



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, December 2, 2015**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Cheney 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. 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.

6. DISCUSSIONS

A. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

Ms. Taylor, Business Administrator gave an overview of the Garrison Elementary School project in the CIP.

Mayor Weston started a discussion on splitting the Garrison Elementary School project into three years instead of two years to lessen the tax impact.

Councilor Hooper talked about safety concerns.

Councilor McManus talked about the leftover funds being used to do the engineering plans this fiscal year.

Councilor Garrison spoke against putting off the project.

Councilor Gagnon spoke against putting off the project because it would mean 18 months before anything was started on the project.

Superintendent Arbour discussed why it should remain two years.

Councilor Gagnon

Mayor Weston said she need to be convinced that it needed to stay two years. She asked for a phase in plan.

Superintendent Arbour said that would be difficult without the engineering plan completed.

Mayor Weston asked if an addition to the school is being considered.

Superintendent Arbour said that would be looked into by experts.



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Councilor Hooper said the main issue is whether or not to put off this project. She asked for a vote on that. She also said the Council needed to know more about the leftover funds available from other projects.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the three handouts to the Council.

Councilor Cheney talked about acquiring/retiring debt policies.

City Manager Joyal said they try to acquire/retire debt equally each year. He said the High School will not allow that to happen with the School's side of the budget.

Councilor Cheney asked about the credit rating process.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the credit rating agencies' process.

Mayor Weston went down the list of departments and areas for projects.

Councilor McManus asked why the ambulance purchase is in 2017 when the Council is appropriating the funds in 2016.

City Manager Joyal explained that the Council is replenishing the Capital Reserves in 2017. Council consensus to leave it in the CIP as is.

Mayor Weston started a discussion on the Garrison Elementary School and splitting into three years.

Councilor McManus said this project has been put off too long.

Councilor Hooper said the CIP is a plan and it should be left in there, and it may not be done. She said it should not be put off again.

Councilor O'Connor said it should not be put off.

Councilor Thibodeaux said the safety issues are affecting the children's education and should not be put off.

Mayor Weston said she wasn't putting all the money in further years, but looking for a compromise for 2017.

The consensus of the Council was to leave the Garrison Elementary School project as it is in the CIP.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Vote: 9/0.

Handouts have been archived with the minutes.