



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Workshop Session**
Meeting Location: **Council Chambers, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 21, 2014**
Meeting Time: **To immediately follow Special Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ~~MOMENT OF SILENCE~~

3. ~~PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Weston, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Gagnon, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor McManus, Councilor O'Connor, and Councilor Thibodeaux.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, General Legal Counsel Blenkinsop, and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. DISCUSSION

A. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

City Manager Joyal gave an handout to the Council regarding budget options and their tax impact. He referred to Item #9 and gave an overview of additional miscellaneous budget adjustments to the Council.

Mayor Weston said the School Department had an additional \$134, 585 to spend to stay within the tax cap, and the City had an additional \$13, 450 to spend to stay within the tax cap.

Mayor Weston had a discussion regarding Item #1. Library's budget and reducing the self-checkout station to one and its impact on the budget. She said they would then need \$7,475 to restore the Wednesday night hours at the Library.

Councilor O'Connor started a discussed to use the remaining \$5,975 towards the Recreation Department's budget.

Recreation Department Director Bannon said he would apply that towards one-time capital needs.

Councilor Hooper just mentioned her concern about the Fire Department's overtime budget. City Manager Joyal said he felt comfortable with lowering the Fire Department's overtime budget the \$50,000.

Councilor Garrison started a discussion regarding putting funds into a health insurance stabilization fund.

Councilor Gagnon started a discussion about the tax cap. He said they didn't have to spend the new funds available.



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Mayor Weston asked to go through the list and see if there is a consensus on where to use the \$13,450.

Councilor Gagnon asked if increasing the Library hours was sustainable.

City Manager Joyal said he felt it was sustainable.

Mayor Weston asked for clarification on next year's budget not using the funds this year.

City Manager Joyal said it would not be part of the budget calculation for next year.

Councilor Cheney said all these extra funds could go back to the taxpayers.

City Manager Joyal said they will rewrite the resolution to reflect the new numbers in Item #9, which are additional revenues.

Item #9: There was consensus to accept.

Item #1: Library Hours

Councilor McManus proposed that they buy one kiosk and use the savings towards the \$10,000 for Wednesday evening hours.

Councilor Garrison asked the Library Director if that was what she wanted.

Library Director Beaudoin said she would love to get Wednesday hours back, and she is willing to try one kiosk.

Councilor Garrison said he wanted it separated out on his list.

City Manager recommended that 1.a. be the hours, and 1.b. being to reduce the self-checkout station to one, which would show a credit.

Councilor Garrison started a discussion on streets and sidewalks maintenance.

Councilor Hooper asked Community Services Director Steele if \$13,000 would help the streets and sidewalks budget.

Director Steele said it would equal approximately 37 hours of work from the contractor. He said it isn't a lot of money, but any amount is beneficial.

Mayor Weston asked to go to Item #7. She said since the School Department has \$134,000 to decide upon with their budget, she asked if there was consensus from the Council that they wouldn't consider funding the capital reserves. She said they could leave it there until the School Department decides.

There was consensus to leave Item #7 on the list.

Item #2. Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Councilor McManus discussed why it would be beneficial to be a member of Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

Planning and Community Development Director Parker explained why the City doesn't need to be a member of the Commission. He said it is a valuable Commission, but not worth overriding the tax cap.

The Council discussed how non-paying due cities and towns are penalized.

City Manager Joyal said he didn't recommend it because there isn't that much in the pipeline that they need it.

There was no consensus from the Council to support this item.



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Item #3. Recycling Center Hours

There was no consensus from the Council to support this item.
City Manager Joyal said he would add another option to the list: \$4,000 for seasonal Sunday hours.

Item #4. Pavement Management

Mayor Weston asked the Council if they would like to leave it for discussion.
There was consensus to leave it on the list.

Item #5. Second Emergency Ambulance Staffing

Mayor Weston asked the Council if they wanted it in the substituted resolution.
There was no consensus from the Council.

Item #6. City Hall Hours

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the \$115,000 expense to go back to a 5-day work week in City Hall.
There was consensus to take it off the list.

Item #8. Increase Funding to Reflect Initial Department Request.

Director Bannon explained the panel that is needed for the indoor pool.
There was consensus to leave only Item 8.e. on the list.

City Manager Joyal said they will be making amendments to the resolution by adding the items in Item #9. He said the Council will make amendments as they wish on the other items. He explained the process for the meetings on June 4, 2014.

Councilor Cheney asked for the Citizen's Forum before the discussion in the Workshop Session. She also asked that if they adjust the budget so that it's an override she wanted to wait to the final vote to June 11, 2014.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the second handout to the Council, which were three adjustments to the budget that did not affect the tax rate.

Mayor Weston asked the Council if there was consensus to have these adjustments made to the budget.

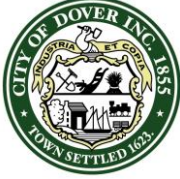
There was consensus.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

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

Mayor Weston said they were cancelling the workshop session.



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7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Handouts have been archived with these Minutes.