



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Greenshields led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Weston, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Gasses, Councilor Greenshields, Councilor Shanahan, and Councilor Thibodeaux. Councilor Ciotti arrived at 6:20 pm.

Absent: Councilor Gagnon and Councilor O'Connor.

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.

Robert Berry, 7 Madelyn Drive: He said he would like the budget kept to the tax cap. He supported the debt service for the High School, but was concerned about the additional money above that.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane, School Board Chairperson: She was present to answer questions regarding the School Department's budget. She said she understood the concerns.

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

6. DISCUSSIONS

A. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Joyal supplied a handout to the Council which covered possible adjustments to the budget. (Archived with the minutes.)

The Council went through the list in order.

Item 1.a.

City Manager Joyal explained the increase to COAST's subsidy.

There was Council consensus to increase funding, and strike from list.



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Item 1.b.

Mayor Weston recused herself from Item 1.b. discussion.

Economic Development Director explained the increase to Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority's budget.

There was Council consensus to increase funding, and strike from list.

Item 1.c.

The Council discussed that this could be held off for a year.

There was Council consensus to eliminate funding.

Deputy Mayor Carrier asked to make a friendly amendment to move the School portion up to this point of the meeting.

Item 7.a.

Mayor Weston said she spoke with Senator Watters and the current adequacy aid will increase \$381,000. She said if the Council keeps this figure in the budget, the School Department has to understand that it be taken out if the State will fund it.

City Manager Joyal explained options with how to address this.

Item 7.b.

City Manager Joyal explained this process.

There was Council consensus to increase the Cable Franchise Fee.

Item 7.c.

Mayor Weston recommended leaving this item until the end to see where the Council is at with the budget.

Item 7.d.

City Manager Joyal said this amount is equal to the proposed positions being added to the budget.

Council decided to hold off on a decision.

7:00 pm

Mayor Weston said they will continue with the Workshop because it will impact the Public Hearing scheduled during the Regular Meeting.

Item 7.e.

City Manager Joyal explained that this figure is making the School Department's budget meet the tax cap.

Council decided to hold off on a decision.

Item 2.a.

Police Chief Colarusso explained the need for the increase to overtime versus hiring someone.

There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.



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Item 2.b.

Police Chief Colarusso explained the need to keep the technical equipment up-to-date. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.

Item 2.c.

City Manager Joyal explained the need to keep this position in the budget. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.

Item 3.a.

City Manager Joyal explained the need to keep this position in the budget. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.

Mayor Weston took this time to ask the audience if they wished to speak to the Public Hearings that were scheduled during the regular meeting.

No one wished to speak.

Item 4.a. and Item 4.b

City Manager Joyal explained these items on the list. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.

Item 4.c.

City Manager Joyal explained this item on the list. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list, but will come back to it at the end of discussion.

Item 5.a.

City Manager Joyal explained the need for this item on the list. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.

Item 5.b.

City Manager Joyal explained the fiscal responsibility for this item on the list. There was Council consensus to keep in budget, and strike from list.

Item 6.a.

City Manager Joyal explained that there currently was no custodial coverage on the weekends. There was Council consensus to keep on the list.

Item 6.b.

City Manager Joyal explained the compliancy for part-time hours going over the monthly allotted amounts and supplying insurance benefits. He felt it was cheaper to supply the insurance than to pay the fine. There was Council consensus to keep on the list.



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Item 8.a.

City Manager Joyal said they have received the insurance rates and this amount reflected the savings.

There was Council consensus to keep on the list.

Item 8.b.

City Manager Joyal said the person currently doesn't have a vehicle.

There was Council consensus to keep on the list.

Item 8.c.

City Manager Joyal explained this item on the list.

Mayor Weston asked about Rollinsford's responsibility for a portion of this cost. She asked the City Manager to look into it.

There was Council consensus to keep on the list.

Item 8.d.

There was Council consensus to keep on the list.

City Manager Joyal said from the list the Council has consensus reduced the budget by \$632,859 – leaving a balance of \$229,629 over the tax cap.

Mayor Weston said she would like to take this and come back next week.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Greenshields moved to adjourn to the Regular Meeting; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.

Vote: 7/0.