



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 1, 2011**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Moment of Silence was observed during the Workshop Session.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was held during the Workshop Session.

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 – None

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

Nancy Moore, 2 Cherokee Street: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Martin Coyle, 22 Grove Street: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Larissa Ragazzo, 16 Hill Street: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Lori Benincasa, 3 Jackson Brook Terrace: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Susan Piper, 27 Highland Terrace: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Carolyn Mebert, 254 Dover Point Road, School Board Chairperson: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Superintendent Jean Briggs-Badger: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.



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Kenneth Appel, 16 Isaac Lucas Circle, School Board Member: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Kristen Murphy, 17 Rutland Street: She said the Council is having trouble with these cuts because they are working with bare bones budgets and there is nowhere to cut. She said she was willing to pay more taxes for these services.

Brian Saylor, 19 Susannah's Crossing: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Lisa Spurling, 10 Isaac Lucas Circle: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Bonnie McGovern, 65 Grandview Drive: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Gregory Brown, 6 Arbor Drive: He spoke in support of the Recycle Center and School Department.

Brian Spargo, 7 Westwood Circle: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Steve Giguere, 26 Danielle Lane: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Kathleen Beede, 35 Atlantic Avenue; Stacie Chu, 5 Deer Creek Run; and Sandra Hodge, 1 Deer Creek Run: They spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Jill Brooks, 60 Cushing Street: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Anne Michiels, 68 Bellamy Road: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Lisa Dean, 22 Overlook Drive: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Deborah Hackett, President of the Dover's Teachers' Union: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Weston.



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Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to suspend the rules to allow Councilors speak three times; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Roll Call Vote: 6/3; Passed. Mayor Myers, Councilors Hooper and Nedelka were opposed.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to substitute the Resolution as a whole; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Cruikshank moved to amend the Resolution to show a \$61,000 reduction in stormwater, a \$2,270 reduction in Arena personnel, and a reduction of \$15,000 in the snowplowing budget; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weston started a discussion on the Youth to Youth Program.

Councilor Nedelka moved to add \$34,000 into the budget for the Youth to Youth Program; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Councilors Carrier, Cruikshank and Nedelka voted in favor.

City Manager Joyal said the net adjustment on the total budget is an increase of \$475,626, or a 4.7% increase in the tax rate. He said the net increase to the average homeowner is \$252.30, which \$52.43 is related to downshifting issues.

Mayor Myers started the discussion on the School Department's budget.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen started a discussion on the turnout at the Citizen's Forum supporting the School Department's budget and the emails he received not to raise property taxes. He felt that the Council wouldn't adopt the budget as proposed, but after the show of support he felt the amount to cut has changed.

Councilor Carrier moved to suspend the rules to continue past 10:30 pm to complete the Agenda; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Garrison made a motion to reduce the School Department's budget \$449,433 to net \$1.2 million. There was no second.

The Council continued to discuss the School Department's budget and the amount to reduce.

Councilor Cheney made a motion to reduce the current Resolution for the School Department's budget by \$903,945, changing the School Department's budget increase to \$745,488; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilors Cheney and Garrison voted in favor.

Councilor Nedelka made a motion to reduce the current Resolution for the School Department's by \$795,000, changing the School Department's budget increase to \$854,433; seconded by Councilor Garrison.



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Vote: 4/5; Failed. Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilors Cheney, Garrison and Nedelka voted in favor.

Councilor Weston made a motion to reduce the current Resolution for the School Department's by \$649,433, changing the School Department's budget increase to \$1 million; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

City Manager Joyal explained that this scenario would have a 2.2% net increase in spending, with a tax impact of \$196.22, or a 3.7% increase. He said \$52.00 was caused by downshifting from the State, \$75.00 for the City side of the budget, \$124.00 for the School side of the budget, and a \$2.00 decrease from the County.

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

Deputy Mayor Trefethen started a discussion regarding the Police Department's budget and the adjustments that have been made.

Mayor Myers said they added \$48,700 for the Dover Teen Center, and reduced \$31,680 related to overtime expense and \$6,700 for a crossing guard, with a net increase \$10,320. He added in the \$40,000 for Domestic Violence funding, totaling approximately \$50,000.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen made a motion to remove \$48,700 for funding the Dover Teen Center; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Councilor Cheney started a discussion on keeping the funding for the Dover Teen Center. Councilor Garrison reminded the Council that Lonza Corporation is considering a donation to renovate the Teen Center facilities.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Trefethen, and Councilor Hooper voted in favor.

Councilor Weston asked about the furlough days.

City Manager Joyal said the furlough days were not accepted by the collective bargaining agreements with the unions. He said it was not an option.

Councilor Weston asked how much more the City would need to cut from the budget to compare with the School's percentage.

City Manager Joyal said the City would have to cut \$547,735.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved that the snow removal budget be reduced by an additional \$20,000 and transfer the expense to the parking fund; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen said the revenues from the parking fund come from the downtown core, and he felt the parking fund should pay for the snow removal.

City Manager Joyal referred to Page 377 of the Budget book, and said the parking fund already pays \$28,000 for snow removal.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen removed his motion.

Councilor Weston removed her second.



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Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to reduce \$270,000 from Street Maintenance; seconded by Councilor Weston.

3/6; Failed. Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilors Cheney and Weston voted in favor.

Councilor Hooper asked about the rainy day fund, and asked about the balance City Manager Joyal said there is approximately \$6 million. He didn't recommend taking money out of it. He explained the money budgeted to meet the adopted financial policies. Mayor Myers said there is no money in the budget that is going directly to fund balance. City Manager Joyal gave a breakdown for the increase in the budget for the School Department. He said it was a 2.2% increase over the prior years.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved the question; seconded by Councilor Nedelka.

Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Myers asked for a roll call vote on the amended Resolution.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

**A. RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 8, 2011)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR MYERS BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to refer to a public hearing on June 8, 2011; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 9/0.