's efforts. He discussed the vision of the Park system; starting with Henry Law Park and connecting it to the Waterfront, then to Maglaras, and then to Fish and Game land. He said it was a wonderful plan, and they just needed the money for it. He felt they had to work on taking care of existing parks.

Mayor Myers said he felt they needed to take care of the Parks that already exist. He said Henry Law Park's playground equipment is heavily used and needs updating. He can't envision putting in new parks right now. They just weren't a priority.

Councilor Cheney said she was on the sub-committee and she knows they want a public boat launch. She did agree that some of the recreation issues can go out of the CIP.

Councilor Weston started a discussion on the several CIP road construction projects.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen started a discussion on the Police and Fire Departments. He commended both departments on reducing debt financing. He asked about the City's ability to afford \$13 million for a new police facility. He's willing to leave it in 2014 for planning purposes.

Mayor Myers started a discussion on Sidewalk and Street improvements. He said he will be supporting \$1.8 million being put into the operating budget to pay for street maintenance.

Councilor Nedelka spoke in support of moving the project for drainage on Old Colony Road up to 2013.

Director Steele said it just involved adding a drain line the entire length of the street, and then repave the whole road. He didn't feel it was big project.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said the City was retiring a little over \$4 million in debt. He said the CIP has \$4.9 million just under Community Services, with a total of \$5 million under the General Fund. He said this is the area where the City can offset or delay again. He said the Whittier Bridge project can't be delayed. Applevale Road has to be done unless they delay water/sewer. Tolend Road is in bad shape.

Councilor Weston asked if the shimming done on Tolend Road would improve frost heaves. She asked if by pushing it out one year the road will be as bad as last winter.

Director Steele said it will have frost heaves and they will continue to patch it. He didn't think it would be as bad as last year, because there won't be as many potholes. He did feel that since the City has done a lot of patchwork on Tolend that he could recommend pushing it out another year.

Mayor Myers said he was inclined to move out Tolend Road another year, move out the Police Station to 2015. He said he wanted to look into public/private partnerships and the police station may have an opportunity to be built with the parking garage. He received general consensus to move Tolend Road out another year, to have the City Manager and Recreation



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Director re-work the numbers for Recreation in the CIP, and to move the Old Colony Road project to 2013.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen asked if they had another Workshop scheduled for CIP discussions. City Manager said to schedule the Workshop on January 5th to start at 6:00 pm; they will be able to discuss the Storm Water update and the CIP.

4. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

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