



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Organizational Meeting
Meeting Location: Office of the City Manager, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, January 2, 2012**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

1. OATH OF OFFICE

The meeting was called to order and the oath of office was given by City Clerk Lavertu to: Mayor Trefethen, Councilor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Crago, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor Spuler, Councilor Weeden, and Councilor Weston

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councilor Cheney nominated Councilor Weston; seconded by Councilor Crago. Councilor Garrison nominated Councilor Carrier; seconded by Councilor Hooper. Both nominees outlined their qualifications and discussion ensued. The decision was made to have this be a hand vote instead of paper ballot. Councilor Carrier was chosen as Deputy Mayor 5/4 with Councilors Cheney, Crago, Weeden, and Weston voting for Councilor Weston.

3. ADOPTION OF 2012-2013 COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULES

Councilor Garrison motioned to adopt current rules as starting point; seconded by Councilor Hooper. Passed 9/0.

1. Motion by Councilor Cheney to delete entire Section 2B; seconded by Councilor Weston. Discussion centered on redundancy as it is already in Robert Rules. However, in our rules it takes only 1 person to challenge, and Roberts Rules requires
2. Withdrawn.
2. Motion by Councilor Cheney to change Page 3, Section 4 a ii shall include citizen comment. No Second.
3. Motion by Councilor Cheney to strike Page 3, Section 4 a iii decorum guidelines still apply; seconded by Councilor Weeden. Again discussion centered on whether this needed to be in the rules as it is already in Roberts Rules, or if it should be spelled out so that residents are aware of the rules. Fails 4/5 with Councilors Cheney, Crago, Weeden, and Weston in favor.
4. Motion by Councilor Cheney to remove quorum definition. No second.
5. Motion by Councilor Cheney to strike Line I; seconded by Councilor Weston. After discussion, motion was changed to: if there is a count of five (5) Councilors present, due consideration should be given so as to not create a deficit in quorum. Passed 9/0.
6. Motion by Councilor Cheney to eliminate Section C-Orderly conduct. No second.



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7. Motion by Councilor Cheney to change Page 6, Section E iv to Time will begin after obligatory introduction of name and address; seconded by Councilor Weston. It was discussed that sometimes people are nervous and time should start after they give this information. It was discussed that this has been the practice, even if not written out. Passed 7/2 with Mayor Trefethen and Councilor Hooper opposed.
8. Motion by Councilor Weeden to change Citizen's Forum time from 5 to 6 minutes; seconded by Councilor Cheney. Discussion centered on whether most points made at Citizen's Forum could be made in a 5 minute time frame and that there are also multiple ways citizens can contact Councilors. Failed 2/7 with Councilors Cheney and Weeden in favor.
9. Motion by Councilor Weston to change Citizen's Forum language to Citizen's Forum will not be a 2-way dialogue; seconded by Councilor Cheney. Passed 9/0.
10. Motion by Councilor Cheney that when a citizen is interrupted when addressing body that timer should be stopped and they have extra minute added; seconded by Councilor Weston. Failed 3/6 with Councilors Cheney, Crago and Weeden in favor.
11. Motion by Councilor Cheney that a person may yield their time at Citizen's Forum and Public Hearings to another person; seconded by Councilor West. Failed 2/7 with Councilors Cheney and Weeden in favor.
12. Motion by Councilor Cheney to add 2 minutes per person at end of City Council meeting after matters of interest. No second.
13. Motion by Councilor Cheney to change Page 7, Section H iii to 5 minutes from 3 minutes; seconded by Councilor Weeden. Discussion centered on whether sponsoring Councilor needed extra time to introduce a resolution. This introduction should be clear and concise. Passed 8/1 with Councilor Hooper opposed.
14. Motion by Councilor Cheney to eliminate Subsections 4, 5, and 6 entirely. No second.
15. Motion by Councilor Cheney to delete Page 9, Sections a i and a ii; seconded by Councilor Weston. Failed 0/9.
16. Motion by Councilor Hooper to recess until 7:00pm on January 4, 2012; seconded by Councilor Cheney. Passed 9/0.

4. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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