



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, September 5, 2012**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Spuler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Mayor Trefethen and Councilor Weeden.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. DISCUSSION

A. GRIFFIN WELL RECHARGE STUDY

Environmental Engineer Dean Peschel gave a presentation to the Council regarding the Griffin Well Recharge Study.

Mr. James Emery of Emery & Garrett Groundwater, Inc. gave an overview of the preliminary investigation study to the Council.

City Manager Joyal said he will be bringing forward a resolution to the Council to appropriate the \$38,500 for this work to be done.

B. LEGISLATIVE POLICY PROPOSALS

Councilor Garrison gave an overview of the proposals for the 2013-2014 Legislative Session and the process with the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA).

The Council went over the list of policies and pulled items for further discussions. The other items on each list would be accepted by the Council.

Municipal Administration and Finance Management:

2 – Counting Absentee Ballots

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

Planning and Environmental Policies:

#6 – Permitting Municipalities to Establish Central Utility Districts to Protect Water Supplies
It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#7 – Clarifying Statutory Procedure for Resolving Highway Culvert/Drainage Disputes
It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.



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General Government, Revenue, and Intergovernmental Relations:

#1 – Right to Know Costs and Specificity Required

Councilor Weston said the City has it on the Fee Schedule already and shouldn't consider the State policy.

City Manager Joyal said the City only charges for reproducing the document. He said he didn't commend the Council accept this policy proposal.

It was the consensus of the Council to reject this policy proposal.

#3 – Tax Rate Setting

Consensus vote: 4/3; Passed.

#5 – Sharing Background Information

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#6 – Health Insurance Coverage

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#7 – RSA 162-K: Authority for Inter-municipal Cooperation

Consensus vote: 4/3; Passed.

Vote rescinded after discussing #8..

Consensus vote: 2/5; Failed.

It was the consensus of the Council to reject this policy proposal.

#8 – RSA 162-K: Authority to Use TIF District Revenue Beyond District

Consensus vote: 2/5; Failed.

It was the consensus of the Council to reject this policy proposal.

#9 – Petition Signature Requirements

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#12 – New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS)

Councilor Garrison moved to amend this proposal to be moved to an "Action" policy; second by Councilor Hooper.

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written, but to move it to an "Action".

#13 – Consolidated Policy on Collective Bargaining Items

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#15 – Highway Funding: Increase in Road Toll (Gas Tax) and Registration Fees

Consensus Vote: 3/4; Failed.

City Manager Joyal clarified that the City has been getting less each year from the State. Vote was rescinded.



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City Manager Joyal said they needed to be sure it's shared proportionately with cities and towns. He suggested the following amendment:

"To see if NHMA will SUPPORT ~~an increase in any~~ **continuing** state revenue sources dedicated to highway improvements, including the road toll (gas tax) under RSA 260:32, a motor vehicle registration surcharge, or any other source, so long as ~~all additional~~ revenues are used for highway purposes, and provided that the proportionate share of such ~~additional~~ revenues is distributed to cities and towns as required by existing law."

Councilor Crago agreed with this amendment.

Councilor Weston also stated the title needed to be changed to: "Highway Funding: ~~Increase in Road Toll (Gas Tax) and Registration Fees~~".

Consensus Vote on amendment: 6/1; Passed.

#18 – Charitable Definition and Mandated Property Tax Exemptions

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#30 – State Budget/Tax Cap

Consensus Vote: 6/1; Passed.

Floor Submitted Policies:

#1 – Trustees of the Trust Funds – submitted by the Town of Hanover.

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

#2 – Voter Information Communications – submitted by the Town of Alton.

It was the consensus of the Council to keep this policy proposal as written.

Councilor Garrison said he will be bringing forward a resolution on September 12, 2012 for the Council to vote on.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Weston moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Crago.

Vote: 7/0.

Handouts have been archived with the minutes.