



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Special Meeting**
Meeting Location: **Council Chambers, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 3, 2017**
Meeting Time: **To immediately follow Workshop Session**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ~~MOMENT OF SILENCE~~

3. ~~PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Weston, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Ciotti, Councilor Gagnon, Councilor Gasses, Councilor Greenshields, 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 Special Meeting. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane, School Board Chairperson: She spoke about scheduling a Joint Fiscal Committee meeting to discuss a contingency plan if the kindergarten funding doesn't take place.

Patricia Stiles, 5 Pearson Drive: She said the School shouldn't have to cut \$6,000 from their budget. She thanked the Council for their service.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to substitute the resolution as a whole; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the changes to the resolution based on the Council's adjustments to the budget. He explained the added items:

24. Effective upon adoption of the budget resolution, the City Manager is authorized to negotiate the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement to accomplish the goal of establishing a franchise fee of 4.0% ceiling to the additional monthly amount charged to Dover citizens for the term of the renewal agreement.

25. In accordance with RSA 80:52-c *Electronic Payments*, the City Treasurer is authorized to accept payments of City Department fees, property taxes, utility bills by use of credit card or other means of electronic payments.



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Mayor Weston asked for a vote on substituting the resolution as a whole.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to make amendments to the resolution based on Council consensus during the workshop session; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.

City Manager Joyal listed the items.

Increase subsidy to COAST by \$18,000.

Increase grant funding to Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority (DBIDA) by \$7,387.

Reducing the Library budget by \$13,517.

Recognizing \$664,949 additional revenues for kindergarten aid.

Recognize \$120,000 additional revenue from the transfer of DoverNet funds to the School Department.

Reduction of \$6,281 in the School Department's Budget

Reduction of \$54,117 in the City's Budget for the savings in health insurance.

Recognizing \$470,000 in highway aid, and making a \$470,000 contribution to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Capital Reserve.

Reduction of \$29,011 from the Executive Department's budget.

Councilor Ciotti asked about the costs for credit card payments.

City Manager Joyal said the convenience fee will be charged to the taxpayer.

Councilor Gagnon proposed a friendly amendment to add the \$6,281 back into the budget that was removed from the School Department's budget; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.

Vote: 3/6; Failed. Councilors Gagnon, Greenshields, and Councilor Thibodeaux voted in favor.

Mayor Weston asked for a vote on the amendments.

Vote: 6/3; Passed. Councilors Gagnon, Greenshields, and Councilor Thibodeaux were opposed.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to amend the numbers; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

City Manager Joyal listed the corrected numbers in the resolution, based on the amendments made to the budget:

Fund 1000 - General Fund: \$111,724,807

Fund 6100 – DoverNet Fund: \$1,266,224

He said that will change the totals to \$ 140,013,922

He referred to Page 2, Item 2: General Fund Appropriations include \$38,873,645 for City operations, \$52,113,315 for School Department operations

Mayor Weston asked for a vote on the motion to amend the numbers.

Vote: 6/3; Passed. Councilors Gagnon, Greenshields, and Councilor Thibodeaux were opposed.



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Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adopt the budget as amended, which overrides the tax cap; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Roll Call Vote: 6/3; Passed. Councilors Gagnon, Greenshields, and Councilor Thibodeaux were opposed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Greenshields moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.

Vote: 9/0.