



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Chambers, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 5, 2013**
Meeting Time: **To immediately 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 and City Clerk Lavertu.

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 referred to the \$650,000 for the sale of the armory and said the Council should never vote on anticipated funds. He referred to the three departments that requested double the tax cap in their budgets. He said Dover cannot afford any more.

Jan Nedelka, 169 Dover Point Road: He spoke about the budget being a hard job. He read Councilor Crago's comments in the newspaper. He said the Council shouldn't use the \$650,000 for the sale of the armory in the budget, because it digs a hole for next year and was a violation of fiscal management rules.

Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane: He spoke about the Council and doing their job. He said the City is loaded with debt. He said he's never seen a budget that couldn't be reduced. He said he's heard a rumor that the Mayor is leaving the State.

Mayor Trefethen interrupted and said it wasn't true.

Mr. Medbery continued with discussing the Superior Court hearing he attended.

Mayor Trefethen interrupted said the subject needs to pertain to the Budget.

Councilor Cheney asked to let him finish; seconded by Councilor Weeden.
Councilor Hooper said this was setting precedence.

Mr. Medbery continued with his discussion. He thanked the Council for letting him speak.

Betsey Andrews Parker, School Board Member, 34 Gladiola Way: She clarified a few items in the School Board's budget and other issues the School Board has been working on. She urged the Council to pass the budget as presented.



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Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane: She read her comments to the Council regarding the School Board's budget. She urged the Council to pass the budget as presented.

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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Weeden.
Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to substitute as a whole; seconded by Councilor Weeden.
Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weeden moved to increase the capital reserve for the sewer fund to \$500,000; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Councilor Weeden gave an overview of the amendment to the Council.

Finance Director Lynch explained that this would be a \$40,000 increase, which would increase the proposed sewer rate from to \$6.48 to \$6.53.

Mayor Trefethen asked Councilor Weeden if he wanted the new rate to be part of his motion.

Councilor Weeden said that was correct.

Councilor Weston also agreed.

Mayor Trefethen said the motion is to increase the capital reserve for the sewer fund to \$500,000, which would change the Fee Schedule sewer rate to \$6.53.

Vote: 8/1. Councilor Cheney was opposed.

Councilor Weeden moved to implement Item 8.A.: Reprioritize street capital maintenance funding (\$860,000 street paving, \$50,000 sidewalks, \$79.804 traffic signals); seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Councilor Weeden referred to his discussion with Community Services Director Steele and gave an overview of the changes to the Council.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Weeden asked for confirmation that at this point the City's side of the budget is \$101,282 under the tax cap; School's side is over \$274,750; to make a net gain of \$173,468 over the tax cap.

City Manager Joyal said that was correct.

Councilor Weston referred to Item 2.a. and 2.b., the Dickinson revenue of \$50,000, and moved to add it to the City's side of the budget as revenue; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

Vote: 9/0.



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Councilor Weston referred to \$28,000 in savings from the paraprofessional contract and moved that it be applied as a credit to the School's budget; seconded by Councilor Weeden.
Vote: 5/4; Passed. (Mayor Trefethen, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilors Garrison and Hooper were opposed.

Councilor Weston moved to add \$126,282 to streets and sidewalks, earmarked for Chestnut Street; seconded by Weeden.

Mayor Trefethen said the Council just changed the funds for streets and sidewalks, and felt if Chestnut Street is made a priority then they didn't need to earmark these funds.

The Council discussed other funding options to pay for the Chestnut Street priority.

Councilor Weston asked to hold off on this motion and talked about using some of the money towards the School.

Councilor Weeden made a friendly amendment to reduce the amount to \$101,282.

Mayor Trefethen said a Councilor can't amend an amendment.

Deputy Mayor Carrier said he would like to take the whole \$151,282 and give it to the school and then dissecting the capital improvements projects (CIP) to find the money for Chestnut Street.

Councilor Spuler said he would recommend splitting it down the middle, \$75,000 to the School's budget and \$76,282 for Chestnut Street.

Vote: 0/9.

Councilor Weston moved to increase City's spending by \$75,641 for streets and roads, which would be earmarked for Chestnut Street; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

Vote: 4/5; Failed. Councilors Crago, Spuler, Weeden and Weston voted in favor.

Councilor Garrison moved to reduce the revenue \$650,000 from the sale of the Armory, reduce Item 8.a. by \$100,000, and use the \$151,282 in extra revenues...

City Manager Joyal interrupted and suggested Councilor Garrison start with the reduction of the \$650,000 for the sale of the armory first.

Councilor Garrison withdrew his motion.

Councilor Garrison moved to reduce the proceeds from the sale of the Armory, \$650,000; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Vote: 2/7; Failed. Councilor Cheney and Garrison voted in favor.

Councilor Weeden moved to reduce the School's side of the budget by \$95,468; seconded by Councilor Spuler.

City Manager Joyal reminded the Council that they already reduced to School's budget by \$28,000 and this would change to the total reduction to \$123,468.

Councilor Weston referred to the \$60,500 reduction in the Police Department's budget because the City received a grant and asked Police Chief Colarusso how he wanted to use the money. Police Chief Colarusso said he would have hired another police officer, but he would probably need another \$10,000.

Vote: 0/9.



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Councilor Cheney moved to reconsider the motion to increase streets and sidewalks by \$75,641, to be earmarked for Chestnut Street; seconded by Councilor Weeden.
Councilor Spuler wanted to see it split two-ways.
Councilor Cheney withdrew her motion.

Councilor Weeden moved to increase the City's side of the budget by \$75,641, to be split 3-ways equally between the Police Department, Fire Department, and Chestnut Street; seconded by Councilor Spuler.
City Manager Joyal said the School would need to reduce their budget by \$171,109 to meet the tax cap.
Vote: 6/3; Passed. (Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilors Garrison and Hooper were opposed.)

Councilor Weeden moved to reduce the School's budget by \$171,109; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Deputy Mayor Carrier how much the amount the School wants to override would affect the average tax bill.
Finance Director Lynch said it would be \$14.41 for the average taxpayer.
Vote: 6/3; Passed. (Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilors Garrison and Hooper were opposed.)

Councilor Weston moved to accept the resolution as amended; seconded by Councilor Weeden.

Councilor Hooper made a motion to suspend the rules to continue the meeting past 10:30 pm; seconded by Councilor Garrison.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

City Manager Joyal listed all the changes to the resolution which changed the total to \$115.1 million, and said it would require a simple majority vote of the Council since there is not a tax cap override.
Roll Call Vote: 8/1; Passed. Councilor Garrison was opposed.

7. NEW BUSINESS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

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