



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**
Meeting Time: **To 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 Gasses, Councilor Keane, Councilor Muffett-Lipinski, Councilor Shanahan, Councilor Thibodeaux, and Councilor Williams.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, City Attorney Blenkinsop, 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.

Zachary Koehler, School Board Member, 73 Bellamy Woods: He requested that the School Board and City Council meet more often throughout the year.

Andrew Wallace, School Board Member, 297A Central Avenue: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget. He agreed with Mr. Koehler's comment about the School Board and City Council meeting more often.

Janet Kirk, 8 Teresa Drive: She spoke about the tax impact on her retirement income and living on a budget.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane, School Board Chairperson: She spoke in favor of the compromised changes the Council has made to the budget.

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

6. FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

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

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.



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City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the changes in the substituted resolution, which are listed below:

Fund 1000 General Fund budget changed to \$116,049,506 from \$115,985,176. This is to account for \$11,303 decrease in Planning for increased CDBG Grant Funding (Item 1e on budget adjustment worksheet), and an increase of \$75,633 for Retiree Health Insurance (Item 8a on budget adjustment worksheet).

Fund 2100 CDBG Fund budget changed to \$394,837 from \$383,534 an increase of \$11,303.

Fund 2900 School Special Programs and Grant Funds changed to \$522,600 from \$129,000, an increase of \$393,600 to account for new grants awarded to school department.

Fund 3500 OPEB Fund changed to \$1,619,696 from \$1,475,096, an increase of \$144,600 to account for additional retirees' insurance premiums.

Total Budget is \$145,879,175 from \$145,265,342.

Provision #2 reflects a change in General Fund appropriation amount for City to \$39,768,483 from \$39,704,153, an increase of \$64,330 (75,633 – 11,303).

Provision #13 is new – this is to allow for accepting and expending donations received by the City for such items as the 400th Anniversary Celebration of Dover. This pushed the number reference of the other provision down one.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to make the amendment to the Fee Schedule for outdoor seating shown on Page 5 of the Fee Schedule, which has been provided to the Council; seconded by Councilor Muffett-Lipinski.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to make amendment based on the following adjustments listed by the City Manager:

City Manager Joyal referred to adjustments the Council had consensus on and made the following adjustments to the Resolution:

Item #1 – in the chart

1000, General Fund,	\$115,313,048.00
5300, Water Fund	5,647,652.00
5320. Sewer Fund	7,849,990.00
Total	\$145,159,793.00

Item #2, change the last sentence to: "General Fund Appropriations include \$39,532,025 for City operations, \$54,508,984 for School Department operations, \$12,311,694 for Debt Service and \$8,960,345 for County Tax."



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Item #6, change to: "For water consumption per hundred cubic feet (HCF) effective July 1, 2018, the Water and Sewer User Fees will be \$5.18 and \$8.65, respectively."

Deputy Mayor Carrier motioned again to make the amendments the City Manager just recited; seconded by Councilor Muffett-Lipinski.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to approve the amended Municipal Budget Resolution; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.

Mayor Weston discussed why she couldn't support this budget.

Councilor Muffett-Lipinski spoke about working closer with the School Board.

Councilor Williams thanked community members for their involvement.

Councilor Gasses spoke about Dover Schools and the need to fund them.

Deputy Mayor Carrier said they live in a vibrant and progressive City. He said people come to this City and look at the Schools. He said he didn't like the numbers, but he believed it would keep things going properly.

Councilor Shanahan said they were accepting a challenge by passing this budget.

Mayor Weston talked about the great test scores and how the Schools are doing an excellent job. She just couldn't put this amount on the taxpayers.

City Manager Joyal referred to the background on the last page of the resolution, and clarified that the last sentence should read: "The FY2019 proposed budget as presented in this resolution is based upon a proposed tax levy increase of \$3,763,167, which is over the tax cap limitation by \$1,978,631."

Mayor Weston asked for a roll call vote on the Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: 7/2; Passed. Mayor Weston and Councilor Ciotti were opposed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Muffett-Lipinski moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.
Vote: 9/0.