



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Media Access Center- McConnell Center
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 6, 2012**
Meeting Time: **6:30 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Garrison led the 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. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Trefethen discussed the new handout from the School Department. The newly added fourth column showed the Administration's recommended cuts to meet the additional \$661,000 reduction in the School Department's budget. He discussed impact fees and what happens if they expire before the City uses them.

Deputy Mayor Carrier said the Council has to decide tonight if they are going to override or not. He discussed the use of impact fees for the School Department. He discussed his override proposal: Only using \$100,000 additional impact fees and an override amount of \$300,000.

Mayor Trefethen said he was not in favor of using the additional \$100,000 or \$200,000 in impact fees at all, because of the impact on the School Department's budget next year.

Councilor Weeden felt it would save time and productive to move into Special Session at this point.

Councilor Crago talked about the tax cap budget as a recalibration of fiscal policy and direction for the City. He said it was also a precursor for next year when they renegotiate the teachers' contract.

Councilor Hooper talked about spending \$90,000 for the Teen Center and how she has trouble justifying the cost, because it cannot be sustained down the line.

Councilor Weeden said the Teen Center is an extension of the education system, because they are the students with the most need. He read an email from Doris Grady, School Board Member, to the Council, who said they can still provide an adequate education to the children.

Councilor Cheney spoke about the tax cap still affecting the taxpayers by \$74.00 per average household, the water/sewer fees going up, and other increased fees.

Councilor Hooper spoke about what the School Board spent the money on for the past few years. She said they haven't wasted money, and said heat, electricity has gone up.

Deputy Mayor Carrier went back eight years when times were good and the City was getting grants and students were coming from Barrington, and talked about how they are not getting these things now. He asked for appreciation to the School Board for doing their job, which is



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why he is advocating putting a little more money with an override to have more revenues for the Schools.

Councilor Weeden talked about using pen and paper to learn instead of the technology.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adjourn to the Special Meeting; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Vote: 9/0.