



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop Session
Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Carrier led the 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, Finance Director Lynch, and City Clerk Mistretta.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Workshop. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Gretchen Lothrop, Teacher, 16 Grandview Drive: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Danielle Festa, 14 Kelley Drive, Dover Main Street Member: She spoke in support of increasing Dover Main Street's funding.

Nova Mullineaux, Dover Business Owner of Adelle's Coffehouse: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Carolyn Schulten, 18 Cote Drive: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Marie Niro, 5 Lucy Lane: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Matthew Johnson, 26 Sunset Drive: He spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Michelle Routhouska, 4 Mohawk Drive: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Jennifer Moe, 40 Lucy Lane: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Sharon Boucher, 40 New Rochester Road, Teacher: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Kaitlyn Geary, 7 Oak Street, Counselor: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Joseph Tenuta, 262 Long Hill Road: He spoke in support of the proposed Budget.



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Allison Montecalvo, 209 Middle Road: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

David Greene, 45 Middle Road: He spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Andrew Wallace, 297A Central Avenue, School Board Member: He spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Carolyn Mebert, 254 Dover Point Road, School Board Member: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane, School Board Chairperson: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Jennifer McCarthy, 18 Preble Street: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Taylor Lipinski, 56 Glenwood Avenue, Student: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Betsy Breen, 7 Gerry's Lane, Teacher: She spoke in support of the Dover Teachers' Union's contract.

Zachary Koehler, 91 Spruce Lane: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Debra Hackett, 4 Brookmoor Road, Teacher: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Micaela Demeter, 33A Piscataqua Road: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

William DeGrandpre, 21 Danielle Lane: He spoke against a tax cap override.

Councilor Muffett-Lipinski moved to suspend the rules to allow Dover Teachers Union President Lisa Dillingham of Strafford to address the Council; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.
Vote: 8/0.

Dover Teachers Union President Lisa Dillingham: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Rebecca Johnson, Dover Business Owner of The Flower Room: She spoke in support of increasing Dover Main Street's funding.

Christine Kozlowski, 62 Watson Road, Teacher: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.

Jill Sears, 74 Atkinson Street, Teacher: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget.



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Susan Golder, 11 Sandra's Run: She spoke in support of the proposed Budget. Mayor Weston, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Citizen's Forum.

6. GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Weston went over the starting numbers before looking at proposed changes to the budget. She said the City side of the Budget is \$561,101 under the tax cap, and the School side of the Budget is \$1,269,800 over the tax cap, which equals \$708,699 over the tax cap. She said this did not include the Dover Teacher Union contract, which brings the budget to \$1,508,699 over the tax cap and the Council's starting point.

The Council, referring to the City Manager's May 1st handout listing suggested changes to the budget, starting from the beginning. They used "keep" to accept the proposed change, and "discard" to remove it. Council consensus was noted as follows:

Section 1 – General Government

- a. Keep
- b. Keep
- c. Discard
- d. Discard
- e. Discard
- f. Discard
- g. Discard
- h. Discard
- i. Discard

Section 2 – Police

- a. Discard
- b. Keep

Section 3 – Fire Department

- a. Discard
- b. Skipped (not actually in proposed budget)

Section 4 – Community Services

Discard all items.

Section 5 - Recreation

- a. Discard
- b. Discard
- c. Discard
- d. Discard
- e. Discard
- f. Keep

Section 6 - Library

- a. Discard
- b. Keep
- c. Keep
- d. Keep (changed to \$25,000)

Section 7 - School

- a. Discard
- b. Discard
- c. Discard
- d. Discard
- e. Discard
- f. Keep
- g. Keep (reduced to \$25,000)
- h. Discard
- i. Discard

Section 8 Miscellaneous-

- a. Keep
- b. Discard
- c. Keep



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7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adjourn to the Special Meeting; seconded by Councilor Muffett-Lipinski.

Vote: 9/0.