

CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall – Back of Council Chambers**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, March 26, 2014**
Meeting Time: **6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Cheney called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Councilor Cheney, Councilor Garrison, Councilor O'Connor, and General Legal Counsel Blenkinsop were present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (02-19-2013)

Councilor O'Connor moved to approve the updated minutes; seconded by Councilor Garrison.
Vote: 3/0.

4. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

- **Chapter 5 Boards, Committees and Commissions**
Ordinance O-2014-03-12-002
Public Hearing March 26, 2014

The members discussed the updates to Chapter 5, which will now include the Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board.

Councilor Cheney discussed two friendly amendments to the Ordinance. She spoke about the term limits for the Council, (5-23.B.) and said she would add the word "Council" before "term", and add "two (2) years" after term.

Councilor Garrison said he had an issue with the last sentence of 5-23.A. "All members shall reside in Dover." He said this is referenced in 5-1.E. "All board and commission members shall be residents of the City of Dover except for those members presently serving. All exceptions shall be approved by the City Council." He felt in 5-23.A. it should either be the similar language or strike it altogether.

Councilor Cheney said it doesn't need "except for those members presently serving. She asked for clarification of the last line that he wanted to add.

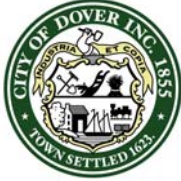
Councilor Garrison said it could remain as it is now, and just add the sentence: "All exceptions shall be approved by the City Council."

Councilor Garrison referred to 5-23.B.(1) and 5-23.C.(2) and asked how to make this clearer. He asked if the Development Plan is part of the 25 year period.

Councilor Cheney said this was how Planning Director Parker brought the language to the Council.

General Legal Counsel Blenkinsop said it was his understanding of the approved resolution that when the TIF expires the Development Plan will also expire.

Councilor Cheney said she will ask for clearer language from Planning Director Parker.



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Councilor Garrison referred to section 5-23.C. and talked about the 2/3 required majority vote. General Legal Counsel said statutorily it doesn't need to be a 2/3 majority vote. He said it was a policy decision.

Councilor Cheney said she going to propose this goes to a second public hearing during tonight's Council meeting. She is going to talk with Planning Director Parker about this and why he put it in there.

Councilor O'Connor referred to 5-23.B. and said he would like to add the word "The" before "City Councilor..."

Councilor Cheney asked General Legal Counsel to insert the date amended in brackets when this is filed.

General Legal Counsel Blenkinsop said that will be inserted in the final revised version of Chapter 5.

- **ANY GENERAL ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

Councilor Garrison had a question about the process.

Councilor Cheney said she felt that they didn't need to meet again regarding this Chapter 5 Ordinance, but she was going to refer it to another public hearing.

Councilor Garrison talked about pushing these out longer than necessary.

Councilor Cheney said the Council gets a lot of demanding work and this gives them the opportunity to focus just on this. She talked about the previous problems with the Code.

Councilor Garrison talked about what they were doing and what they wanted to change now and what they won't change without Council approval.

Councilor Cheney said she wanted to refer this to a second public hearing because she would feel more comfortable going back to the Planning Director to ask him about the 2/3 vote issue.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

6. ADJOURNMENT