

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Gagnon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Weston, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Ciotti, Councilor Gagnon, Councilor Greenshields, Councilor Nicolella, Councilor O'Connor, Councilor Shanahan, and Councilor Thibodeaux.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, Finance Director Lynch, 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.

Michael Benham, 20 Richardson Drive: He asked the Council to lower the proposed budget to meet the tax cap or below.

Arthur Burke, 2 Union Street: He referred to the April 27, 2016 regular meeting where he asked about speed limit signs on Chestnut Street and where they are located. He hoped someone would get back to him.

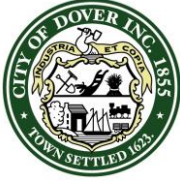
Louise Neilsen, 26 Hillcrest Drive: She felt it was the duty of the City Council to stay within the tax cap. She said the tax rate has gone up 36% over nine years.

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

6. DISCUSSIONS

A. GENERAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Joyal went over the handout, which showed adjustments the Council suggested at the last workshop.



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Mayor Weston went through the list with the Council.

- 1.a. accept.
- 1.b. accept.
- 1.c. accept.
- 1.d. reject.
- 1.e. reject.
- 2.a. reject. [brought forward for adjustment later in minutes]
- 2.b. reject.
- 2.c. reject.
- 2.d. reject.
- 3.a. accept.
- 3.b. accept.
- 3.c. reject.
- 4.a. reject.
- 4.b. reject.
- 5.a. reject.
- 5.b. accept.
- 6.a. accept.
- 6.b. reject.
- 6.c. accept.
- 6.d. reject.
- 6.e. reject.
- 7.a. reject.
- 7.b. accept.
- 7.c. accept.

City Manager Joyal went over the reduction to the tax rate and average tax bill based on the proposed changes to the budget. He said the net impact will be the tax cap amount plus \$48.00, a 1.9% increase.

Councilor O'Connor referred to Item 1.e. and suggested a \$60,000 cut, and/or to cut Item 2.a. by \$50,000.

Mayor Weston asked for consensus on cutting \$60,000 from Item 1.e.

No consensus.

Mayor Weston asked for consensus on cutting \$50,000 from Item 2.a.

There was consensus.

City Manager Joyal said that reduction changes the net impact to be the tax cap amount plus \$44.00, which is still a 1.9% increase. He reminded the Council that the State's Department of Revenue Association sets the rates, and his figures are just estimates.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gagnon moved to adjourn to the Special Meeting; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.
Vote: 9/0.