



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, February 23, 2011**
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Hooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

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

Absent: Councilor Cheney and Councilor Garrison.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS – None

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Hooper moved to add the School Board Report; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.
Vote: 7/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to add as Item 13.B.5., resolution regarding New Hampshire Retirement Reform; seconded by Councilors Hooper and Weston.

Vote: 7/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 7/0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak on any issue pertaining to the business of the City of Dover. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

David Montenegro, 55 Union Street: He spoke about fluoridation of the City's water and the scientific evidence of its negative effects. He asked the Council to reduce the level of fluoride in the City's water to zero parts per million.

David Staples, DDS, 2 Ruthies Run: He discussed fluoridation in the water. He said it has been proven that it does work, is supported by HHS, EPA, CDC, and ADA, and National Academy of Sciences. He said the agencies have asked that the levels be lowered to .7 milligrams per liter.



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Patricia Wulfson, 5 Rainbow Drive: She spoke about it not being safe to have fluoride in the City's water. She spoke about the New Hampshire Congressional Hearing regarding HB-608, and Dr. Roger Masters' studies on fluoridation in the water. She requested the Council to direct the Public Works Department to discontinue adding this waste product to the City's water as soon as possible.

David Bamford, 296 Gulf Road: He spoke about his concerns regarding the parking meter system. He mentioned that transponders could help, and asked the Council to lower the initial price of the transponder to encourage its use. He said the minimum time required purchase should be \$0.25.

Thomas Lamy, 9 Deepwood Drive: He spoke about fluoride being bad to ingest and safe levels in the water supply. He spoke about more meters being put in, and felt it created an unfriendly environment. He felt the City should remove the parking meters already in use.

Ralph Tripodi, owner of Café on the Corner: He spoke about the tough economic times where every purchase must be considered. He said parking meters were making it costlier and less convenient. He spoke about the people being the real power of the City, and not the elected officials. He spoke about the petition to remove the meters. He asked the Council to listen to the people and at least table the resolution to purchase more meters.

Edward Bleiler, 28 Isaac Lucas Circle: He said the Council was creating a ghost town by putting the meters in. He spoke about the unneeded spending on the Council's Agenda tonight. He read his statement to the Council.

John Scruton, 99 Sixth Street: He spoke against the parking meters, and said the City is going in the wrong direction.

Alfred Catalfo, Esq, 466 Central Avenue: He spoke about the volatile environment in the City and how people were upset about the parking meters. He said parking meters have been put in twice before, and they were taken out both times because Dover became a ghost town. He said people won't buy the transponder. He asked the Council to table spending more money on the meters, and to seriously consider taking the present meters out. He spoke about the people's belief that the Council will do the right thing.

Domenick Cama, 119 Cottonwood Drive, Member of the Dover Middle School PTA: He spoke in support of the School's budget, and the need to keep it a priority.

Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane: He disagreed with the previous speaker and said the School Budget should be held at a zero increase. He spoke about the parking meters turning Dover into a ghost town. He discussed the lack of communication between the City Council and the citizens of Dover.



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Christopher Buck, 28 Lincoln Street: He spoke against the parking meters. He said businesses are suffering.

Otis Perry, 91 Court Street, Member of the Parking Commission: He said the Resolution is addressing the third phase of the metering system. He said the vacant spaces that people are seeing now are caused by employees moving to cheaper parking.

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

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joyal said his written report is an update from the Economic Development Director. He spoke about the petition for a rehearing on the Arch Street rezoning issue. He said they will probably have a resolution at the next regular meeting regarding whether or not to grant that hearing. He spoke about fluoridation in the City's water. He said the City is adjusting the level from .8 to .7 milligrams per liter as recommended by the EPA. He said to remove the fluoride completely would require a referendum and voted on by the citizens.

Councilor Hooper started a discussion regarding the parking garage, and the need to build one to help the Mill.

City Manager Joyal said the City would not build a parking garage to help the Mill, but they would consider partnering with them. He said parking is an issue in the City, but it has been expressed that property taxes not be used to pay for a garage.

Deputy Manager Trefethen moved to accept the City Manager's Report; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 7/0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 9, 2011

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for the approval of the Minutes; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Vote: 7/0.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers thanked the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Legislative Reception. He attended the Local Government Center board meeting on long range strategic planning. He attended the New Hampshire Municipal Association meeting and was elect Vice-Chairperson. He said it was a very active time in the legislature. He attended the Rotary luncheon. He said the next Coffee with the Mayor will be held at Café on the Corner on March 5, 2011, at 9:00 am.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None



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13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **TAG – Dover Youth Football League, Inc.**
2. **AWARD OF ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF EVALUATION SERVICE FOR ONE VOICE YOUTH TO YOUTH GRANT**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST
3. **SENIOR CENTER TRIP TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. School Board | 8. Transportation Advisory Commission |
| 2. Planning Board | 9. Joint Building Committee – Horne Street |
| 3. Appointments Committee | 10. Joint Building Committee – Media Access |
| 4. Recreation Advisory Board | 11. Legislative Liaison |
| 5. McConnell Center Advisory Committee | 12. Pool Advisory Committee |
| 6. Arts Commission | 13. Parking Commission – Update Presentation |
| 7. Solid Waste Advisory Commission | |

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Mayor Myers asked the Council if they had any items they would like pulled for further discussion.

Councilor Hooper asked the pull the School Board Report.

Mayor Myers said he was going to pull the Parking Commission Report.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to pull the Joint Building Committee – Media Access Report.

Mayor Myers asked for a vote on the remaining items of the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote: 7/0.

Councilor Hooper discussed the School Board Report with the Council.

Councilor Weston moved to accept the School Board Report; seconded by Deputy Mayor Trefethen.

Vote: 7/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen discussed the Joint Building Committee – Media Access Report with the Council. He mentioned Channel 95 will be implemented and available from Comcast in the basic package.

Councilor Weston asked about programming on Channel 22 versus Channel 95.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said the intention of Channel 95 would be to show School items, but they haven't completely figured out the scheduling.



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Councilor Weston moved to accept the Joint Building Committee – Media Access Report; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 7/0.

City Manager Joyal said Parking Commission Member Otis Perry and Parking Manager William Simons have come to speak to the Council regarding the Parking Commission Report.

Mr. Simons gave a brief review to the Council about the history and objectives of the Parking Commission.

Councilor Hooper started a discussion about people not liking change. She said she like Attorney Bamford suggestions; especially his idea for a transponder and being offer at a lower introductory price. She said the City has spent a lot on the meters, and asked if this was the last stage.

Mr. Simons said this was the final stage.

Councilor Hooper started a discussion about the life of the meters.

City Manager Joyal said all the recommendations will be communicated to the Parking Commission.

Councilor Weston discussed the Parking Commission recommendations to extend the hours to 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. She discussed the complaints regarding the McConnell Center parking.

Mr. Simons said the Parking Commission recommendation for times is 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. He said they have heard about McConnell Center parking problems and will come up with a solution. He said the Parking Commission will be meeting on March 14, 2011 at 8:30 am, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said he appreciated the concerns of the business community. He said 6,000 people use the meters during the week, and permits have gone up from 162 to 291. He said he was willing to try a few limited time free parking.

Mr. Simons said the Parking Commission is considering a few 15-30 minute free parking spots.

Councilor Nedelka thought transponders would be terrific, and concurs with introducing them at a lower cost or for free.

Councilor Cruikshank also was on board with transponders. She asked about the machines taking nickels and dimes, and the minimum time.

Mr. Simons said it does take nickels and dimes, and the minimum time was 20 minutes.

Mayor Myers asked about the need to better communicate with the citizens. He spoke about the parking meter system. He agreed with transponders, a few 15 minutes free spots, and to lower the minimum amount. He believe the free spots that are being seen today are people that have purchased permits.

Councilor Nedelka started a discussion about the decision to stop the meters for bad storms.

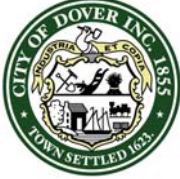
Mr. Simons said they put bags over the meters that people can see. He said they also used them on the really cold days.

Councilor Carrier said he has heard the dissatisfaction, but that the Parking Commission is still working on it. He asked the City Manager about the revenue stream from the parking meters.

City Manager Joyal said the parking system has always been a standalone fund, paying for the staff, lights, and plowing and snow removal. He said the additional income is put into a fund for future facility needs.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the Parking Commission Report; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 7/0.



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B. RESOLUTIONS

**1. B09064 PAY & DISPLAY PARKING METERS TWENTY ADDITIONAL UNITS
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank. Mayor Myers said this was the third phase of the parking meter system. Councilor Nedelka said he would support this Resolution. Councilor Hooper said she would support this Resolution. Deputy Mayor Trefethen said he would support this Resolution. He felt it was the right decision. Councilor Weston said she would not support this Resolution, because she couldn't support spending \$145,000 in a bad economy. She would support tabling the Resolution. She talked about the Downtown Dover Board of Trade being revived. Councilor Carrier asked if this Resolution was time sensitive. City Manager Joyal said there was a four month lead time where the City has to make a commitment to purchase the meters, and four months of construction and delivery process. He said the lock-in pricing for the meters will expire at the end of February. Roll Call Vote: 6/1; Passed. Councilor Weston was opposed.

**2. B11004B - 2010 INFILTRATION AND INFLOW REDUCTION AWARD OF BID
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Weston. Councilor Weston asked if the City was still receiving grant funding for this project. City Manager Joyal said they hoped to, but he couldn't guarantee it. Roll Call Vote: 7/0.

**3. AWARD OF ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
2010 INFILTRATION AND INFLOW REDUCTION
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank. Roll Call Vote: 7/0.

**4. AWARD OF ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WHITTIER
STREET BRIDGE OVER THE COCHECO NHDOT#111/132
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank. Roll Call Vote: 7/0.



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5. SUPPORT FOR NH RETIREMENT REFORM LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS AND DEPUTY MAYOR TREFETHEN

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.
Mayor Myers discussed this Resolution with the Council.
Councilor Hooper recused herself from the vote on this Resolution.
Roll Call Vote: 6/0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING – None

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE – None

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said he would be happy to sponsor a resolution regarding a referendum on fluoride in the water supply.

Mayor Myers talked about the Governor's budget presentation. He gave a snapshot on the effect it will have on the City's budget, saying it will be \$2.5 million less from the State on just a few items. Councilor Weston started a discussion on the State building aid and asked if the State can breach the contract, or if it was a contract. City Manager Joyal said it is up to the legislature during the budget process.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Weston moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hooper.
Vote: 7/0.