



CITY OF DOVER

## CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 9, 2011**  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

### 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. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS – None

### 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Hooper moved to add a second School Board Report; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.  
Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to removed Item 13.B.2.

Councilor Nedelka moved to approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

### 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.*

**Ronald Huml, 199 Mast Road:** He discussed the Dover Teachers' Contract and the City's Budget. He asked the Council to vote no on the Teachers' contract. He recommended level funding.

**Glen Grasso, 1 Pebble Hill Drive:** He thanked the Council for approving Phase III of the parking plan, and spoke in favor of the whole plan. He said it was the right thing to do.

**Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane:** He asked for prayers for Jerry Lynch, who recently suffered from a stroke.

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



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### 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joyal discussed the emergency \$15,000 purchase order for temporary pumps and \$3,600 for restoring the existing pumps at the St. Charles Street Pump Station.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen asked about the situation being reported to the EPA or DES.

City Manager Joyal said it was reported immediately.

Mayor Myers spoke about the financial pages and his hope that it will show remaining balances once the new financial software conversions are completed.

City Manager Joyal referred to Page 26, which showed unexpended balances to date.

Councilor Cheney asked about ice on the vents at the indoor pool and if it has been resolved.

City Manager Joyal discussed their options and the research being completed on whether it was a maintenance or installation issue.

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

Vote: 9/0.

### 10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A. February 16, 2011**

**B. February 23, 2011**

Councilor Cheney referred to Page 3/3 of the February 16, 2011 Minutes, and moved that her statement be amended to remove "the State"; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weston moved to accept the Minutes as amended; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 9/0.

### 11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Myers said he has done several ribbon cuttings for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce for new businesses and new members. He attended a meeting at the Local Government Center, where discussions were held on several legislative issues and setting the insurance rates. He held his Coffee with the Mayor session at the Café on the Corner. He thanked the restaurants for participating in the Fat Tuesday fundraising events, where proceeds will support the fireworks.

Councilor Garrison started a discussion on insurance rates and if Dover has a healthy group.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

### 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2<sup>nd</sup> READING – None**

**B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3<sup>rd</sup> READING – None**



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### C. RESOLUTIONS – None

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **PARADE – Fundraiser to Raise Money for S. Kozlowski/K. Hughes to walk the 3-day Boston Breast Cancer Walk**
2. **PARADE – Rochester Runners Club**
3. **RAFFLE – Maine Coast Runners Flyball Team**
4. **TAG – Dover Baseball Inc.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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|---|---|
| 1. <b>School Board: 3/1/2011 &amp; 3/8/2011</b> | 8. Transportation Advisory Commission       |
| 2. Planning Board                               | 9. Joint Building Committee – Horne Street  |
| 3. Appointments Committee                       | 10. Joint Building Committee – Media Access |
| 5. Recreation Advisory Board                    | 11. Legislative Liaison                     |
| 5. McConnell Center Advisory Committee          | 12. Pool Advisory Committee                 |
| 6. Arts Commission                              | 13. Parking Commission                      |
| 7. Solid Waste Advisory Commission              |   |

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

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

Councilor Hooper asked to pull the March 8, 2011 School Board Report.

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

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Hooper gave an overview of the March 8, 2011 School Board Report.

Councilor Garrison asked how much the tax rate would increase for each \$1 million increase in the budget.

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

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept the March 8, 2011 School Board Report; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Vote: 9/0.

### B. RESOLUTIONS

1. **SUPPORT FOR REGIONALIZATION EFFORTS LED BY STRAFFORD COUNTY SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS**

Mayor Myers moved for its approval; seconded by Councilor Weston.



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Mayor Myers gave some background information to the Council. He introduced County Commissioner George Maglaras, County Administrator Rick Bower, and Carrie Lover. He also reminded the Council that Councilor Cheney was also a County Commissioner. Commissioner Maglaras spoke to the Council regarding regionalization efforts. He said they have contacted 13 communities in the past week, and six have already responded favorably. He said with these economic times they need to establish a cheaper way to do business.

Councilor Cheney said her research shows that the three cities are not willing to regionalize dispatch. She said she wanted the City's Resolution to look like the generic resolution that was sent out to the other towns. She moved to amend the Resolution to say "The City of Dover explore and participate..."; seconded by Councilor Weston. Deputy Mayor Trefethen discussed the differences in governing towns and cities. He said the City Manager is authorized to direct his staff, and the Council cannot. He said he would not support the amendment.

Mayor Myers said he didn't know who the City of Dover was, who would represent each area being researched. He said he was comfortable with directing the City Manager to send the appropriate staff to participate. He said he would not support the amendment.

Councilor Nedelka said he would not support the amendment.

Councilor Weston asked Councilor Cheney who would be doing the action.

Councilor Cheney said it could be volunteers recommended by the City Manager, and report to the Council.

Mayor Myers said Councilor Cheney's position as County Commissioner is perfect to keep the Council abreast of what is happening.

Councilor Carrier said the language is fine the way it is for the City of Dover.

Vote: 1/8; Failed. Councilor Cheney voted in favor.

Mayor Myers said this doesn't stop the City from opting out of participating in a regionalization effort.

Commissioner Maglaras explained that at this point they would be collecting data on expenditures from cities and towns, and that will be used in their research to find out if it makes sense to regionalize any of these services.

Councilor Cheney said there are some towns and cities who will not adopt this Resolution, and moved to add "Now, therefore, this Resolution shall expire on March 9, 2012."; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Councilor Weston asked how long this will take, and if an expiration date should be considered.

City Manager Joyal said it will take a couple years, and he didn't recommend an expiration date.

Vote: 1/8; Failed. Councilor Cheney voted in favor.

Councilor Hooper moved to move the question; seconded by Deputy Mayor Trefethen.

Roll Call Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Cheney was opposed.

Mayor Myers asked for a vote on the original Resolution.

Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Cheney was opposed.



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### **2. ADDITIONAL MCCONNELL CENTER LEASE WITH DOVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Item was removed.

### **C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING – None**

#### **14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE – None**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to accept and file Mr. Bamford's letter; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 9/0.

#### **15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Councilor Garrison asked the City Manager for an update on the increase in the tax rate per million increases in the budget.

City Manager Joyal said it was \$0.39 to \$0.40.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen spoke about the Parking Commission's verbal report to the Council, and the wish for other committees to do verbal reports. He said the Council may need to make a policy decision on this issue.

Councilor Cheney said the public wants a dedicated workshop on parking.

Councilor Weston discussed Mr. Huml's comments regarding the School's Budget, and asked the citizen's to wait until the School has finalized their budget.

Mayor Myers spoke about Senate Bill 133 – Pole Tax Exemption and said it has passed, and will be sent to the House.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Weston moved to adjourn to Workshop Session; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 9/0.