



CITY OF DOVER

## CITY COUNCIL - AGENDA

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

### 3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) DISCUSSION

Mayor Myers said he appreciated Public Hearing comments during the Special Meeting, but wanted to say there have been some significant changes to the CIP, referring to the updated version dated December 8, 2010.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen gave an update on the Planning Board's position on the CIP. He said the Planning Board voted to approve the revised CIP.

City Manager Joyal referred to the revisions and said what was left were the major infrastructure projects, school projects, and some maintenance with the recreation facilities. He said financing for many of the projects are relying on reserve funds, and the funding of those reserves will be critical for the success of the CIP.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen referred to the money coming in for the Garrison Elementary School and the project being delayed a year, and at the same time retiring \$2.3 million in debt. He said he was concerned that the amount of money that is in their operating budget that is paying for the \$2.3 million debt will be consumed in the operating budget and next year the funds will not be available. He asked that the School Department to set up a capital reserve fund for that money. He said the City side of the budget is retiring \$4 million in debt this year, and incurring \$2.4 million in new debt. He said there still are a couple of projects that he feels could be moved out a year or two on the debt portion of the CIP.

Councilor Nedelka started a discussion on the realignment of the Whittier Street Bridge.

City Manager Joyal said the bridge will be realigned for better traffic flow. He said the State bridge aid will cover 80% of the project.

Councilor Nedelka said he was pleased with the changes made to the CIP. He asked about the boat launch.

City Manager Joyal said the City is in discussions with UNH and they would be paying for the boat launch.

Councilor Hooper started a discussion on the price of the bathhouse, stating that she was distressed by the amount.

City Manager Joyal said the original proposal was to build a new bathhouse structure at the far end of the pool, which would also include concession facilities and training facilities. He said the revised proposal is renovating the existing bathhouse for \$185,000.

Councilor Hooper asked about enclosing the Jenny Thompson pool.

City Manager Joyal said it was in the sixth year of the CIP, and would allow the City to have one pool that could be used on a year-round basis. He said they would close or find another use for the current indoor pool.



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Mayor Myers reviewed the changes to the CIP. He stated there was a \$0.49 increase in the operating budget, largely due to street improvements. He said they probably won't budget the full \$1.8 million, but it should be more than last year's \$670,000. He agreed with the Deputy Mayor's comment regarding the School Department setting up a capital reserve fund. He referred to the memo from the School Board regarding the use of \$600,000 from impact fees, and said he wasn't against it but he wouldn't support it until after they know when the legislature in Concord is planning to restore State building aid. He said it may jeopardize the building aid the City receives. Deputy Mayor Trefethen referred to Council Hooper's comment about enclosing the Jenny Thompson pool. He asked for information from the City Manager about the life expectancy of the present pool.

City Manager Joyal said the pool is in very good shape. He said six years from now it will need attention, but that was normal for any facility. He said those concerns will be addressed in a comprehensive study.

Councilor Weston referred to the Deputy Mayor's comment regarding the School establishing a Capital Reserve Fund, and asked if the City should do the same where the proposed CIP is incurring less debt than is being retired.

Mayor Myers said the City is putting money into capital within the operating budget instead of debt financing. It's more of a pay-as-you-go financing instead of debt financing for capital projects.

Councilor Nedelka started a discussion on the reserve fund for parks.

Councilor Garrison said he felt the Henry Law Park improvements was a priority and should be moved up on the CIP.

City Manager Joyal said the bathhouse was scheduled first mainly because of the efforts being generated by the Pool Advisory Committee. He said the committee is trying to increase the number and caliber of events being held at the pool. He said the bathhouse needs to be addressed to attract these events. He said they have made some repairs to the playground equipment at Henry Law Park.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen asked the Police Chief about the vehicle replacements changes now that Crown Victorias will no longer be offered by Ford.

Police Chief Colarusso said this was the last year for the Ford Crown Victoria. They are looking at three models for next year made by Ford, Chevy and Dodge. He said they were leaning towards the Ford model, which is based on the Taurus, but there are still some questions regarding equipment transfer. He said there will be fuel savings, which may offset some of the cost for new equipment. He said they have Ford Fusions for the detectives and investigators, but felt it was too small for the on-street cruisers because of all their equipment, and too small in the back seat for transport.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen asked if they should go to standard black and white on the cruisers.

Police Chief Colarusso said they can, but they're also looking into new technology and color labels, which wouldn't involve painting the vehicle.

Mayor Myers said the Council anticipates voting on the CIP resolutions on January 26, 2011.



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### 4. STORMWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Councilor Nedelka gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding the Stormwater Feasibility Study.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen started a discussion about publicity and not hearing about other cities and towns addressing the issue.

City Manager Joyal said it was a big issue and the press just isn't generating publicity. He said Dover is one of the first communities that recognized that it needs to be addressed.

Mayor Myers started a discussion regarding tax exempt parcels. He asked if the City get an exemption or credit for steps already taken.

Councilor Nedelka said he would look into that.

City Manager Joyal said the EPA may require treatment for stormwater.

Councilor Cheney started a discussion on one ERU equaling 3,900 square feet of impervious service area. She asked if there are impact fees currently. She said this is now being handled by the Community Services Department.

Councilor Nedelka said this wasn't changing how it was done, they weren't going to hire new people. He said the money is a shift from property taxes to the fee structure.

Councilor Cheney asked how much of the \$2.65 base charge is for additional administrative services and how much is for the City roads.

Councilor Nedelka said \$1.10 was the administrative portion. He said the Stormwater charge will be added to the utility bill.

Mayor Myers asked for the final vote of the Stormwater Feasibility Committee on the final recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Nedelka said it was a unanimous vote.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen started a discussion about what needed to be completed by July 1, 2011.

Councilor Nedelka said in January he will be bringing forth an Ordinance change to create the stormwater utility. He said if it is approved and created, then the Council will need to create an Ad-Hoc Committee. He said they will at some point have rules that the Council will have to approve.

Councilor Weston asked if there were any cons in creating this utility.

City Manager Joyal said they have to assess the value and create the bills.

### 5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

**Otis Perry, 91 Court Street, Dover Utility Commission Chairperson:** He said he was in favor of this utility, but felt it will double the work of the Utility Commission.

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



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### 6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 9/0.