



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 4, 2014**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thibodeaux led the 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. DISCUSSIONS

A. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the handout, Council Suggested General Fund Budget Adjustments with Tax Bill Impact, dated June 4, 2014.

Mayor Weston said they had \$13,450 additional funds to spend.

Deputy Mayor Carrier referred to the discussions from the last City Council Workshop and recommending \$6,000 go towards the Recreation Department and the \$7,450 goes towards Wednesday night hours at the Library.

City Manager Joyal said the Library hours were also paid for by reducing one of the self-checkout stations at the Library. He clarified that the Recreation Department needed \$5,975 to replace the indoor pool HVAC equipment controls.

Councilor Gagnon asked how much the part for the indoor pool actually costs.

Recreation Department Director Bannon said the part actually costs \$8,657, and the remaining balance he will adjust from his operating budget.

Mayor Weston started a discussion on increasing Library Hours on Wednesday night, and increasing the budget \$10,000, and reducing the self-checkout installation to one station.

Deputy Mayor Carrier asked the City Manager if these changes were sustainable.

City Manager Joyal said he can't give an absolute answer without a full examination, but he felt that if the City continues to see the growth within the City it should be sustainable.

Deputy Mayor Carrier asked if there was any additional revenue that can be attached to the extended hours.

City Manager Joyal said there could be additional revenue from renting out meeting rooms.

Library Director Beaudoin said non-profit organizations don't pay rent, which is most of their requests. She said other organizations pay \$30.00 for the small room, and \$60.00 for the larger room.

There was consensus to add the Wednesday Library hours and reduce the self-checkout station to one.



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Mayor Weston referred to Item #2 and asked if there was consensus to consider the Strafford Regional Planning Commission Dues.

There was no consensus from the Council.

Mayor Weston referred to Item #3 and asked if there was consensus to consider adding Recycling Center hours.

There was no consensus from the Council.

Mayor Weston referred to Item #5; and asked if there was consensus to consider adding funds to the Pavement Management Program.

There was no consensus from the Council.

Councilor Cheney referred back to Item #3, and asked the City Manager to find the money in the budget without going over the cap.

City Manager Joyal said it will impact the budget somewhere else, but he will do as directed by the Council. He said it was just for seasonal hours during spring and fall cleanup times.

The Council consensus was to keep it off.

Mayor Weston referred to Item #6, and asked if there was consensus to consider adding Item #6.a.

Councilor Gagnon asked if they could have a general item where the funding was going.

Interim Superintendent Fernandes said they don't have specific areas at this point. He stressed that it wouldn't be used frivolously.

There was consensus from the Council.

Mayor Weston said the Council has consensus to for the following changes to the proposed budget: Restore Wednesday night Library hours, remove funds for one self-checkout station and table, increase appropriation for replacement of indoor pool HVAC equipment controls., and the \$105,400 increase for the School Department.

Finance Director Lynch said the resolution that is to be substituted as a whole during the Special Meeting already includes the \$105,400 for the School Department.

Councilor Cheney discussed language changes in the budget resolution with the City Manager.

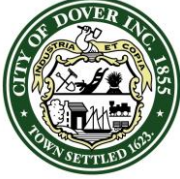
6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

Gregory Brown, 6 Summer Drive: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget. He also supported the recycling center and encouraged a fee to allow for additional hours.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

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



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7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adjourn to the Special Meeting; seconded by Councilor Gagnon.

Vote: 9/0.