

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Chambers, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, January 9, 2013**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Carrier 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 Counselor Krans, and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

A. 100 Best Communities for Young People

Mayor Trefethen read the proclamation to the Council.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Cheney move to add the Ordinance Codification and Verification Committee Report; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier move to accept the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Spuler.

Vote: 9/0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. CITIZEN'S FORUM

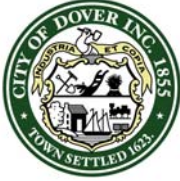
Citizens are invited to speak on any issue pertaining to the business of the City of Dover. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Human, 55 Union Street: He spoke about the snow plowing in Dover and the need to plow the sidewalks.

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

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Joyal said he submitted his report in writing. He notified the Council that last month the City has started selling the parking transponders for \$19.95, which includes \$10.00 of parking time. He gave the Council an update of his training activities.



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Deputy Mayor Carrier ask for clarification of the snow removal process.

City Manager Joyal explained the challenges the City employees and snow contractors had with removing the heavy wet snow from the recent storm.

Councilor Weston asked about the blinking light pedestrian sign installation on Chestnut Street.

City Manager Joyal said the light was delivered today and he hopes to have it installed by the end of the week.

Councilor Weston asked about the bids for Tolend Road.

City Manager Joyal said the request for bids have been sent out and have received 10 or 12 back. They are in the process of sorting out the bids. He felt they will be before the Council with an award of bid before the start of the construction season.

Councilor Weston referred to page 18/23 and asked how the Planning Board will handle the expired permits.

City Manager Joyal said everything on the table were currently active projects. He said the Planning Board approvals have expired, which means they are no longer subject to grandfathering under the site regulations and impact fees that were in effect when the project was approved. He clarified the numbers shown.

Councilor Weeden spoke about the snow plowing for the last storm, and said he could attest that it was a challenge with the heavy wet snow. He said it was clear that they didn't meet the standards expected from the citizens and asked what they will do in the future to try to prevent it happening again.

City Manager Joyal said it was a function of the resources the City had. He said they could have put more sand and salt down on the roads, but that had environmental impacts as well.

Councilor Weeden thanked the City Manager for moving the Council mailboxes to the atrium.

Councilor Cheney referred to page 1/23, and asked about the leaks from the North End pressure upgrade and if the City can detect leaks anywhere else.

City Manager Joyal said the City has an active leak detection system, which is being used in the North End right now. He said they also check billing to water production, which can show there must be a leak because there is a big difference.

Councilor Garrison went over the fees for the parking transponders.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the City Manager's Report; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

Vote: 9/0.

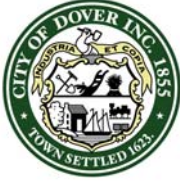
10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 5, 2012 – Workshop

B. December 12, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

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11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trefethen said he hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday season. He said he attended the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce open house at the new Wentworth-Douglass Hospital wing. Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Vote: 9/0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2nd READING – None

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3rd READING – None

C. RESOLUTIONS

**1. COVERED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE RELOCATION FUNDING
SPONSORED BY COUNCILORS WEEDEN AND CRAGO**

Councilor Weeden moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Crago.
Councilor Weeden said there is a lot of action with Dickinson Development, and the City needs to find out what funds will be available to the City.
Councilor Weeden moved to table; seconded by Councilor Crago.
Vote: 9/0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

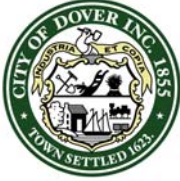
A. CONSENT CALENDAR

**1. AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER TO FISHER AUTOMOTIVE FOR AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND SUPPLIES
SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST**

**2. AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER TO SULLIVAN TIRE CO. FOR TIRES AND MISCELLANEOUS RELATED SUPPLIES
SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. School Board | 8. Transportation Advisory Commission |
| 2. Planning Board | 9. Joint Building Committee – Horne Street School |
| 3. Appointments Committee | 10. Legislative Liaison |
| 4. Recreation Advisory Board | 11. Pool Advisory Committee |
| 5. McConnell Center Advisory Committee | 12. Parking Commission |
| 6. Arts Commission | 13. Ordinance Codification and Verification Committee |
| 7. Solid Waste Advisory Commission | |



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Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adopt the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor Weeden. Mayor Trefethen asked the Council if they would like to pull something for discussion. Councilor Cheney asked to pull the Ordinance Codification and Verification Committee Report. Mayor Trefethen asked for a roll call vote on the remaining items of the Consent Calendar.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Cheney gave an overview of the Ordinance Codification and Verification Committee report to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the Ordinance Codification and Verification Committee report; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. CREATION OF POLICE FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Crago. Mayor Trefethen gave an overview of the resolution to the Council. Councilor Weeden asked if he could be Council liaison. Mayor Trefethen said he would put him on the list.
Vote: 9/0.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 – APPROPRIATION FOR TRANSFER TO CERTAIN CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY COUNCIL VOTE) (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 23, 2013) SPONSORED BY COUNCILORS WESTON, SPULER, AND WEEDEN

Councilor Weston moved to refer to a public hearing on January 23, 2013; seconded by Councilor Spuler.

Councilor Spuler moved to add Councilor Weeden as a sponsor for this resolution; seconded by Councilor Weston.

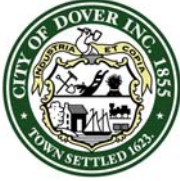
Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Garrison asked for clarification on the last paragraph, last sentence of the background material, where it states "In the event the one time revenue is not received or available, the transfers shall still be made..."

City Manager Joyal said the plan is that the funds the City is receiving from Dickinson will seed these reserve funds. He said there may not be enough funds to cover that and this line says it will come out of the General Fund.

Councilor Garrison said he is a strong supporter of the schools, but he didn't support this concept. He felt the money the City is receiving from Dickinson should be used for the Waterfront Development area, such as the skate board park, and maintenance of the area.

Mayor Trefethen said they should know more by the January 23, 2013 Council meeting, and they could table the resolution if they didn't.



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Councilor Garrison referred to the last sentence again and said he felt it shouldn't be done outside of the normal budget process.

Councilor Hooper asked how many projects can use this money.

Councilor Weeden mentioned that the skateboard park and pedestrian bridge each had \$20,000 of the \$30,000 needed, and there should be more money coming in from Dickinson. He said the Council will know more by the January 23, 2013 meeting.

Councilor Weston discussed why she felt this should be passed. She said several School Board members hope this will pass.

Vote: 9/0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

**1. CHAPTER 5: BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES – PARKING COMMISSION
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 23, 2013)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on January 23, 2013; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

Vote: 9/0.

**2. CHAPTER 131-18: OFFENSES - USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN HENRY LAW SKATE PARK, SCHOOL GROUNDS, AND ATHLETIC FIELDS
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 23, 2013)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST**

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on January 23, 2013; seconded by Councilor Crago.

Mayor Trefethen clarified a few items in the Ordinance.

Vote: 9/0.

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Xfinity dated December 19, 2012.

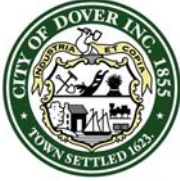
Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept and place on file; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 9/0.

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Weeden said on January 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm the Deputy Mayor and him will be hosting a Citizen Speak Out.

Deputy Mayor Carrier spoke about Muriel who has just turned 102 years old, and wished her a happy birthday.



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Councilor Cheney asked if they can put a cap on the percentage increase the City receives from xfinity, and how much was the revenue increase.

City Manager Joyal said he didn't know, because customers could change their services.

Mayor Trefethen reminded the Council that this was just for television cable service, and did not include internet or phone services provided the xfinity.

Councilor Weeden started a discussion on PSNH and using competitive companies.

City Manager Joyal said they use competitive companies for electricity.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 9/0.