



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 25, 2011**
Meeting Time: **To follow Regular Session**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence was observed during Regular Session.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was held during Regular 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. BUDGET FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

City Manager Joyal discussed his handouts with the Council: Potential Budgetary Impacts Resulting from State of NH 2012-2013 Budget Proposals, and Suggested Budget Adjustments with Tax Bill Impacts.

The Council discussed the impacts to the Police Department's budget.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #6. Domestic Violence Prosecution; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #11. First, restoring the Teen Center; consensus. Second; restoring Youth to Youth; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #12.a.; consensus. There was no consensus for further reductions.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #3.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #1.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #2.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #4.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #5.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #7.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #8.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #9.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #10.a.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #10.c.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #13.: consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #14.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #15.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #16.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #18.; no consensus.



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Council discussed the possibility of cutting a week day instead of a weekend day. They asked the City Manager to get those figures for the Council.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #19.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #21.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #24.; consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #25.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #26.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked if there was an agreement of the Council to support #27.; no consensus.

Mayor Myers asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the Planning Department.

Councilor Weston asked Planning Director Parker how busy his department is right now.

Planning Director Parker said they are busier than they were a year ago.

Mayor Myers asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the Finance Department.

Councilor Cheney she would like to see \$100,000 out of Capital Reserve Funding.

Mayor Myers asked if there was support; no support.

Mayor Myers asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the School Department.

Councilor Garrison acknowledged they had seen a lot of support for the School Department. He said he would support a majority of the School Department's budget.

Superintendent Briggs-Badger spoke to the Council about the School Department's budget.

Councilor Weston asked about the cost to send a child to a private school being around the same as the cost per pupil in the Dover Schools.

Superintendent Briggs-Badger spoke about the different options offered at Dover Schools, not being able to pick their students, and having to address special needs of some students.

Councilor Nedelka said he was willing to increase the School Department's budget approximately \$1.2 million.

Councilor Cheney said she was looking for the tax cap formula, which was half that amount.

Mayor Myers spoke about his concerns with the School Department's budget, the teacher's contracts, and using the \$170,000 savings in the operating budget instead of keeping it in a capital reserve fund for when the Garrison Elementary School renovations begin.

Mayor Myers spoke about the Community Services snowplowing item line, and asked if there was consensus from the Council to see if there could be some policy changes that could reduce the snowplowing budget.

There was consensus.

Mayor Myers said the consensus numbers so far is \$117,000 added to the budget, which is an impact of \$10.00 to the tax bill. He said worst case scenario was \$167.00, which added \$14.00 to the tax bill. He said there are still some unknowns. He said the including the downshifting from the State is \$162.00 on top of the proposed budget, which increased the tax bill \$212.00, totaling around \$375.00 on the average house in Dover.



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6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

Marcia Gasses, 114 Garrison Road: She thanked the Council for the substituted resolution for the Land Use. She said learned about this Resolution on a Monday morning, and Planning Director Parker didn't ask her to do anything. She went to the Conservation Commission meeting and the Open Lands Committee meeting to make the suggestion for the substituted Resolution and they both agreed with her plan. She said she truly believed that the \$75,000 will not have any significant impact on any Land Conservation projects that are in process.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Trefethen moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Vote: 9/0.