



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, January 5, 2011**
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, 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 Counsel and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION: APPROPRIATION FOR FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

David Scott, 220 Back Road: He reminded the Council that the message from the last election was to stop spending. He said homeowners cannot afford a property tax increase. He said the City should not be borrowing money. He asked the Council to set a policy that made the CIP debt neutral.

Edward Bleiler, 28 Isaac Lucas Circle: He read his handout to the Council.

Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane: He spoke about the items addressed in CIP and how the City is going to pay for it. He said these are not good times and the City shouldn't be bonding some of these projects. He said residents in Dover have only increased from 26,000 to around 28,000. He asked the Council to stop considering Dover as a similar destination to Portsmouth. He spoke about the Superfund site and suggested that the City not spend a lot of money on catch basins in that part of the City. He said he has spent money on 91-A requests to discover answers regarding payroll and double dipping contracts.

Brian Stern, 201 Tolend Road: He thanked the Council for their work during these times. He said taxes are too high for everyone and changes need to be made. He referred to two newspaper articles; Moody downgrading New Hampshire's bonds, and the second article referring to the City Manager's comment that the faith in the community will prevail. He felt that wasn't a way to manage the City's budget. He spoke about specific CIP projects that he didn't understand. He referred to the \$800,000 for a bathhouse, and said any contractor can build a huge house, with five bathrooms, and a swimming pool for a whole lot less than that. He referred to \$60 million for a new high school and \$6.5 million for elementary school



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renovations, and said they were beyond his comprehension. \$3 million to enclose the pool that is running at a deficit. Speed bumps at \$25,000 a piece when he could pave his driveway twice. He asked where the figures came from, because he felt they were out of control. He said it would be nice to clean up Maglaras Park, but the City caused a lot of the problems with dumping dredge spoils there. He did agree with some projects that needed to be done; wastewater treatment plant upgrades, stormwater drains, and library books. He felt the CIP needed to be gutted. He said he lives on Tolend Road and he would love for it to be fixed, but felt the City just can't do it. He asked the Council to not go forward with the CIP at this time.

Raymond Bardwell, 199 Spur Road: He asked if the Police Department was looking into using a more environmentally friendly vehicle to get better gas mileage. He referred to the new Police Station project, and referred to renovations that could be made in the City Hall to accommodate the Police Department. He referred to the Whittier Street project, the cost for realignment and the City saving money by using the old bridge abutments. He said that savings could be used to fix the 3,500 manholes and catch basins. He referred to the \$1.8 million for Maglaras Park and asked about a AAA or AA baseball team. He said the City needs to be fixed for everyone. He was in favor of air conditioning at the Library. He said the renovations at Garrison Elementary School and the new high school have to be addressed. He said the CIP needs to be readdressed and reductions made to the overall plan.

Mayor Myers, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

B. RESOLUTION: APPROPRIATION FOR FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – NON-DEBT FINANCED PROJECTS SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Mayor Myers, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

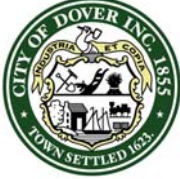
Citizens are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Special Meeting. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: ADOPTION OF FY2012-2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (TO BE DEFERRED FOR FURTHER DELIBERATIONS) SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to defer for further deliberations; seconded by Councilor Hooper.



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Mayor Myers said the vote on the CIP will take place on January 26, 2011, so the Council can have a workshop on January 19, 2011 regarding the Financial Policy Committee recommendations.

Vote: 9/0

B. RESOLUTION: APPROPRIATION FOR FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING (TO BE DEFERRED FOR FURTHER DELIBERATIONS) SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to defer for further deliberations; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

C. RESOLUTION: APPROPRIATION FOR FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – NON-DEBT FINANCED PROJECTS (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE) (TO BE DEFERRED FOR FURTHER DELIBERATIONS) SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to defer for further deliberations; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to adjourn to a Workshop Session; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.