



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Chambers, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, July 27, 2011**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Deputy Mayor Trefethen, Councilor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, and Councilor Weston. Councilor Cruikshank arrived at 6:20.

Absent: Councilor Nedelka

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

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

David Scott, 220 Back Road: He thanked Deputy Mayor Trefethen for his service on the Council. He felt the Council needed a change, discussed future agenda topics, and spoke in support of Mr. Buck.

Representative Peter Schmidt, 53A Fourth Street: He warned the citizens to notice what the legislature was up to, because it was the most ideological legislature he has seen in recent memory. He said he would not vote for anything that would downshift to the citizens of Dover, and that he and his fellow Democrats voted against the State's budget. He said he had no doubt that the Council will do the only reasonable thing and appoint the Acting Mayor as Mayor for the remainder of the term. He said he would also support Deputy Mayor Trefethen in the fall if he chose to run for Mayor at that time.

Linda Merullo, 21 Sandy Lane: She spoke in support of Deputy Mayor Trefethen being appointed Mayor. She referred to Jason Hindle's letter to Foster's Daily Democrat regarding the Charter and appointing from within the Council, and said it made a lot of sense to her.

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

4. INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Deputy Mayor Trefethen recused himself from the proceedings, and asked acting Deputy Mayor Weston to take over the proceedings.

Councilor Weston said the candidates will be allowed five minutes to speak and in the order that they filed. She invited Mr. Chris Buck to speak to the Council.

Mr. Buck requested more than five minutes, and asked the Council to suspend the rules. Mr. Carrier moved to suspend the rules to allow each candidate 10 minutes; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Vote: 4/1; Passed. Councilor Hooper was opposed.



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Mr. Buck spoke about his candidacy and his hopes for the City. He withdrew his name from consideration as mayor, because he has accepted the position as NH coordinator for a Republican Candidate. He spoke in favor of Deputy Mayor Trefethen as the next Mayor of Dover.

Deputy Mayor Trefethen spoke about his candidacy, his experience on the Council and his service to the City of Dover.

5. VOTE FOR MAYOR

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Garrison – Deputy Mayor Trefethen
Councilor Hooper – Deputy Mayor Trefethen
Councilor Weston – Deputy Mayor Trefethen
Councilor Carrier – Deputy Mayor Trefethen
Councilor Cheney – Deputy Mayor Trefethen
Councilor Cruikshank – Deputy Mayor Trefethen

6. SWEARING IN OF MAYOR

City Clerk Lavertu swore in Mayor Trefethen.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cheney moved to adjourn until 7:00 pm and the Regular Session; seconded by Councilor Cruikshank.

Vote: 7/0.