



**CITY OF DOVER**

## CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop  
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, November 16, 2011**  
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Carrier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Weston, Councilor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Ciotti, Councilor Cruikshank, Councilor Hooper, and Councilor Nedelka.

**Absent:** Mayor Trefethen and Councilor Garrison

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

### 5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) DISCUSSION

Deputy Mayor Weston introduced Superintendent Briggs Badger and the School Business Administrator Mike Lamonte.

Superintendent Briggs Badger gave an overview of the School projects in the CIP.

Councilor Hooper started a discussion regarding the order of the projects.

Councilor Carrier started a discussion regarding the media center and auditorium renovations.

He said it would be better to see the entire plan before spending \$1.9 million on part of the plan.

Mr. Maloney said they were working on the project in stages to avoid the displacement of students. He said they are also trying to avoid losing the ability to qualify for State building aid.

Deputy Mayor Weston asked about the Dunaway Field Astro turf project being funded solely by the School Department and the possibility of getting building aid from the State.

Superintendent Briggs Badger said she would look into that possibility.

City Manager Joyal said he felt the field would qualify.

Superintendent Briggs Badger said the criteria on building aid will be different when it is reinstated, and qualifications will be based more on a needs basis.

Deputy Mayor Weston started a discussion on just getting schematics on the plan, and not full blown architectural plans.

Mr. Lamonte said that was what they were doing. He said they were working with the State to learn what their requirements are to be in the building aid queue, and are hoping to not spend any money.

Councilor Cheney started a discussion on a feasibility study on the auditorium renovations.

Mr. Lamonte gave an overview of the auditorium renovations.

Councilor Cheney referred to the libraries' computer system upgrade being funded from the operating budget, and asked if the Comcast franchise fee could be used to pay for this project instead.

City Manager Joyal said the Comcast franchise fees are used to reinvest in cable services, and the library automation would not qualify.

Councilor Ciotti asked about the scope of the auditorium renovations and the inclusion of the front doors.



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Mr. Lamonte explained the plans for renovating the area of the front doors. Superintendent Briggs Badger added that they also wanted to install some sort of barrier to separate people from the rest of the school, so they wouldn't be allowed to roam throughout the school. She discussed other security measures that they were looking into. Councilor Carrier said he wanted to see a plan on the renovations, because right now the plan carries a huge tax burden for six years. Deputy Mayor Weston referred to the paving of the upper parking lot at Horne Street School, and asked if they could use impact fees to pay for it. Mr. Lamonte said there was no reason they can't use impact fees.

City Manager Joyal started a discussion on the COAST Dover FastTrans service, and asked Planner Steve Bird and COAST Representative to give an overview to the Council. Planner Steve Bird, COAST Representative, gave an overview of the COAST Dover FastTrans service, and introduced Brad Nichols and Jeremy Larose from COAST. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Larose gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Council regarding how COAST will transition away from the CMAQ grant funding. Deputy Mayor Weston asked the Council to consider COAST a worthwhile service to put back in the budget.

Deputy Mayor Weston asked the City Manager if he had items in the CIP that impact fees can be used for.

City Manager Joyal referred to Page 30 of the CIP, which showed impact fees and projected uses over the next six years. He said the money is not targeted at this point, but they do have restrictions on what they can be used for.

Deputy Mayor Weston started a discussion regarding empty rental space in the McConnell Center.

City Manager Joyal said the remaining spaces need to have the renovations completed. He said the City is paying for the space at this point, and the renovations would allow a nonprofit tenant to come in and start paying for it instead. He said it was in the CIP more as a placeholder until a potential tenant comes forward.

Councilor Nedelka said it was his understanding that CIP was approved by the Planning Board last week. He said it was also his understanding that his requested change on Page 21, Water Exploration, be reduced by \$50,000, and an additional \$50,000 be added to the engineering work on water mains for Court Street has been approved.

City Manager Joyal said that was correct. He said the revised CIP will be brought to the Council soon by the Planning Board chair.

### 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

**Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane:** He said he would like clarification on who owns the basketball courts, the City or the Schools. He requested that a study be done regarding injuries on Astroturf. He said the Career Technical Center is extremely important, because it



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prepares people for jobs, and it needs to be expanded in a more aggressive manner. He said students will have less student loans and earn more money quicker.

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

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Nedelka moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

Vote: 7/0.

Superintendent Briggs Badger's presentation and COAST's PowerPoint Presentation will be archived with these Minutes.