



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Media Access Center- McConnell Center
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 6, 2012**
Meeting Time: **To follow Workshop Session**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ~~MOMENT OF SILENCE~~

3. ~~PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Trefethen, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Crago, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor Spuler, Councilor Weeden, and Councilor Weston.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, General Legal Counsel Krans, and Deputy City Clerk Mistretta.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

Ronald Huml, 199 Mast Road: He spoke about the 2011 Municipal Election and the tax cap ballot question. He spoke in favor of the tax cap budget.

David Scott, 220 Back Road: He spoke in favor of the tax cap vote, and urged the Council not to override.

Joseph Tenuta, 262 Long Hill Road, Dover Middle School Teacher: He spoke in favor of the School Board's budget.

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

John Colford, 24 Hubbard Road: He spoke in favor of the Teen Center and Youth to Youth programs.

Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane: He spoke in favor of the tax cap budget and about the high salaries in the City.

John Scruton, 99 Sixth Street: He spoke in favor of the tax cap budget and how his taxes have doubled in ten years.

Ellen Brake, 7 Crestview Drive, Horne Street School Teacher: She spoke in favor of the School Board's budget.

Gregory Brown, 6 Arbor Drive: He spoke in favor of the School Board's budget. He spoke about the need for factual and truthful information from speakers at Citizen's Forum.



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Superintendent Jean Briggs Badger: She spoke in favor of the School Board's budget, and asked the Council to fund the money they are asking for.

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

6. RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Councilor Weston moved to substitute the resolution as a whole; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Trefethen went over the changes in the budget resolution for the Council and citizens.

Councilor Garrison referred to the proposed School Department budget, \$566,583 in impact fees. He moved to reduce that \$354,571 to get to 212,012 which he had recommended at previous meetings. He also suggested removing the additional \$200,000 in impact fees that was added in addition to the proposed budget. This total deduction is \$554,571. Then he proposed an override of \$554,571 plus \$70,000, totaling \$624,571. He explained how he came to this number by comparing with inflation rates.

Councilor Hooper seconded the motion.

Vote: 2/7; Failed: Councilors Garrison and Hooper voted in favor.

Councilor Garrison referred to the proposed City budget. To reduce the Teen Center by the full \$90,000. He said to take that and add it back into the budget by putting \$16,100 to the downtown police patrol, \$1,400 for holiday lighting supplies, \$22,500 into the fire department's overtime, and the balance of \$50,000 to go to streets and road maintenance. He said this amendment does not create a tax cap override.

Councilor Hooper seconded the motion.

Vote: 2/7; Failed. Councilors Garrison and Hooper voted in favor.

Councilor Garrison changed his original City budget motion. To reduce the Teen Center by the full \$90,000. He said to take that and add \$16,100 to the downtown police patrol, and the balance to the fire department's overtime.

Councilor Hooper seconded the motion.

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

Councilor Weeden moved the question; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Mayor Trefethen asked for a vote on moving the question.

Councilor Weeden asked to speak.

Mayor Trefethen said he is not allowed to speak to the question.

Councilor Weeden withdrew his motion to move the question.

Councilor Cheney withdrew her second.



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Councilor Weeden said they have vigorously discussed the budget and he believes the budget before the Council is a good budget.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to lower the Teen Center from \$90,000 to \$70,000, and put \$10,000 in the downtown police patrol and \$10,000 in fire department's overtime; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Councilor Weston asked if with the \$20,000 reduction the City would lose the Teen Center administrator.

City Manager Joyal said that was most likely.

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

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to lower the \$200,000 in impact fees by \$100,000, and he would like to add \$200,000 for the School as a tax cap override; seconded by Councilor Hooper.

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

The Council discussed their views on the budget.

Mayor Trefethen asked for a roll call vote on the budget.

Roll Call Vote: 5/4; Passed. Mayor Trefethen, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilors Garrison and Hooper were opposed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 9/0.