

**CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

City Hall Council Chambers, 15 Loockerman Plaza, Dover, Delaware

AGENDA

THIS AGENDA AND PACKET HAS BEEN REVISED BY REMOVING ITEM #2 – 2025 DOVER HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

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OPEN FORUM - 15 Minutes Prior to Official Meeting (6:15 p.m.)

The "Open Forum" segment is provided to extend the opportunity to the general public to share their questions, thoughts, comments, concerns, and complaints. Discussion of any item appearing on the agenda as a public hearing is prohibited during the Open Forum as an opportunity will be provided during consideration of that item. Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Council is prohibited from taking action since they are not in official session; however, they may schedule such items as regular agenda items and act upon them in the future.

INVOCATION - Elder Ellis B. Louden

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Boggerty

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PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Recognition of Service - Vonderlear E. Smack - Safety, Advisory, and Transportation Committee (June 2023 through June 2026)**

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 2. Regular City Council Meeting of June 08, 2026**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 3. Board of Assessment Appeals - June 4, 2026**
- 4. Council Committee of the Whole meeting of June 09, 2026**

CCW PRESENTATIONS

- 5. Hope Center in Kent County Presentation (Matthew Heckles, DSHA Director)**

Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement

- 6. Revitalization of Mary Street Playlot (Roger Ridgeway, Parks and Recreation Director)**

(Committee Recommendation: Approval to proceed with the revitalization plan.)

Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee

- 7. Presentation on the Transfer on Death (TOD) deeds (Eugenia Thornton, Recorder of Deeds)**

(Committee Action Not Required)

- 8. Evaluation of Proposals - City Hall Roof Replacement (Andrew McNatt, Facilities Manager)**

(Committee Recommendation: Awarding the City Hall Roof Replacement to Quality Exteriors, Inc. as per the proposal submitted in response to RFP #26-0018FM)

- 9. Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) Grant Application (Jason Lyon, Water/Wastewater Director)**

(Committee Recommendation: Approval of the grant application in accordance with the City of Dover Department of Finance Procedure)

10. Sole Source Request - ZeroEyes Gun Detection Solution (Thomas Johnson, Chief of Police)

(Committee Recommendation: Approval of the request to Sole Source Advantech/ZeroEyes vendors)

11. Allocation of Higher Education and Public Safety Fees (Grant in Aid Funds) for FY2026 (Patricia Marney, Controller/Treasurer)

(Committee Action Not Required)

12. Closing of the Economic Development Grant Application Period (Councilman Anderson)

(Committee Recommendation: Approval of closing the Economic Development Grant Application Period)

SPECIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS - ROBBINS HOSE COMPANY-FIRE LINE OFFICERS (TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 8, 2026)**13. Fourth Assistant Chief – Drew Kuntzi****14. First Fire Line Captain – Richard Flood****ITEMS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA****ORDINANCES**

FINAL READING - The First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance was accomplished during the Council Meeting of **JUNE 08, 2026**. The ordinance is available at the entrance of the Council Chambers and on the City's website at www.cityofdover.com under "Government."

15. Proposed Ordinance #2026-06 - Amending Chapter 106 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. - Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 1. - Generally, Sec. 106-123. - Vehicle parking time limited where carrying capacity is in excess of one ton, and trailer and recreational vehicle parking (Eddie Kopp, Chief Code Enforcement Officer)

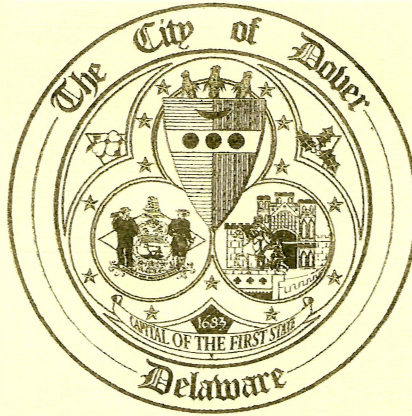
16. Proposed Ordinance 2026-12 - Public Safety Fee (Sharon Duca, Acting City Manager)

17. Proposed Ordinance #2026-11 - Fiscal Year 2026/2027 City of Dover Budget Ordinance

CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****COUNCIL MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**

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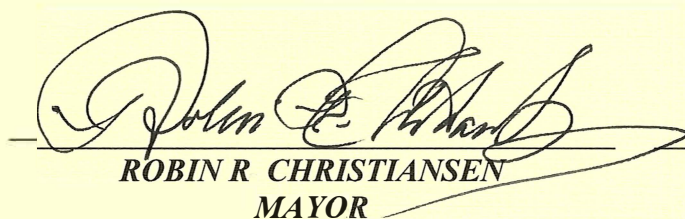
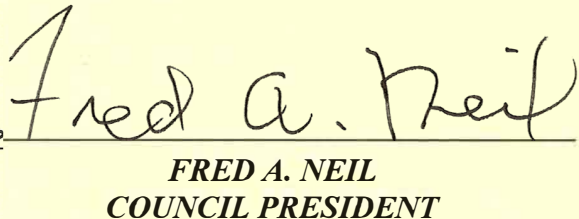
Vonderlear E. Smack

Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee

June 2023 – June 2026

*The City of Dover extends sincere appreciation for your
public service.*

June 22, 2026


ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR
FRED A. NEIL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular City Council Meeting was held on June 08, 2026, at 7:18 p.m. with Council President Neil presiding. Council members present were Ms. Hall, Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Anderson, Dr. Pillsbury (via Webex), Ms. Arndt, Mr. Rocha, Dr. Sudler, and Mr. Lewis.

Staff members present were Police Chief Kuntzi, Ms. Marney, Ms. Duca, Ms. Melson-Williams, Fire Chief Carey, Mr. Griffith, and Ms. Bennett. Mayor Christiansen was also present.

OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum was held at 6:15 p.m., prior to the commencement of the Official Council Meeting. Council President Neil declared the Open Forum in session and reminded those present that Council was not in official session and could not take formal action.

Jeannie Anderson, 217 Cecil Street, spoke regarding the Pedestrian Safety Ordinance and stated that 158 individuals were in favor of passing the ordinance and 51 individuals were opposed. She also mentioned that there was a Change.org petition with an estimated number of verified signatures of 618 individuals. She emphasized that individuals could not keep walking in front of vehicles and banging on windows since it was dangerous, and stated that they needed to keep the citizens safe.

Kim Petters, a Magnolia resident, expressed concerns about a homeless shelter that was close to her daughters' dance on South Governor's Avenue. She expressed frustration that she had to take her daughters out of dance because a homeless shelter had been set up, and after a few weeks, there was open prostitution, drug use, and defecating in the parking lot where she had to walk by to her daughters' dance studio. She stated that the situation was unsafe because someone could be armed, could feel threatened, and no one should lose their life over asking for a few dollars. She further stated that while a solution needed to be found that worked for everyone, including support for homeless and low-income individuals, there were also concerns about business owners, investors, and homeowners, particularly the decline in property values.

William Faust, Jr., 136 Orchard Avenue, stated that public safety has always been a concern, but until the Attorney General started prosecuting, the Police Department's hands were tied. He emphasized that he supported the police officers 100%. He stated that the way the Pedestrian Safety Ordinance was written was going to prove safety anywhere unless council addressed the homeless, mental health issues, drug issues, and the gun violence, because no ordinance was going to "band aid" fix everything. He emphasized that the budget was only keeping the lights on and paying the staff, and stated that there were no extra police officers on the street. He further stated that if they were going to push through the ordinance, they needed to show the public the emails and let them review the signatures on the petition for and against.

Gina Bloom, a Dover resident, expressed concerns over individuals who were not being held accountable in the community but were allowed to walk and defecate on the city's sidewalks and take away the citizens' ability to enjoy the city.

Sherry Kemp, a Magnolia resident, expressed concerns over homeless individuals in her parents'

home while she was trying to put the house on the market. She emphasized that those individuals were damaging the property and noted that they had burnt the garage down.

Belinda Main, 142 Reese Street, stated that she was in opposition to the Pedestrian Safety Ordinance. She noted that the Pedestrian Safety Ordinance was not going to work, and mentioned that they needed to take the trouble and do something with it.

Michelle Walls, a Dover resident, expressed concerns about experiencing ongoing crime and safety concerns. She asked council for immediate commitment, providing the community with exact details of how the promised summer enforcement would address the illegal drugs and prosecution on her block. She emphasized that the department needed to be held accountable to a real strategy so they could see what the plan meant for their safety in her neighborhood.

Carol and Michael Potanovich, Dover residents, asked that as homeless individuals, why they should be stopped for asking for help when they have nothing for themselves. He stated that they were trying to make an honest living and getting by the best they could.

Jessica Potanovich, a Dover resident, stated that she was a homeless individual, studying nursing, and chose not to work because the social security she received was too high and she did not want to lose that money. She emphasized that individuals needed to stop judging others by their appearance before they get to know someone.

Ronald Eads, Jr., a Dover resident, stated that he was a panhandler and that he received disability. He noted that when he does work, he works under the table, so he does not lose his disability checks. He mentioned that he was just trying to make it from one (1) day to the next, and sometimes he cannot even do that. He stated that individuals have mentioned to him about going to shelters, but his wife has to be 13 miles away from him, and that does not work for him. He added that when they have extra food to give back, they take it to Hopes and Dreams or to the red cabinet, so they were trying to give back to the community, but the community does not help them.

Ronald Eads, Sr., a Dover resident, shared his personal story with members of council and talked about his son, Ronald Eads, Jr., being a panhandler.

Chelle Paul, 501 Silverside Drive, stated that the same neighborhood concerns have been discussed repeatedly since 2021. She noted that she sent out in an email, there were laws already on the books, and that there was an ordinance set in place that Chief Johnson gave instructions to every single individual that if they had an issue and someone was breaking the law, they needed to call the police. She emphasized that they do not make unlawful laws to enforce the law and stated that the ordinance was derived from the framework of a law that could not be enforced. She mentioned that anybody who would vote for the ordinance that knew the framework that was built on an unlawful law, they would be putting the city into a bigger deficit, because it would end up in a lawsuit. She noted that there were already laws on the books to enforce the laws for aggressive panhandling.

Cleveland Wilson, 234 North Kirkwood Street, expressed frustration that there were other

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facilities that could have been used for the meeting since the city enforced the Fire Marshal's occupancy requirements. He mentioned that the city was aware that Mr. Anders was planning a rally before the Regular Council Meeting, yet no other arrangements were made, and as a result, citizens were left outside and denied the opportunity to be heard and participate in the proceedings.

Reagan Coder, a Dover resident, expressed concerns that residents should not feel afraid to drive or walk in their own community due to fear of crime or victimization. He also expressed concerns about the budget deficit and the impact of raising taxes to address it.

Stephan Pierce, 437 Barrister Place, emphasized the importance of showing care and concern for the community through meaningful action.

Reginald Daniels, a Townsend resident, expressed concerns about the recurring homelessness causing problems. He stated that he has been to the meetings several times to discuss addressing their long-term institutional shortcomings in addressing homelessness, affordability, drug use, and community economic development. He noted that it seemed that the change was not being made. He further stated that they needed to address what was happening currently and that they still do not have open wound treatment centers and places for individuals to detox. He asked what they could do to address long-term community development and not deal with individual street by street. He further added that they were having the same conversation because they were not building the infrastructure, and that they were just tearing at each other's throats.

David Lewis, a Dover resident, stated that his concerns were not with panhandling but with public safety issues. He described instances such as fights in the street or individuals impaired by drugs obstructing traffic. He also mentioned the raises in taxes, utilities, and the public safety fee.

Tish, a Dover resident, expressed concerns about the violence at Irish Mike's and described an incident that happened to her at the establishment.

Via Webex, Shyanne Miller, a Wilmington resident, stated that she was in opposition to the Pedestrian Safety Ordinance. She further stated that it would be a waste of time, energy, and money to pass the bill that would not only result in a lawsuit, but would also result in individuals who could not pay bills having fines. She urged council to reject the legislation and start to work on long-term plans for homelessness, and to increase the number of shelter beds that existed in and around the city limits.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Elder Ellis B. Loudon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Hall.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Boggerty moved for adoption of the agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and

unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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Mr. Anderson requested that Item #18, Controller/Treasurer's Budget Report, be removed from the consent agenda.

Dr. Sudler requested that Item #20, Police Chief's Report, be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to remove Item #18, Controller/Treasurer's Budget Report, from the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Rocha.

Dr. Sudler made a motion to remove Item #20, Police Chief's Report, from the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Rocha.

Mr. Anderson moved for adoption of the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Boggerty, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2026

The City Clerk read the following Proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, every person deserves to live in a safe community, free from the threat of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, gun violence continues to impact individuals, families, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods across the United States, leaving lasting emotional, physical, and economic effects on communities; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the nation recognize the importance of raising awareness about gun violence prevention, supporting victims and survivors, and encouraging meaningful dialogue and action to reduce violence; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Month is observed each June to honor the lives lost to gun violence, support survivors, and promote efforts that foster safer communities through education, advocacy, responsible practices, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, individuals, organizations, educators, first responders, healthcare professionals, faith leaders, and public officials all play an important role in working together to promote peace, safety, and respect for human life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover joins communities nationwide in recognizing the importance of

awareness, prevention, and unity in addressing gun violence and supporting those affected by it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robin Christiansen, Mayor of the City of Dover, Delaware, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Month** in the City of Dover, and encourage all residents to honor the memories of victims, support survivors and their families, and work together to help build a safer and more peaceful community for all.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Mayor Christiansen presented the proclamation to Kaligah Parker and Cammerin Norwood.

Cammerin Norwood, Founder and Executive Director of Our R.O.O.T.S. Foundation (Reclaiming Our Own Through Support), expressed gratitude toward Mayor Christiansen, City of Dover, and all the leadership for being a part of and acknowledging June's Gun Violence Awareness Month. Kaligah Parker, Founder and Executive Director of The Carry Their Light Project, thanked everyone and the community for their continued support of community-based organizations.

**PRESENTATION – PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08 – CITY OF DOVER
SILVER MEDAL – ROBERT MOXLEY**

The City Clerk read the following Resolution into the record:

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, officers responded to 2 Stoney Drive, Dover, Delaware, in reference to a domestic incident where one of the individuals had displayed and discharged a firearm. Eventually, on-scene Special Operations Response Team leadership determined that electrical power to the involved residence needed to be disconnected to safely manage the situation and protect responding officers, emergency personnel, and surrounding residents; and

WHEREAS, following a request from the Dover Police Department to the Electrical Department, Robert “Connor” Moxley voluntarily agreed to approach a residence knowing that an armed individual was inside and that the situation presented a significant risk to his personal safety. While in the process of disconnecting electrical service, the individual inside the residence discharged a firearm, firing a round through the wall in the immediate vicinity of Connor’s position. Despite the imminent danger, Connor remained calm, composed, and focused, successfully completing the electrical disconnect necessary to support ongoing police operations. Following the safe resolution of the incident, Robert “Connor” Moxley once again demonstrated exceptional professionalism, courage, and dedication by returning to the residence to restore electrical service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognized that the selfless action of Mr. Robert “Connor” Moxley, without concern for his own personal safety, deserves special recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council award Mr. Robert “Connor” Moxley the City of Dover Silver Medal in recognition of his self-sacrificing actions

and direct the City Clerk to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover.

ADOPTED: JUNE 08, 2026

By motion of Dr. Sudler, seconded by Mr. Rocha, Resolution No. 2026-08 was adopted by unanimous consent.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Mayor Christiansen and Mr. Paul Waddell presented the resolution to Mr. Robert Connor Moxley.

Responding to Mayor Christiansen, Mr. Moxley stated that he has been working for the city for seven (7) months.

Mr. Moxley expressed appreciation and thanked everyone for everything, especially the police officers.

PUBLIC HEARING – ELECTRIC REVENUE FUND BUDGET

A public hearing on the Electric Fund Budget is required for compliance with the City of Dover Electric Revenue Bonds Resolutions prior to the adoption of the budget. Notice of the public hearing was properly advertised for this time and place.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Neil stated for the record that Ms. Duca was no longer Acting City Manager; she was now considered the City Manager.

Mr. Paul Waddell, Electric Director, briefed members on the Electric Revenue Fund Budget.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that they have purchased equipment and supplies overseas.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that if the price was right, but their percentage of products that have been purchased overseas, specifically transformers, increased a lot more based on availability and price. He noted that the transformers were more expensive and the lead times were longer with stateside.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that if five (5) transformers were to fail, they would be able to replace those transformers. He noted that the supply chain issues they had experienced during and after the COVID-19 pandemic had been resolved, but the economic costs have remained elevated compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that in the instances that they purchased large transformers, they would receive better pricing overseas. He added that the overseas purchase had an earlier delivery time, which was around four (4) to five (5) months earlier, then they were allowed a new customer to be up and running and have an additional four (4) to five (5) months of additional revenue.

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Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that there were no incentives for power purchases. He explained that The Energy Authority (TEA) worked to secure long-term contracts whenever possible, but the city was subjected to the pricing set by the energy generators. He noted that the market dictated the energy prices, and that was the price that the market was going to sell the power at. He added that The Energy Authority (TEA) had been successful in obtaining proposals below the budgeted rate per megawatt-hour, allowing them to purchase power for less than the amount authorized.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell clarified that the city was locked into what the market dictated for energy prices.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that the power plant at Garrison Oak could not be utilized because it was not the city's facility.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that the facility was a for-profit industry, whereas the city was not. As a result, he noted that the plant's power was put into the market prices, which was going to have its profit line built into it. He explained that the city could receive power more cheaply from somewhere else, if that place could beat the price, and if the power was available for the city to purchase from them.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that the city could pursue negotiations with Garrison Energy Center as an option to address its energy needs.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that, in the past, the city had agreements with power suppliers; however, when the city entered into a power purchase agreement with a company such as Calpine, that company could fulfill its obligation using generation from another facility, potentially located in a different state. He explained that power was being pumped into the regional system to meet a certain level, and the city was not getting it directly from those individuals from whom they purchase the power. He noted that it could be a thousand miles away, and the power was pumping into the system, and the city was using it. He added that it was how PJM Interconnection balanced supply and demand across the market on a minute-by-minute basis.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Waddell stated that all the utilities, especially public power utilities, were very concerned about data centers due to the amount of loads they consume. He explained that the electricity they generate could vary depending on the size and location of a data center. Referring to Northern Virginia as "Data Center Alley," he noted that the area contained gigawatts of electrical load from data center operations. He stated that if a data center were to come to the local area, his power purchase budget would have to increase accordingly to fill that demand. He further stated that he only had a certain amount of capacity, since their system was limited, before major improvements had to be put into their system, and the dynamic between the utility and the data center would be responsible for funding the necessary improvements. He noted that the costs would not fall solely on the ratepayer.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Waddell stated that solar could help to an extent. He explained that a smaller solar project, such as a three (3) to four (4) megawatt field, would have an impact

on customers, but it would not have an impact on the effect of a 50 megawatt or a 100 megawatt solar field that they would have. He noted that their peak load that they experience was generally around 158 to 160 megawatts, which typically occurred during the most demanding hour of the year, often in the summer and the month of July. He further noted that in some places, the peak demand patterns were changing, with some regions now experiencing winter peaks, which was uncommon. He explained that instead of seeing a high peak during the summer followed by a lower usage, the system was beginning to see a more constant flat demand curve throughout the year.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Waddell stated that, as an associate member with Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC), the city does not have full power purchase member status.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Waddell stated that the full power purchase status would need to be looked at. He believed that it had been done in the past before he took over to have DEMEC take over the role of The Energy Authority (TEA), but they were still with The Energy Authority (TEA). He noted that it was not viewed as beneficial at that point, but he could not speak on that in detail.

Responding to Mr. Neil, Mr. Waddell stated that he did not have the figures available with him regarding the number of residents who have taken advantage of the Energy Smart program. He noted that DEMEC had recently sent him a slide last week for the month, and he would share that with council.

Responding to Mayor Christiansen, Mr. Waddell clarified that Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) offered an efficient smart service.

Mayor Christiansen stated that Dr. Harold Stafford had brought two (2) programs to council about weatherization and an energy audit program, including Lights On Dover Strong. He noted that there were programs out there to help residents to check on the efficiency and the air tightness of the home. He recommended to Mr. Neil that they need to advertise more about those programs. He explained that they were able to rejoin Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) after a previous city manager had pulled them out of the organization, and one (1) of the smartest things that the city had done was to go back with Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC). That was because of the accessibility to the information that the city needed and the mutual aid that was quickly available to the residents from other Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) municipal utilities. If the city has a disaster, it would have expertise and services available to it.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell stated that he used an average residential usage of approximately 850 kilowatt-hours (kWh), which was based on last year's usage. The increase would be calculated by multiplying \$0.01 per kWh by that usage. He noted that \$0.01 times 850 equaled \$8.50.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Waddell clarified that the calculation was \$8.50 and that would be the average. He explained that some customers use 2,000 kWh a month and others use kWh a

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month, but it fell in between. He noted that whatever the customer's average consumption was for the month, multiply that by \$0.01, and that would be the increase.

Council President Neil declared the Public Hearing opened at 8:08 p.m.

William Faust, Jr., 136 Orchard Avenue, spoke against the Electric Revenue Fund Budget. He emphasized that he was against the \$0.01 increase. He stated that the elderly, who were most vulnerable, could not take a \$0.01 increase. He further stated that council needed to find a way of getting revenue into the city, because they were not bringing enough revenue in. He emphasized that he supported the city workers and the police department 100%.

Bonnie Pennington, a Dover resident, spoke against the Electric Revenue Fund Budget. She expressed concerns about residents having to choose to pay their electric bill or buy food. She stated that there were several residents who could not afford the increase to their electric bill.

Belinda Main, 142 Reese Street, spoke against the Electric Revenue Fund Budget. She asked where the money was going that was being spent by the city. She stated that residents could not afford high electric bills or other bills, and at times could not even afford the groceries they needed. She further stated that they all needed to take accountability for things that other individuals did not take accountability for. She emphasized that they needed to find other ways to bring revenue to the city.

Stephan Pierce, 437 Barrister Place, spoke against the Electric Revenue Fund Budget. He expressed concerns for his mother's financial struggles, particularly regarding being able to afford her electricity, food, and child care. He stated that council needed to show that they cared for their constituents and help them have access to better-paying opportunities and programs; he believed that the community would improve its trust.

Council President Neil declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2026, were unanimously approved by motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Boggerty, and bore the written approval of Mayor Christiansen.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – MAY 12, 2026

The Council Committee of the Whole met on May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Council President Neil presiding. Members of Council present were Mr. Anderson, Ms. Arndt, Mr. Boggerty, Ms. Hall (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Mr. Lewis (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Dr. Pillsbury, Mr. Rocha, and Dr. Sudler. Mayor Christiansen was absent. Civilian members present for their Committee meetings were Dr. Iriowen (via WebEx), (*Utility*), Mr. Garfinkel, and Mr. Shevock (*Legislative, Finance, and Administration*). Mr. Wilson (*Utility*) was absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Arndt moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Dr. Pillsbury, and unanimously carried.

State Joint Resolution 8 – Land Use Reform – Overview and Schedule (Jason Lyon, Water/Wastewater Director, and Ann Marie Townsend, ACIP, Senior Project Manager, Rossi Group)

Mr. Jason Lyon, Water/Wastewater Director, and Ms. Ann Marie Townsend, Rossi Group, reviewed the presentation regarding the Senate Joint Resolution 8 for the land use reform project.

This item was informational; committee action was not required.

Mr. Neil stated that affordable housing means different things depending on income level and expressed concern that current housing initiatives do not adequately address the needs of low- and fixed-income residents. He discussed manufactured housing as a potential option because of lower construction costs and long shelf life, but noted that rising land and lot rental costs continue to create affordability challenges. Mr. Neil further stated that private equity ownership and rising rents in lease-land communities and apartment complexes prevent tenants from saving money to purchase homes, and argued that the State Legislature has failed to address those issues.

Mr. Neil referenced the need for greater oversight of rental practices, including rent justification measures similar to utility regulation. He stated that property owners should receive a reasonable profit while maintaining affordability for residents. He also discussed concerns regarding profits leaving the State through corporate ownership structures, citing examples from manufactured housing communities and increasing monthly lot rents. Mr. Neil concluded that while expanding manufactured housing opportunities may help address part of the housing shortage, additional action is needed to protect low-income and fixed-income residents from escalating housing costs and preserve long-term affordability.

Dr. Pillsbury recounted receiving two separate phone calls from residents of senior housing whose rents had substantially increased. She recommended asking the state to put a limit on senior housing and how much the rent can be increased because it is becoming unaffordable. Dr. Pillsbury also recommended utilizing row homes. She explained that they make great starter homes, they are affordable, and the utility costs are lower due to the shared walls.

Mr. Boggerty echoed Dr. Pillsbury's statement, noting that one of the women she mentioned had her rent increase by 25%, equating to \$200. He also explained that one individual did complain and take action, and her lease was not granted in retaliation.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Ms. Townsend stated that tiny homes would fall in the missing middle category. She noted that the biggest issue is the cost of land. She explained that she and Ms. Melson-Williams were attempting to identify what zoning districts might be appropriate to allow for a cottage community. She noted that it would allow for density in small homes without a lot of overhead. The units could be owner-occupied, like a condo, or they could be rentals.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Ms. Townsend stated that the city is working to correct the Planning Department staffing issue and that it typically completes the process faster than other agencies. She explained that to go through the land development process with the City of Dover, the applicant must obtain approval from the Planning Department, Public Works, the Fire Marshal, the Electric Department, the Kent Conservation District, and DelDOT. She noted that they encourage applicants to begin conversations with DelDOT and the Kent Conservation District before submitting to the city, because they often do not have those conversations until after they have submitted, which adds time to the process.

Ms. Townsend stated that the Governor has signed an Executive Order that should have the state departments streamline their reviews.

Responding to Ms. Hall, Ms. Townsend stated that she has not seen any legislation introduced regarding rent stabilization.

Ms. Arndt stated that she was supportive of all the options presented, and she would like to see them all explored. She recommended that during the public engagement, the public should be able to see what the denser housing communities look like. She noted that the city does not have many townhouse communities, and it would be beneficial to have a visual of those, duplexes, triplexes, and accessory dwelling units (ADU).

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Ms. Townsend stated that the Housing Resource Committee (HRC) has been discussing the importance of making sure people understand what the communities can look like and that they do not all have one look.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Ms. Townsend stated that they have not yet begun discussions about the square footage for the tiny homes. She noted that they are reviewing the code, researching the different types, and will be bringing forward options. She explained that she has seen them as small as 450 square feet, while others start at 800 square feet. However, to be considered an accessory dwelling unit under the code, it requires bathing facilities, cooking facilities, and sleeping quarters.

Dr. Sudler noted that surrounding municipalities list a tiny home as 100 to 400 square feet. However, they also have accessory dwelling units of 400 to 1,000

square feet. He expressed concern with how close the square footage is and if it would create a problem for those who are building a tiny home, and it does not meet the accessory dwelling unit criteria, but is close to the square footage.

Ms. Townsend stated that an accessory dwelling unit can be within the principal structure, it can be over a garage, or a tiny home in a yard.

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First District

Dr. Pillsbury reported addressing concerns from senior citizens whose rent has been significantly increased. She also noted reporting on participating in the Dover Days Parade.

Mr. Rocha reported participating in the committee for the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, which was held the previous Thursday.

Second District

Ms. Hall reported working collectively with some members of council to organize a Town Hall Open Forum. She noted that it was very informative and that they were able to gather lots of feedback. She stated that there was an online survey, and she is looking forward to publishing the results and pulling together recommended steps for moving forward. She stated that a lot of the concerns centered around code enforcement.

Mr. Lewis reported attending the sixth anniversary ribbon-cutting of Burns and Ellis on April 29, 2026, and the Dover Days Parade and festivities. He noted addressing a constituent complaint on Holmes Street and referred the complaint to Ms. Duca and Mr. Kopp.

Third District

Ms. Arndt reported attending the Dover Days festivities, which had amazing fireworks. She also reported having several conversations with constituents regarding Silver Lake Park and what they would like to see as far as future park amenities. Lastly, she reported having conversations regarding some employee issues as an employee liaison for council.

Fourth District

Dr. Sudler reported working on budget concerns to potentially decrease the probability of a utility user fee increase. He also conducted a Mayor's Blue Ribbon OUD Task Force Committee meeting, where they forwarded individual agencies' information to the state level for consideration in the application of OUD funds. He also addressed concerns with basketball courts and vehicles being in residential areas. He reported reviewing ordinances with Mr. Eddie Kopp. Lastly, he reported looking forward to having extensive dialogue regarding addressing the seven-million-dollar deficit through a zero-base budget approach.

Mr. Anderson reported attending a number of events, including the National Day of Prayer, Dover Days, and ribbon cuttings for businesses. He reported receiving a number of parking concerns surrounding parking enforcement in places like The Green, Cecil Street, West Street, and Woodcrest. Woodcrest residents would like to work with the city to repaint the curbs where the yellow paint has faded. Additionally, residents in Mill Creek have expressed interest in adding a basketball court to their city park, especially after the talks of the enforcement of basketball courts on the streets. He noted that the park is not geared towards preteens or teens, and Representative Busch is interested in participating in the discussion. Lastly, he noted that the residents on South Bradford Street seem to be pleased with the community police officer who established rapport with them at their first meeting.

At-Large

Mr. Boggerty reported addressing the signs that should be going up in Lincoln Park to help reduce the ongoing speeding issues. He also reported addressing the rent increases in the 55-plus community. He reported attending the Governor's Prayer Breakfast and addressing various employee issues as an employee liaison.

Council President Neil

Council President Neil reported riding in a 1937 fire engine through the Dover Days Parade and attending a Construction and Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals Meeting. He reported sending out a Third District alert on behalf of Councilwoman Arndt and himself covering the upcoming NASCAR race, roadway issues, and scam warnings.

UTILITY COMMITTEE

The Utility Committee met with Chairman Rocha presiding.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Arndt moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Dr. Pillsbury and unanimously carried.

Evaluation of Proposals – Underground Utility Locating Services (Jason Lyon, Water/Wastewater Director)

Mr. Jason Lyon, Director of Water and Wastewater, reviewed the background and analysis of the evaluation of proposals for the underground utility locating services.

Staff recommended awarding a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions to Century Engineering LLC, a Kleinfelder Company, as per the proposal submitted in response to RFP #26-0017COD.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyon stated that Century Engineering LLC has been used in different circumstances but not for the requested task. He explained

that they are an engineering firm with experience in street design and water/wastewater design, which the city has used many times.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyon stated the vendor had very low damage rates. He explained that if a utility gets hit and it is the fault of the utility locator, then the utility must take on some of the resulting problems. The city must take on informing the public that they are out of service, resolving any restoration issues, and sending their team out to assess the damage. He explained that the low damage rates were one of their high marks, and it was one of the criteria that they looked at when evaluating the companies.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyon stated that the contract is for a three-year contract with two additional one-year contractual obligations at the city's discretion. For the first two years, it is an hourly cost for the locator to do the work that is required by state law. He explained that the hourly rate is the same for the first two years of the contract that was provided by the proposer. The third year, it will increase by three percent, which will require budgeting in the third year. He also noted that the project does not start until July 1, 2027.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyon stated that the three percent was not mandated, but the location of the utilities is.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyon stated that Century was the only vendor that provided the three percent pricing structure. He noted that the other two vendors provided increases every year.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Mr. Lyon explained that he has served on the board of Miss Utility of Delmarva for approximately 16 years and currently serves as its president. He provided background on the State's utility locating system, noting that a 1974 state law requires utility companies to locate and mark their utilities at their own expense when excavation work is planned. He explained that calls made to 811 are distributed to utility companies within the affected area, and those companies are responsible for the cost of locating and marking utilities. Mr. Lyon stated that the system was designed to encourage contractors and residents to use the service in order to prevent damage to gas, electric, and other utility lines during excavation activities.

Dr. Sudler moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation to award a three-year contract with the option of two one-year extensions to Century Engineering, LLC. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pillsbury and unanimously carried.

By consent agenda, Mr. Anderson moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Boggerty, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Rocha moved for adjournment of the Utility Committee meeting, hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee met with Chairman Anderson presiding.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Rocha moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Dr. Pillsbury and unanimously carried.

Proposed Ordinance #2026-05 – Amending Chapter 70 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Sec. 70-4. – Throwing and kicking objects and playing games in streets and public places (Eddie Kopp, Chief Code Enforcement Officer)

Mr. Eddie Kopp, Chief Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed Proposed Ordinance #2026-05.

Staff recommended forwarding Proposed Ordinance #2026-05 to council for approval.

Ms. Hall expressed opposition to the proposed restrictions on portable basketball courts, stating that many children rely on them as one of their only recreational outlets due to the removal of courts from local parks. She noted that, despite traffic concerns near her residence, she supervises her children while they play and believes families should have the right to allow their children to play outside on their property. Ms. Hall further stated that the proposal would likely generate significant public opposition and emphasized the importance of maintaining accessible opportunities for youth recreation and athletic development.

Mr. Boggerty expressed opposition to the ordinance, stating that playing games such as basketball, football, two-square, and other neighborhood activities in the street are a common part of childhood and community interaction. He acknowledged that there are risks involved but stated that recreational opportunities for youth are already limited due to the lack of nearby parks, community centers, and accessible facilities, and he emphasized the importance of neighborhood camaraderie and outdoor activity for children and families.

Ms. Arndt stated that she had previously provided comments to Mr. Kopp expressing similar concerns. She noted that the existing ordinance already contains provisions prohibiting athletic games, throwing balls, and similar activities in the street, including quoits, indicating that the ordinance was drafted many years ago. She questioned the need for additional regulations, stating that existing provisions may already address the issue. Ms. Arndt expressed support for children playing basketball outdoors rather than staying inside playing video

games, but stated that parents and homeowners should be responsible for removing and properly storing basketball hoops after use so they do not remain in the street. She further commented that homeowners or parents could potentially be cited under existing regulations for impeding traffic rather than expanding the ordinance.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Mr. Kopp stated that the adopted ordinance contains only line-item A, which says that it shall be unlawful for any person to throw, kick, or project. The addition is the equipment being stored in the street. Mr. Kopp noted that even if the ordinance is not passed, it is still unlawful to play games in the street unless the committee chooses to amend the ordinance as is currently written.

Dr. Sudler stated that while many residents, including himself, have played basketball in the street, the issue remains a legitimate traffic and public safety concern. He noted that basketball apparatuses placed in the roadway can obstruct drivers' visibility and create hazards for motorists, children, seniors, and visually impaired individuals, particularly after dark. He suggested the city consider a compromise, such as requiring basketball equipment to be removed from the street during nighttime hours.

Dr. Sudler emphasized that the current code already appears to prohibit such activity and that individuals playing basketball in the street are technically in violation under the ordinance as written. He expressed support for further clarification and possible amendments to establish a reasonable "happy medium," and recommended additional discussion and community input before taking final action.

He further suggested that a discussion for broader youth recreation needs within the community, including affordability of youth programs and summer activities are needed and encouraged the Parks and Recreation Committee to explore additional initiatives and solutions to better support youth engagement and recreation opportunities.

Mr. Rocha stated that while he personally played basketball in the street growing up, often on dead-end streets, he also recognizes the concerns raised by residents regarding late-night noise, safety, and the appearance of basketball goals left in the roadway. He expressed support for considering a curfew and requiring goals to be moved off the street and onto private property when not in use. Mr. Rocha acknowledged the need to balance neighborhood safety and respect for residents with the lack of recreational opportunities available to youth. He noted the limited accessibility and affordability of youth recreation programs and suggested that the committee explore revisions to the ordinance that could provide a reasonable compromise benefiting all parties.

Mr. Kopp clarified that the wording set up or store is what code enforcement is focusing on, as they are concerned with the storage of the equipment on the street. He noted that the word set up was in the preexisting ordinance, and it was included in conjunction with the ordinance as written. He explained that it is currently unlawful as written and recommended amending the first sentence and providing clarity. He noted that the reason for the changes was to address the storage of the equipment on the street rather than the kids playing in the street.

Mr. Neil moved to recommend sending the proposed ordinance back to staff for revisions based on the discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall.

Mr. Shevock expressed concerns regarding children playing basketball unsupervised in heavily traveled streets, particularly where vehicles are parked along the roadway and visibility is limited. He stated that young children running between parked cars to retrieve balls creates a significant safety hazard for both motorists and pedestrians. Mr. Shevock indicated he would have fewer concerns if basketball activity occurred on cul-de-sacs or less traveled streets, but felt it was irresponsible to allow children to play in busy streets under those conditions.

Mr. Anderson stated that the issue of basketball courts in streets has been divisive within the community, noting that opinions are often evenly split. He noted that not all streets present the same safety concerns. Roads heavily traveled, such as Governors Avenue, are inappropriate locations for basketball activity, although light residential streets or cul-de-sacs may be more suitable. Mr. Anderson further noted the city's limited ability to provide recreational facilities in every neighborhood and suggested that, if changes to the current prohibition were considered, reasonable limitations such as compliance with noise ordinances and restricting play after dark could help address resident concerns and improve public support.

Dr. Sudler stated that his primary concern was not the proposed time restrictions, noting that daylight can extend until 9:30 p.m. during the summer months. He emphasized that the core issue remained the placement of basketball apparatuses in the street, which would still be unlawful under the ordinance even with the proposed amendment. He noted that returning the ordinance for restructuring only addressed the amended portion and did not resolve the underlying concern of the adopted verbiage.

Mr. Kopp asked for clarification in relation to item A. He questioned if the committee wanted to put a timeline in place, dusk to dawn, a specific time, or strike the item altogether.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Mr. Kopp stated that there is no code against the equipment being stored on the property. He noted that code enforcement is concerned with the equipment being stored in the street. He explained that it is not

only a traffic concern, but it also prohibits public works from completing waste collection.

Mr. Rocha recommended placing dusk to dawn as the timeline.

Mr. Anderson recommended using 7:00 a.m.

Ms. Arndt stated that she would support not allowing the equipment to be stored on the streets, as it should be stored on the property. She agreed with the timeline being dusk to dawn. She also clarified that the noise ordinance states that yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing in public streets is not permissible between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Garfinkel said that dusk to dawn is not a good choice because it cannot be measured. Mr. Garfinkel expressed concern about noise and quality-of-life impacts on residents, particularly during evening hours when people are returning home from work. He emphasized that basketball activity in the street presents safety concerns, including balls entering the roadway, vehicle traffic conflicts, and interference with trash collection. Mr. Garfinkel suggested the city consider requiring developers to construct basketball courts in lieu of granting park fee waivers as an alternative solution. Mr. Garfinkel stated that the proposed ordinance changes appeared rushed and supported the Council President's motion to refer the matter back for further consideration rather than adopting what he characterized as "knee-jerk" legislation.

Mr. Rocha stated that while he understood the safety concerns associated with basketball goals and playing in the street, he believed they should find a balanced approach that still allowed children opportunities for recreation close to home. He expressed concern that children often lack accessible places to play and opposed completely prohibiting neighborhood basketball activity. Mr. Rocha suggested they explore measures such as "Children at Play" signage and stated he would support reasonable time restrictions for play. He emphasized the importance of keeping youth engaged in safe, constructive activities within their neighborhoods.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kopp stated that the act of playing in the street is not enforced by code enforcement. The Dover Police Department would be responsible for the enforcement. He noted that he only added the amendment regarding the storage of the equipment because that is what code enforcement is responsible for. He explained that he would be happy to make amendments to item A, but code enforcement is not responsible for that enforcement.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kopp explained that the proposed amendments were limited to the storage of basketball equipment, as that falls within the scope of code enforcement responsibilities. He stated that item A was not amended for that reason, but noted that if the committee wished to amend that section as well, he would make the necessary changes. He further clarified that code enforcement

does not enforce the activity itself, but is primarily concerned with the storage of the equipment.

Mr. Lewis noted that children are often outside playing sports in neighborhoods late into the evening under streetlights. He expressed support for establishing time restrictions to address noise concerns affecting nearby residents, including disturbances at night. He also stated he would be open to exploring amendments related to limiting the placement of basketball equipment, particularly where it may create obstructions or interfere with sanitation truck access.

Ms. Hall stated that she agreed with the proposed time limitations and raised an additional concern regarding practical enforcement during the day. She noted that children may need to briefly go inside for bathroom breaks, and questioned whether the equipment would then be repeatedly moved in and out of the roadway throughout the day. She emphasized that if designated play hours are established for safety reasons, then the storage requirements should align with those same hours to avoid continuous movement of equipment and to ensure consistency with the intended schedule.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Kopp recommended aligning item A with the existing noise ordinance, as read by Councilwoman Arndt, which restricts noise between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. He explained that the noise ordinance already addresses activities such as yelling, screaming, and other loud disturbances associated with outdoor play, including basketball. Therefore, he suggested it would be more appropriate to reference the existing ordinance rather than create separate standards, unless the committee chooses to revise the noise ordinance itself. He noted he is willing to amend item A accordingly at the pleasure of the committee.

Dr. Sudler expressed concern that, during the period while amendments to the ordinance are being drafted and processed, the current rules still make it unlawful to play basketball in the street. He noted that even if the committee advances a recommendation, it would not take effect for at least two weeks. He emphasized that this gap leaves the existing prohibition in place and asked how the council could resolve the issue so that basketball activities in the street are not technically unlawful during the interim.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Anderson stated that, per the charter, the ordinance would need to go through a first and second reading after additional discussion regarding the revisions. He noted that the changes will likely not be adopted until July.

Dr. Sudler recommended holding a special meeting to expedite the process so that the ordinance could be adopted before the end of the summer.

Dr. Pillsbury questioned whether the police department is aware that they are responsible for the enforcement. She also questioned whether the citizens are aware that the police department is responsible for the enforcement and not council. She stated that there appears to be a perception that council can internally enforce the regulation; however, enforcement is an interagency matter, and residents need to understand the appropriate agency to contact if they have concerns within their community. Dr. Pillsbury expressed interest in knowing how often the police department receives related complaints.

Responding to Dr. Pillsbury, Mr. Anderson stated that they could put the request into the police department to obtain how often they receive complaints regarding basketball. Mr. Anderson also asked for clarification on whether code enforcement was responsible for the apparatus being out and whether the police department was responsible for the actual activity.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Kopp stated that he was correct. He explained that code enforcement refers people to the police department with complaints.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Kopp explained that, in a broad sense, various personnel such as fire marshals, code enforcement officers, and cadets all serve as code officials. However, Delaware law establishes specific limits on enforcement authority. He provided the example of towing vehicles from private property, noting that although it had been done for many years, further legal review determined that state law specifically authorizes only municipal police to perform that function. He stated that ordinances are reviewed alongside Delaware Code to determine what actions are legally permissible, and that ordinance language is sometimes written in a particular manner to ensure compliance with state law and to protect the municipality from exceeding its authority.

Mr. Neil moved to recommend sending the proposed ordinance back to staff for revisions based on the discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and unanimously carried.

By consent agenda, Mr. Anderson moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Boggerty, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Proposed Ordinance #2026-06 – Amending Chapter 106 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. – Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 1. – Generally, Sec. 106-123. – Vehicle parking time limited where carrying capacity is in excess of one ton, and trailer and recreational vehicle parking (Eddie Kopp, Chief Code Enforcement Officer)

Mr. Eddie Kopp, Chief Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed Proposed Ordinance #2026-06.

Staff recommended forwarding Proposed Ordinance #2026-06 to council for approval.

Dr. Sudler moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation and forward Proposed Ordinance #2026-06 to council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried.

By consent agenda, Mr. Anderson moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Boggerty, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Anderson moved for adjournment of the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee meeting, hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Neil moved for adjournment of the Council Committee of the Whole meeting, hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

By consent agenda, Mr. Anderson moved for acceptance of the Council Committee of the Whole Report, seconded by Mr. Boggerty and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MONTHLY REPORTS

By motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Boggerty, the following quarterly reports were accepted by consent agenda:

City Council's Community Enhancement Fund Report
City Manager's Report
Fire Chief's Report

Controller/Treasurer's Budget Report

During the Regular Council Meeting, Mr. Anderson directed his questions to Ms. Marney regarding the audit schedule.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Marney stated that they were completing the fiscal Year 2025 audit, at which time they were working very closely with the auditors to prepare the upcoming audit schedule for Fiscal Year 2026. She explained that they were planning to present that schedule in either July or August and that staff had met with SMB Associates as of last week. She noted that they were compiling additional information regarding the proprietary funds that they had requested and were working with PFM Asset Management to compile data from their bank records for cash flow analysis. She further noted that in August, they would have an investment hearing at the Legislative and Finance Committee.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Marney stated that SMB Associates from Owens Mills, Maryland, does the independent audits currently.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Marney stated that when she came to the Finance Department, the Fiscal Year 2023 was behind and that they were already starting to work on Fiscal Year 2024. She explained that they typically would start working on the budget about three (3) to six (6) months ahead to prepare, so coming in two (2) cycles behind, they were playing catch-up for

the audits.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Marney clarified that they were catching up with their audits.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Marney clarified that they did not find any missing money when looking at the audits for the year.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Ms. Marney stated that the cost for an audit ranges from a low level of \$20,000 and up every year.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Ms. Marney stated that the independent auditor reviewed all departments, including the police department. She noted that the auditor evaluated all departments for reasonableness in the financial reporting.

Mr. Anderson moved for the adoption of the Controller/Treasurer's Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried.

Police Chief's Report

During the Regular Council Meeting, Dr. Sudler asked Ms. Bennett to read the motion from the last Regular Council Meeting regarding the Dover Police Academy into the record.

Ms. Bennett, City Clerk, read the motion: Dr. Sudler amended his motion to remove the suspension of all operations, funding, and administrative support for the Dover Police Department Police Academy, but to have the requested information sought regarding the Dover Police Academy be provided to council by June 8th at the Regular Council Meeting without suspension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis with a roll call vote of six (6) yes, two (2) no, and one (1) absent.

Dr. Sudler stated that the requested information that he asked for was regarding the operational status, whether it was sustainable or feasible, and all the standalone items that were supposed to be reported to the City Manager.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Ms. Duca stated that she had reviewed the information that was provided by Chief Johnson, which included his memorandum and attachments from the end of March, as well as spreadsheet information that was provided at the end of April. She noted that after reviewing those documents, she had several questions throughout May through this past Friday. She stated that one (1) of the things that was important when considering what he asked for was to evaluate the actual service or program costing. She explained that it was important to remember that the personnel costs were a critical function of, and that going through the information that was provided by the police department and the spreadsheet, they had originally provided three (3) individuals who were dedicated to the police academy and provided overtime. The overtime also represented some additional officers who were involved in the academy. She stated that, going through Appendix H of Chief Johnson's report, there was a detailed listing of different officers who supported the academy. She noted that some days, such as opening day, there were over 10 officers involved for that day, but the daily cost for those officers was not

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included. It was for overtime only. After her discussion with Chief Johnson, to get the final cost, he recommended looking at it per academy because they did not flesh out the fiscal year, which she did not object to. Since there were only two (2) academies per year, the cost could be extrapolated, but she believed it was important to get those additional costs for the other officers. She stated that the initial information that she had for him was that the direct revenue that was provided was close to \$95,000, and it appeared to be a bit higher when they ran some of the actual expenses. She noted that if she included the projected expense for the other officers who were involved in the academy, it would be over \$500,000 in expenses.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Ms. Duca clarified that, after subtracting \$95,000 from \$500,000, the expenses were greater due to personnel costs. She noted that proper service costing included the personnel expenses.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Ms. Duca stated that it was about \$405,000 annualized.

Dr. Sudler moved for the adoption of the Police Chief's Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried.

2026/2027 APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NEIL (DEFERRED DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026)

Council Committee of the Whole Subcommittee Chairs – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Legislative, Finance, and Administrative Committee – Councilman David L. Anderson
- B. Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee – Councilwoman Donyale M. Hall
- C. Safety, Advisory, and Transportation Committee – Councilman Andre M. Boggerty
- D. Utility Committee – Councilman Gerald L. Rocha

City Chaplain – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Elder Ellis B. Loudon

Construction and Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilman Andre M. Boggerty
- B. Councilman Fred A. Neil
- C. Councilman Gerald L. Rocha, Sr.

General Employee Pension Plan Board – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury
- B. Councilman Gerald L. Rocha, Sr.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Board – One-Year Term to Expire

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- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury
- B. Councilman Gerald L. Rocha, Sr.

Police Pension Plan – Retirement Committee – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury
- B. Councilman Gerald L. Rocha, Sr.

Downtown Dover Partnership Board of Directors – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Tricia K. Arndt
- B. Councilman David L. Anderson

Economic Development Committee – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury
- B. Councilwoman Donyale M. Hall

Kent County Tourism Board – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Donyale M. Hall

Kent Economic Partnership Board of Directors – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Mayor Robin R. Christiansen (Council President Designee)

Human Relations Commission Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Donyale M. Hall

City/County Committee – (Liaison to Kent County) – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Mayor Robin R. Christiansen
- B. Council President Fred A. Neil
- C. Councilwoman Tricia K. Arndt
- D. Councilman David L. Anderson
- E. Councilman Gerald L. Rocha
- F. Sharon Duca, City Manager

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury
- B. Councilwoman Donyale M. Hall

Education Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury

Healthcare Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury

Dover Air Force Base (DAFB) Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilman Andre M. Boggerty

Community Engagement Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilman Andre M. Boggerty

Unsheltered and Affordable Housing Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilman Gerald L. Rocha, Sr.

Higher Education Liaison – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Tricia K. Arndt

Code Board of Appeals – One-Year Term to Expire May 2027

- A. Councilwoman Julia M. Pillsbury
- B. Councilman Roy Sudler, Jr.
- C. Councilman Fred A. Neil

Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee

- A. Charles A. Cunningham IV (Recommended by Chairwoman Hall)
- B. Michael W. Lewis (Recommended by Council President Neil)

Safety, Advisory, and Transportation Committee

- A. Christine Kemp (Recommended by Chairman Boggerty)
- B. Chanda P. Jackson (Recommended by Council President Neil)

Utility Committee

- A. Esosa Iriowen (Recommended by Chairman Rocha)
- B. Glen Wilson (Recommended by Council President Neil)

Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee

- A. William Garfinkel (Recommended by Chairman Anderson)
- B. Daniel T. Shevock (Recommended by Council President Neil)

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY CITY COUNCIL**Board of Assessment Appeals – Four-Year Term to Expire March 2030**

- A. Cecilia A. Jones

Appointment of City Manager – Sharon J. Duca**SETTING OF ELECTRIC, WATER, AND WASTEWATER RATES AND TARIFFS (SHARON DUCA, CITY MANAGER, AND ANDREA GRIFFIN, CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR)**

Ms. Sharon Duca, City Manager, and Ms. Andrea Griffin, Customer Service Director, briefed members on the Setting of Electric, Water, and Wastewater Rates and Tariffs.

Responding to Mayor Christiansen, Ms. Duca stated that there would be a \$0.01 electrical rate.

Responding to Mayor Christiansen, Ms. Duca stated that the city sewer fees were not changing. She noted that the Kent County Sewer adjustment fee was going up to \$4.24 per thousand gallons from \$3.82. She further stated that the groundwater inflow adjustment and the water rates were not changing.

Responding to Mayor Christiansen, Ms. Duca clarified that the rates that were not changing included the public safety fee.

Mr. Anderson stated that he would vote no, even though he believed the measure was probably necessary, because of how his district had voted.

Dr. Sudler stated that his constituents, whom he has spoken with, could not afford the rates, so he voted no.

Mr. Neil moved to adopt the Rates and Tariffs as presented for Fiscal Year 2027. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arndt, carried by a roll call vote of six (6) yes (Hall, Boggerty, Pillsbury, Arndt, Rocha, Neil) and three (3) no (Anderson, Sudler, Lewis).

FIRST READING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-06 – AMENDING 106 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III. – STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING, DIVISION 1. – GENERAL, SEC. 106-123. – VEHICLE PARKING TIME LIMITED WHERE CARRYING CAPACITY IS IN EXCESS OF ONE TON, AND TRAILER AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING (EDDIE KOPP, CHIEF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER)

Council President Neil reminded the public that copies of the proposed ordinance were available on the City's website at www.cityofdover.com under "Government," or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 302-736-7008 or cityclerk@dover.de.us. Final action by Council on the proposed ordinance will take place during the Council Meeting of June 22, 2026.

Mr. Eddie Kopp, Chief Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed the Proposed Ordinance #2026-06, Amending Chapter 106 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III. - Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 1. - Generally, Sec. 106-123. - Vehicle parking time limited where carrying capacity is in excess of one ton, and trailer and recreational vehicle parking.

In accordance with Section 1-9 of the Dover Code, Council acknowledged the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance #2026-06, as read by the City Clerk, by title only, as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-06, AMENDING CHAPTER 106 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III. - STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING, DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY, SEC. 106-123. - VEHICLE PARKING TIME LIMITED WHERE CARRYING CAPACITY IS IN EXCESS OF ONE TON, AND TRAILER AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING.

FIRST READING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-11 – FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

CITY OF DOVER BUDGET ORDINANCE

Ms. Sharon Duca, City Manager, reviewed the Proposed Ordinance #2026-11 – Fiscal Year 2026/2027 City of Dover Budget Ordinance.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Griffin stated that it was up to council to determine how they would collect fees and taxes.

Responding to Mr. Griffin, Dr. Sudler asked if, as an option, if council could choose to be at a standstill if they chose not to raise the current rates, monitor the budget quarterly, and address financial challenges as they arose while preparing broader and diversified revenue sources. Mr. Griffin clarified that council had the authority to make that decision.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Ms. Bennett stated that, per the City of Dover Charter, the city would have to have a balanced budget to start the fiscal year, just like the General Assembly.

Mr. Griffin stated that they could not pass a budget that had liabilities that exceeded assets.

Mr. Neil stated that it could be dangerous to have a budget that had liabilities that exceeded assets because if that did not work, the city would have to come back and raise fees. He noted that there were concerns already with residents that if the city could not generate enough revenue, an additional increase of \$0.05 or \$0.10. He supported maintaining a balanced budget.

Mr. Anderson stated that he appreciated what Dr. Sudler was suggesting, but there were practical reasons why they would not be workable. He explained that the property tax was an annual tax and fee, which, once they go beyond July, doing so would be horribly disruptive if it required a partial-year increase. He further explained that they had to raise the amount that was projected; residents' escrows would double in order to make up for a mid-year increase. He also added that there would be other fees, such as business license fees and other fees that were set annually. He noted that with the electric fee, the problem with that was that the peak and most extensive time would be summer, and that would be when the city would need the money the most. He further noted that he voted to keep the pressure on to see if they could keep the costs down and that they could make sure to give some of that money back, but they would not know. He recalled Mr. Waddell's comment that they were now primarily a purchaser, not a producer, and they do not control their destiny in that sense. He mentioned that the only way he could see if working would be significant reductions in expenses, which they would need to cut most of the expenses except labor, and that would be a disruption that could be recovered from quickly. He added that they should look into some solutions for next year and suggested priority-based budgeting. He also suggested a municipal service fee and how that would function as a budgeting decision.

Mr. Griffith stated that in the City of Dover Ordinance, Part I – Charter and Related Laws, Subpart A – Charter, Article IV, Section 44: The city manager shall prepare and submit to the council a draft budget presenting a financial plan for conducting the affairs of the city for the ensuing fiscal year. He stated that the budget cannot be done quarterly, as previously stated. He further stated that the budget had to be done annually.

Dr. Sudler expressed concern that he had not heard a sustainable financial plan. He believed that they were to keep things at a standstill, and the constituents were aware that it would be a risk,

just like in business. He wanted to raise the idea for consideration since many constituents expressed concerns about being unable to afford their bills.

Mayor Christiansen stated that he understood where Dr. Sudler was coming from if they were a smaller community, but he did not want to “roll the dice” with their citizens. He explained that their profit margin was zero when they look at all of their expenses that have to be covered, their bond covenants, requests for the money that needed to be put aside, and depreciation funds. He noted that they were given back advice to get out of the electric business and should never have been decommissioned. He added that the funds spent on decommissioning could have been used to keep one (1) of the three (3) units. He suggested that, even if the unit was not producing all of the city’s electricity needs, it may have been able to sustain a portion of the demand and reduce the amount of electricity that needed to be purchased through PJM Interconnection market bids. He explained that because of a bad decision that was made, the City of Dover had spent over \$7 million to decommission the plant. He stated that, as they stood at a crossroad, where they had an issue that needed to be addressed, they could not take a lot of advice from individuals who were depending on them to make the right decision. He noted that they have 12 months before the next budget needs to be adopted to make all adjustments and have the opportunity currently to be good stewards of the monies that they were given, and that they needed to be more vigilant because a city has expenses that sometimes they have no control over.

In accordance with Section 1-9 of the Dover Code, Council acknowledged the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance #2026-11, as read by the City Clerk, by title only, as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-11 – FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 CITY OF DOVER BUDGET ORDINANCE.

FIRST READING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-12 – AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. – FINANCE, BY ADDING SEC. 2-428 – PUBLIC SAFETY FEE (SHARON DUCA, CITY MANAGER)

Ms. Sharon Duca, City Manager, reviewed the Proposed Ordinance #2026-12 – Amending Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V. – Finance, by Adding Sec. 2-428 – Public Safety Fee.

In accordance with Section 1-9 of the Dover Code, Council acknowledged the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance #2026-12, as read by the City Clerk, by title only, as follows:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-12 – AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. – FINANCE, BY ADDING SEC. 2-428 – PUBLIC SAFETY FEE.

FIRST READING REFERRAL – ANNEXATION/REZONING REQUEST/FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-13 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 102 FOX HALL DRIVE

A request was received for annexation and rezoning of property located at 102 Fox Hall Drive, consisting of 1.6390 acres +/-, owned by Frances and Bruce Johnson. This property is currently zoned RS-1- Residential Single Family Zone (Kent County zoning classification), and the proposed zoning is R-20 – One Family Residence Zone (City of Dover zoning classification).

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Staff recommended that the request be referred to the Utility Committee on June 23, 2026, for a public hearing/recommendation at the Planning Commission on July 20, 2026, and that a Public Hearing/Final Reading before Council be set for August 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (Tax Parcel: ED-00-076.05-01-06.00-000; Planning Reference: AX-26-03; First Council District)

Ms. Arndt moved for referral, as recommended, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and unanimously carried.

Ms. Dawn Melson-Williams, Principal Planner, briefed members on the Proposed Ordinance #2026-13 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Dover by changing the zoning designation from RS-1 – Residential Single Family Zone (Kent County zoning classification) to R-20 - One Family Residence Zone (City of Dover zoning classification) on that property located at 102 Fox Hall Drive, consisting of 1.6390 acres +/-, owned by Frances and Bruce Johnson.

In accordance with Section 1-9 of the Dover Code, Council acknowledged the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance #2026-13, as read by the City Clerk, by title only, as follows:

ORDINANCE #2026-13 – AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF DOVER BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 102 FOX HALL DRIVE

FINAL READING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-09 AMENDING CHAPTER 102 – TAXATION, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, SEC. 102-1 – VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT (SHARON DUCA, CITY MANAGER)

The First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance #2026-09 was accomplished during the Council Meeting of May 11, 2026. The ordinance is available at the entrance of the Council Chamber and on the City’s website at www.cityofdover.com under “Government.”

Ms. Arndt moved that the Final Reading of the proposed ordinance be acknowledged by title only, seconded by Mr. Rocha, and unanimously carried.

Ms. Sharon Duca, City Manager, briefed members on the Proposed Ordinance #2026-09 – Amending Chapter 102 – Taxation, Article I. – In General, Sec. 102-1 – Valuation and Assessment.

Mr. Anderson moved for adoption of Ordinance #2026-09 - Amending Chapter 102 – Taxation, Article I. – In General, Sec. 102-1 – Valuation and Assessment, seconded by Mr. Rocha, and carried a unanimous roll call vote.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 102 – Taxation, Article I – In General, Section 102-1 – Valuation and assessment, be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue, italics, and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:

Sec. 102-1. – Valuation and assessment.

Section 47 of the Charter provides that an impartial valuation and assessment of all real property within the city may be conducted by the city assessor or assessors. The council may also direct that, in lieu of the assessment and valuation by the city assessor, a reassessment and revaluation may be done by Kent County Levy Court, the assessor or assessors, or an outside mass appraisal company or a consortium of appraisers chosen by the council. Such contractor and tax office staff will be under the supervision of the city manager or his/her designee.

Commencing with the Fiscal Year 2026 City re-assessment values from the 2020 assessment will be used to calculate the 2025 tax bills, starting in Fiscal Year 2028 the City will use the Kent County values which will be reassessed in Fiscal Year 2029 and every 5 years after, unless otherwise directed, the revaluation and reassessment of all real property may be conducted, under the supervision of the assessor or in conjunction with the assessor and/or the city manager or his/her designee, by an outside mass appraisal company or a consortium of appraisers chosen by the council or by Kent County Levy Court. The mass appraisal company or consortium of appraisers shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Delaware and the City of Dover and shall employ appraisers who are licensed by the Delaware Division of Professional Regulations. All property shall be valued as to its status; as of its ownership; as of its current market value as of the January 1 assessment date, and shall reflect fair market value.

ADOPTED: JUNE 8, 2026

CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Duca announced that the Water Quality Improvement Project was currently on Queen Street near Mary Street. She stated that there would be a Water Street Stormwater project near the new family court building, which would begin around June 22nd, and would have Water Street closed from Governors to State Street. The roads would be closed for approximately a month or so. She also mentioned that the Kenton Road project through DelDOT has a substantial detour due to the roundabouts being installed by DelDOT, and a super fun cleanup project adjacent to the Victrola Museum that was scheduled to start this week and will be active for two (2) years. She explained that if additional information was needed regarding the project, please contact the Department of Water and Wastewater, which was coordinating with them through their engineering services. They could be reached at 302-736-7025.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Christiansen had no announcements.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sudler expressed his appreciation to Ms. Duca for stepping into the role and for her willingness to provide leadership and dedication to the City of Dover. He stated that he believed she was an excellent candidate for the position of City Manager.

Mr. Anderson reminded everyone that the African American Festival on June 27th, the fourth Saturday of every year, was a Dover celebration, and was for everyone celebrating a part of American heritage, which was its 250th year. The location was at Legislative Mall from 11:00

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a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He also mentioned that there was a Juneteenth event that starts at 12:00 p.m. on June 19th, starting with a parade at Legislative Mall.

Mr. Neil thanked those individuals for their kind words for the loss of his sister. He noted that she was very distinguished in a tremendous career.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ANDRIA L. BENNETT, CMC
CITY CLERK

All ordinances, resolutions, motions, and orders adopted by the City Council during their Regular Meeting of June 8, 2026, are hereby approved.

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

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Board of Assessment Appeals

June 4, 2026

The Board of Assessment Appeals was called to order at 10:20 A.M., by Chairman William Garfinkel. Board Members present were Chairman William Garfinkel, Board Members Doug Doyle and John Davis. Staff present were Andréa Griffin – Customer Service Director.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved as presented.

Exempt Requests

Central DE Housing Collaborative Inc.

Location:	Exempt Request:
238 N Governors Ave	\$183,900

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

An exemption request for the above-mentioned property was submitted to the Assessor's Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend that the request for exemption be reviewed.

No representative appeared on behalf of the applicant.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Doyle to deny the request due to the applicant's failure to appear before the Board.

Motion carried 3-0.

Neighborgood Partners Inc.

Location:	Exempt Request:
1. 16 N New St.	\$83,400
2. 29 S New St.	\$107,500

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

An exemption request was submitted to the Assessor's Office.

Applicant Presentation

Mr. Feltz stated that:

- NeighborGood Partners works with participants in its housing counseling program to promote homeownership.
- Completed homes are typically sold within approximately 60 days of project completion.
- Four passive homes completed during the previous year were sold within 60 days of completion.
- The homes were the first passive homes constructed in Delaware.
- Passive homes are designed to meet strict energy-efficiency standards, including reduced air leakage and advanced HVAC systems, resulting in significantly lower utility costs.

Mr. Feltz further explained that:

- The organization generally seeks to break even on projects rather than generate profit.
- Construction costs may exceed sales prices; however, grants and rebates from organizations such as the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) and downtown redevelopment programs help offset expenses.
- Buyers often enter homeownership with built-in equity as a result of these subsidies.

Board Discussion

Board members asked questions regarding:

- The passive home construction standards and energy efficiency features.
- The financial structure of the projects and whether demolition costs were incorporated into resale values.
- How NeighborGood Partners identifies properties for redevelopment.
- The organization's history and operational focus.

Mr. Feltz explained that:

- The organization primarily focuses on redeveloping vacant properties in downtown Dover.
- Vacant structures are often demolished promptly to reduce safety and liability concerns.
- NeighborGood Partners operates primarily throughout Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula and has additional housing initiatives underway in Sussex County.
- Homes are sold to owner-occupants through the organization's housing counseling program, which assists participants with credit improvement, savings plans, and homeownership readiness.

Board members discussed the likelihood that the properties would return to the tax rolls within approximately one year following redevelopment and sale.

Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve the tax exemption request for:

- 16 North New Street
- 29 South New Street

Motion carried 3-0.

Elizabeth W Murphy School Inc.

Location:	Exempt Request:
1. 1045 S Bradford St.	\$197,900
2. 914 S State St.	\$144,700

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Applicant Presentation

Mr. Michael Kopp provided an overview of the organization's Transitional Living Program, which supports youth aging out of foster care. He explained that the program originated in 1987 to address the challenges faced by young adults leaving foster care without family support, employment history, housing, or financial resources. The program has since expanded through a state contract that provides mentoring and independent living services to foster youth ages 16 and older throughout Kent County.

Mr. Kopp described the organization's efforts to provide stable housing for program participants. Due to housing barriers and increasing landlord requirements following the COVID-19 pandemic, Murphy School began acquiring residential properties to serve as transitional housing. The homes are located near the Murphy School campus to ensure accessibility and ongoing support from mentors and case managers.

The properties discussed, located on South Bradford Street and South State Street, are designated for young women participating in the transitional living program. Residents are generally between the ages of 18 and 23 and receive support in developing life skills, employment readiness, financial responsibility, and housing stability. Participants pay a monthly program fee of \$300, which helps cover utilities and supports program operations. The properties are maintained by Murphy School staff and contracted service providers to ensure they remain in good condition and do not become a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Kopp explained that all Murphy School property acquisitions are purchased outright without financing, in accordance with organizational policy. He outlined the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of both properties and noted that grant funding was utilized to complete the purchases.

Additional discussion highlighted the program's emphasis on helping participants establish credit history, maintain employment or educational enrollment, obtain driver's licenses, secure transportation, and develop practical life skills. Program staff provide ongoing mentoring and support to assist residents in achieving long-term independence.

Board Discussion

Board members inquired about:

- The number of residents housed at each property.
- Whether participation in the program helps residents build credit history.
- Future plans for acquiring additional properties.
- The current and projected demand for transitional housing services.

Mr. Kopp responded that each resident receives a private bedroom and that occupancy varies by property size. He also noted that approximately 80 young adults are currently served through the broader transitional living program, although housing needs fluctuate based on state foster care trends and participant circumstances.

Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve the tax exemption request for:

- 1045 South Bradford Street
- 914 South State Street

Motion carried 3-0.

Dover Interfaith Mission of Housing Inc

Location:	Exempt Request:
630 W Division Street	\$1,564,900

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

An exemption request was submitted to the Assessor's Office.

Mr. Peter Oldziey, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the organization, was present for the hearing.

Mr. Oldziey explained that the property will serve as an expansion of the organization's mission to assist vulnerable populations within the City of Dover by providing transitional housing and supportive services.

The proposed facility will be developed as part of the organization's "Interfaith Campus" and will include:

- Transitional housing units for individuals working toward self-sufficiency.
- Administrative offices for Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing.
- A resource center and training rooms.

- A healthcare clinic operated in partnership with Bayhealth.
- Housing units designated for medically fragile individuals.
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Mr. Oldziey explained that the organization currently provides emergency shelter services to men and women experiencing homelessness. Residents receive case management and support services aimed at achieving self-sufficiency. The organization maintains strict eligibility requirements, including employment, program participation, and compliance with a zero-tolerance drug and alcohol policy. Residents are subject to random drug testing and may be removed from the program for violations.

The transitional housing model is designed to bridge the gap between emergency shelter and permanent housing. Participants typically remain in the program for approximately two years while building savings, employment history, and housing stability. Program fees paid by residents support case management services and are not considered traditional rent.

Mr. Oldziey noted that the organization serves a diverse population, including:

- Individuals transitioning from incarceration.
- Persons recovering from substance abuse.
- Individuals facing economic hardship, divorce, or other life crises.
- Women with children who cannot afford market-rate housing.
- Medically fragile individuals who require supportive housing.
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The proposed facility is expected to contain approximately 20 housing units, many of which will be shared accommodations, with an anticipated capacity of 50 to 60 residents. Staff will be present onsite to provide supervision and support. Construction is anticipated to begin in early fall following completion of the design process.

Board Discussion

Board members asked questions regarding:

- The demographics and circumstances of individuals served by the organization.
- Transitional housing operations and resident requirements.
- Drug and alcohol screening procedures.
- Plans for serving medically fragile individuals.
- Project construction timelines.
- Potential coordination with correctional institutions for reentry services.

Mr. Oldziey provided additional details regarding program operations, housing capacity, and support services available to residents.

Motion

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve the tax exemption request for:

- 630 W Division Street

Motion carried 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Council Committee of the Whole met on June 09, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Council President Neil presiding. Members of Council present were Mr. Anderson, Ms. Arndt, Mr. Boggerty (left at 6:39 p.m.), Ms. Hall, Mr. Lewis (via WebEx), Dr. Pillsbury (via WebEx), Mr. Rocha, and Dr. Sudler (left at 7:49 p.m.). Mayor Christiansen was also present. Civilian members present for their Committee meetings were Mr. Shevock (via WebEx) (*Legislative, Finance, and Administration*). Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Lewis (*Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement*), and Mr. Garfinkel (*Legislative, Finance, and Administration*) were absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Rocha moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried.

Hope Center in Kent County Presentation (Matthew Heckles, DSHA Director)

Mr. Matthew Heckles, DSHA Director, reviewed the presentation entitled “Road to Hope – Delaware State Housing Authority” (**Attachment #1**).

This item was informational; committee action was not required.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Heckles stated that there would be approximately 160 rooms, given the center's current configuration. He explained that they are still reviewing how to manage occupancy of the building by families, mothers, children, husbands, wives, and so forth. He noted that there is a difference from the building in New Castle County, as the hotel in New Castle County had more suites, larger rooms, and adjoining rooms. Mr. Heckles stated that modifications to the facility layout may be needed to better accommodate larger families, including potential renovations to connect certain rooms and create larger family units before opening. He noted the intent to ensure family accommodation remains available and mentioned consideration of incorporating discharge respite beds into the project.

Mr. Heckles further explained that the Rural Health Transformation Grant is intended to support improvements to the healthcare system by reducing reliance on emergency rooms, ambulance services, and other high-cost healthcare resources. He stated that the project would seek to provide housing and onsite medical services for individuals who are frequent users of those services, with reduced utilization serving as part of the program's performance measures.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Heckles stated that plans for food services have not yet been fully developed. He noted that concepts under consideration include an on-site restaurant-style dining option for residents, potentially utilizing a meal card access system, as well as a fresh food market to improve access to fresh food in that area of the city. He emphasized, however, that food service is not intended to be the primary function of the facility or the primary service provided to residents.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Heckles stated that individuals currently receiving services outside of their home county may have opportunities to access services closer to where they live

as additional resources become available throughout the state. He explained that, as services expand in Sussex and Kent Counties, individuals and families may be better served locally rather than traveling to New Castle County. He noted that students attending schools in Dover would benefit from having local housing options available and emphasized that reducing long commutes would create a more supportive environment for children and families. Mr. Heckles stated that the project would provide Kent County with an option that does not currently exist to better serve residents locally.

Responding to Mr. Boggerty, Mr. Heckles stated that policies regarding whether registered sex offenders would be permitted to stay at the facility have not yet been finalized and that he was not prepared to make a commitment on that issue. He noted that similar facilities in New Castle County do not permit individuals with sex offense histories, but acknowledged that such restrictions can create barriers to access.

Mr. Heckles further explained that the project is anticipated to follow a housing-first and low-barrier-to-entry approach. He emphasized that these models do not eliminate rules or expectations for residents but instead focus on ensuring individuals do not lose housing solely due to noncompliance unrelated to the housing arrangement itself. He stated that behavioral concerns may still be addressed and appropriate action may still be taken when necessary, and clarified that the approach is intended to increase accessibility while maintaining structure and accountability rather than creating an unrestricted environment.

Mr. Rocha expressed support for the idea of incorporating a restaurant component into the project and referenced a model similar to those done by Jon Bon Jovi, in which community members who are able to pay for meals help support meals for individuals who cannot. He suggested that a similar approach could be considered for the Hope Center and further proposed that food service operations could create workforce development opportunities by allowing residents to gain training and work experience in hospitality or food service.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Mr. Heckles stated that the concept was consistent with the type of community-oriented programming being explored for the Hope Center and referenced examples of Jon Bon Jovi's philanthropic ideas and homelessness outreach efforts that incorporate similar approaches. He noted that the existing commercial kitchen at the former Dover Sheraton facility represents a significant asset and stated that the space was previously capable of serving large numbers of people, creating opportunities for future food-related programming.

Mr. Heckles stated that plans for use of the kitchen and cafeteria space are still being developed and emphasized that food and nutrition programming are not areas of the organization's expertise. He explained that the Hope Center intends to focus on housing and supportive services while partnering with organizations that specialize in food services, healthcare, job training, and other programming areas. He stated that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and future partnership opportunities will be used to identify qualified organizations to operate and support those services as the project develops.

Mr. Rocha asked whether outreach efforts would be developed for individuals experiencing homelessness who may be unwilling to seek shelter or participate in available programs.

Mr. Heckles acknowledged that even with a fully operational Hope Center, there will continue to be individuals who choose not to participate in shelter services. He stated that experience has shown that not every individual will engage with available programs; however, he expressed the belief that participation may increase if individuals view the program as one that treats them with patience, tolerance, and dignity and provides meaningful opportunities for long-term success through supportive services and best practices.

Mr. Heckles further explained that he envisions the Hope Centers serving as central locations for intake, outreach operations, mobile health services, and coordination of resources. He stated that outreach teams could operate from the Hope Center while maintaining connections to housing, food, healthcare, and other supportive services located onsite. He described the concept as creating a centralized hub for service delivery that strengthens coordination across programs and improves the overall system of care for individuals experiencing homelessness. He noted that effective outreach requires patience, understanding, time, and the development of trust over an extended period. He explained that many individuals experiencing homelessness may be hesitant to engage with available programs because prior attempts to seek assistance have not produced successful outcomes or because they feel the system has not adequately supported them. He acknowledged that individual circumstances may vary, but emphasized that rebuilding trust requires more than offering services; it requires demonstrating how current approaches and resources differ from past experiences and showing that participation can lead to better outcomes.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Mr. Heckles stated that they hope that after the acquisition and rehabilitation process takes place, they will be ready to open in four to six months, so that they can bring people in before the weather gets bad in the winter.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Heckles stated that available data generally does not support the perception that large numbers of individuals experiencing homelessness relocate from outside the state to access services. He stated that most individuals experiencing homelessness in Delaware have existing ties to the state or region, although defining residency can be complex depending on how long an individual has lived in the area and when housing instability occurred.

Mr. Heckles referenced research conducted in Wilmington that examined concerns regarding individuals relocating from outside Delaware and noted that the findings indicated relatively few people had moved from outside the area. He further emphasized that homelessness affects a broad range of populations, including families and senior citizens who may lose housing due to rising costs, fixed incomes, or changes in household circumstances.

Mr. Heckles stated that the population of individuals relocating specifically to seek services at the Hope Center is expected to be limited and emphasized that the project is intended primarily to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness within their local communities. He stated that residency requirements and related eligibility policies have not yet been finalized. He explained that the organization is currently reviewing policies and procedures used by other shelters in the region, as well as best practices from national organizations, to help inform development of its operating guidelines. Mr. Heckles stated that, while policy decisions remain under consideration, his preference would be not to impose unnecessary limitations and expressed

the view that individuals experiencing homelessness who are present in the community are likely in need of assistance.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Heckles stated that privacy, design, and security considerations are a significant part of the project planning process and will be evaluated both inside and outside of the facility. He noted that security was identified early as a priority and stated that one of the first Requests for Proposals (RFPs) issued would be for security services to support the program. Mr. Heckles explained that the facility is expected to operate with separate service and residential functions and noted that while service areas may operate with limited hours, residential access will likely need to remain available around the clock to accommodate varying resident schedules, requiring continuous security coverage in those areas. He further stated that existing security systems, including camera systems installed at the property, may remain in place and be incorporated into operations.

Regarding the exterior of the site, he noted that improvements under consideration include redesigning parking areas, curbing, and creating clearer property boundaries and separation features. He added that engaging an architect will be among the initial project steps to evaluate the facility and provide recommendations related to design, security, and site improvements.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Heckles stated that specific requests may develop as planning progresses but emphasized that the project's success will depend significantly on whether the city serves as a collaborative partner. He expressed hope that the Hope Center will be viewed as a community asset intended to create positive impacts for both the city and its residents and stated that a cooperative approach would improve the likelihood of successful outcomes.

Mr. Heckles noted that initial discussions had already occurred with the Dover Police Department, including officers involved in outreach and community policing efforts, and stated that the Hope Center could serve as an additional resource to support those efforts. He further stated that, at this time, he was not anticipating financial requests from the city but indicated that future support may include ideas, community connections, partnerships, and assistance in identifying organizations or providers for services such as workforce development and job training. He emphasized that collaboration with community partners will be important as the project continues to develop.

Mayor Christiansen stated that he was encouraged by elements of the proposed Hope Center model and noted similarities to strategies used during the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, including rapid housing placement paired with supportive services. He shared past experiences conducting outreach to individuals living in encampments, including veterans who were hesitant to engage with services due to prior experiences, and emphasized the importance of continued outreach and building trust.

The mayor noted that the facility's kitchen and food service capabilities create opportunities for workforce development and suggested potential partnerships with organizations that provide culinary and workforce training opportunities. He expressed support for developing programs that promote both resident self-sufficiency and long-term success.

Mayor Christiansen thanked Mr. Heckles for his leadership and collaboration efforts and stated that the city supports the project's success because of its potential to address community needs.

He noted that while direct financial support may not be available, the city remains willing to provide support through partnerships, resources, and community connections to assist with the implementation of the Hope Center initiative.

Mr. Heckles thanked Mayor Christiansen for his participation in the collaborative effort and stated that the collaborative has since been divided into ten committees to allow for more focused work on specific areas related to homelessness. He explained that topics under review include Code Purple, centralized intake, shelter capacity, exit strategies, and other targeted issues, with recommendations expected to be brought forward in October. He stated that breaking the work into smaller groups allows for more detailed evaluation and development of solutions than addressing homelessness through a single committee structure.

Mr. Heckles also expressed interest in continuing discussions regarding potential food service and workforce development opportunities associated with the Hope Center. He reflected on lessons learned through efforts to address veteran homelessness and emphasized that successful outreach requires actively engaging individuals, building trust, identifying needs on an individual basis, and connecting people with stable housing and supportive services.

Mr. Heckles stated that the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness demonstrated that focused efforts, coordinated resources, and active participation from local governments can produce measurable results. He noted that veteran homelessness outcomes improved because the initiative concentrated attention and resources on a defined population and stated that those strategies provide examples of approaches that could be applied more broadly to homelessness initiatives.

Mr. Neil stated that housing affordability and rising housing costs continue to contribute to homelessness, particularly for individuals with low or fixed incomes. He noted that employment does not always prevent housing instability and referenced examples of individuals who remain employed while experiencing homelessness.

Mr. Neil expressed concern about the potential impacts that homelessness and related challenges may have on surrounding businesses, commercial property owners, public safety resources, and overall community conditions. He discussed concerns raised by commercial property owners regarding property conditions and impacts on property values and noted the additional demands placed on law enforcement and public systems in responding to homelessness-related issues.

Mr. Neil further stated that homelessness often intersects with substance use disorders, mental health needs, and economic hardship, creating challenges that extend beyond the city's direct authority and financial capacity. He acknowledged limitations on the city's ability to provide certain services directly and emphasized the importance of partnerships and supportive programming.

Mr. Neil stated that, despite those concerns, he supports development of the Hope Center and views it as an important community resource that could provide housing, supportive services, and opportunities to help individuals stabilize, reconnect with services, and improve long-term outcomes.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Heckles stated that funding and facility design are two key components that distinguish the proposed Kent County program from similar models. He explained that while the New Castle County Hope Center utilized ARPA funding for acquisition, it did not have additional funding dedicated to sustaining operations. In contrast, Kent County has funding available through the Rural Health Fund, which will allow the program to develop services, operate over an initial five-year period, and establish sustainable funding sources through medical and supportive services over time.

Mr. Heckles further stated that the proposed facility is better suited to support the vision of providing residential services and shelter. As an example, he noted that the inclusion of on-site laundry facilities addresses a challenge experienced by the New Castle County Hope Center, where residents must travel off-site to complete laundry. He explained that providing these services on-site is intended to reduce barriers and allow residents to spend more time focused on education, employment, job training, family support, and other personal goals.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Heckles stated that the intake process policies have not yet been created. He explained that they are currently gathering information and will be put in place before the opening. He emphasized that those decisions would affect people, keeping some from wanting to go there and others from being able to go there, while letting others in. These are all important factors they need to weigh.

Responding to Dr. Sudler, Mr. Heckles stated that his vision would include on-site mental health services as part of a broader healthcare component, although specific programming and partnerships have not yet been determined. He noted that the intent is to provide both physical and mental health resources and expressed interest in potentially incorporating dental services to address challenges often experienced by low-income populations. Mr. Heckles emphasized that these concepts remain aspirational at this stage and that final decisions will depend on future partnerships and guidance from subject matter experts regarding appropriate on-site services and program structure.

Regan Coder, Dover, questioned why it would be beneficial to build a homeless outreach center when places like the People's Community Church could use the funding for the programs they already provide.

Mr. Heckles stated that the proposed Hope Center is intended to serve both as a direct provider of services and as a catalyst for broader system improvements. He explained that the scale and capacity of the facility could enhance service delivery in Kent County and support community organizations that may currently face resource limitations. He further stated that the model could help establish standards and accountability for state-funded programs by evaluating whether participants are receiving appropriate supportive services and progressing successfully through available programs. Mr. Heckles emphasized that he is not advocating for any specific provider or existing program but views the Hope Center as an opportunity to facilitate evaluation and discussion regarding service effectiveness and outcomes.

Mr. Coder asked if the new Hope Center would ever expect to partner with current centers.

Mr. Heckles stated that his biggest concern regarding homelessness in Delaware is that services are too fragmented, with too many groups operating independently. He noted that there are faith-based organizations, nonprofits, municipalities, counties, and other entities all doing work in this area; however, efforts are not coordinated effectively. He further stated that even the centralized intake system required by HUD is not functioning as well as it should and is only participating in and referring to certain homeless services.

Mr. Heckles stated that Delaware needs to rebuild the system by identifying organizations that are doing effective work, understanding why their approaches are successful, and empowering those efforts to expand and be shared across the state.

As an example, Mr. Heckles referenced a recent visit to Family Promise of Northern Delaware, which is opening a newly constructed shelter for families. He described the facility as beautiful and noted that it is part of a broader network of organizations across the state that are doing meaningful work. He stated that these organizations need continued support because the Hope Centers will not be able to address homelessness on their own.

Mr. Heckles concluded that the focus should be on creating a coordinated network and system to ensure the entire State of Delaware responds consistently to individuals in need, rather than having varying levels of resources and services available depending on location.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Heckles stated that the New Castle County Hope Center is not located near a retail area, which he noted has both advantages and disadvantages. He stated that outreach has been conducted with surrounding businesses and that several conversations have taken place, with additional discussions ongoing.

Mr. Heckles expressed hope that they can ensure they are good neighbors to nearby businesses, both in the immediate vicinity and throughout the corridor. He stated that through security measures, facility design, and supporting infrastructure, they aim to create a positive experience for everyone.

William Faust, Jr., 136 Orchard Avenue, questioned how they will maintain the funding since the city has funding issues and cannot provide financial support.

Responding to Mr. Faust, Mr. Heckles stated that the acquisition is associated with DSHA, and that operations will primarily be covered through the Rural Health Transformation Grant, which he believes has sufficient funding for the first five years.

He stated that the overall goal is to ensure sustainability over a 20-year period, which he described as a reasonable planning horizon. He expressed confidence in the funding stability for the first five years, noting that this period will also allow the development of financing mechanisms, including reserve funds and capital reserves for the building, to support long-term sustainability.

Mr. Heckles further stated that while the specific provider or program, such as food service delivery, may change over time, the intent is to maintain a consistent base of operations throughout the 20-year period.

Bonnie Pennington, Dover, questioned if the facility would have a cafeteria or individual eating areas, who would provide the funding for cleaning staff, doctors, and cooks, and how medication would be disbursed.

Mr. Heckles stated that he did not have answers to all of the questions raised, noting that some operational details still need to be developed. He stated that one issue regarding food service is whether food can be stored or kept in rooms, as this may create pest or infestation concerns in some facilities, and will need to be addressed through policy.

He noted that there are larger rooms on each floor that may allow for the placement of microwaves and potentially serve as communal spaces. He stated that while challenges are expected, policies and procedures are still being developed.

Mr. Heckles further stated that the facility includes approximately five floors, and that certain floors may be designated for specific populations based on need, including individuals requiring higher levels of medical care and a potential respite care floor. He stated that floor access could be managed through badge-controlled elevator access, limiting residents to designated floors.

He compared aspects of the facility design to hotel industry practices and stated that lessons can be learned from that sector. He also noted that a small number of suite-style units already exist with multi-room layouts, which would likely be used to accommodate families initially. He expressed hope that, following opening, adjoining rooms could be arranged to provide separate spaces for adults and children.

Mr. Heckles stated that first-floor space is being considered for storage of personal belongings, recognizing that individuals experiencing homelessness often have possessions that may not be suitable for in-room storage. He also noted the need to consider transportation-related needs, including parking, scooters, and bicycles.

He concluded by stating that these issues will require ongoing collaboration with partners experienced in this work, both locally and nationally, and emphasized the importance of learning from best practices in other jurisdictions, including examples from Seattle, Washington, by engaging with organizations that have implemented similar solutions.

Mr. Anderson moved to defer the Council Reports of May 2026 to the next meeting. Hearing no objection the motion was unanimously carried.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee met with Chairwoman Hall presiding.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Rocha moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried.

Revitalization of Mary Street Playlot (Roger Ridgeway, Parks and Recreation Director)

Mr. Roger Ridgeway, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the background and analysis regarding the revitalization of the Mary Street playlot.

Staff recommended approving to proceed with the revitalization plan.

Dr. Sudler moved to recommend approval to proceed with the revitalization of the Mary Street playlot. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried.

Ms. Hall moved for adjournment of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee meeting, hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee met with Chairman Anderson presiding.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Sudler moved for adoption of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rocha and unanimously carried.

Presentation on the Transfer on Death (TOD) deeds (Eugenia Thornton, Recorder of Deeds)

Ms. Eugenia Thornton, Recorder of Deeds, reviewed the presentation on the Transfer of Death Deeds.

This item was informational; committee action was not required.

Dr. Sudler thanked Ms. Thornton for her presentation.

Mr. Anderson thanked Ms. Thornton for lobbying the state legislature and being a leading force in implementing the Transfer on Death (TOD) deeds in the State of Delaware.

Responding to Ms. Hall, Ms. Thornton stated that, currently, there are no programs that assist with the financial costs of filing for a Transfer on Death Deed. She explained that Kent County Levy Court supported her in recommending that the filing fee be \$88 rather than \$105. She noted that the law requires that all fees be collected before recording a document. She has been working with

the CenDel Foundation to try to create a fund that will assist with legal issues that are associated with a TOD deed and property fraud, because clearing the title falls on the victim.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Ms. Thornton stated that Transfer on Death (TOD) deeds do not provide protection from Medicaid estate recovery or other outstanding debts. She explained that if sufficient debts exist at the time of the property owner's death and cannot be satisfied by those inheriting the property, the property may be required to go through probate to resolve those obligations. In Delaware, those matters would be administered through the Register of Wills.

Ms. Thornton noted that Delaware's process differs from some other states due to the role of the Register of Wills in handling probate matters, whereas in other states those matters may involve the courts, attorneys, or funeral directors. She emphasized that individuals who inherit property also inherit the responsibilities associated with the property and may ultimately need to decline or dispose of the interest if they are unable to maintain it.

She further stated that Delaware's law includes a provision allowing insurance coverage on the property to remain in place for the first 60 days after transfer to provide time for the beneficiary to determine whether they can assume ownership responsibilities. Ms. Thornton added that while some individuals use TOD deeds due to financial circumstances, others have used them simply as a means to avoid probate.

Mr. Coder asked about the procedure for someone revoking a TOD.

Responding to Mr. Coder, Ms. Thornton stated that the law regarding a transfer-on-death (TOD) deeds is very clear. She explained that a TOD deed may be revoked at any time, including up until the time of death; however, it must be recorded in her office in order to be valid and effective.

She noted that the timing of recording is critical. If a TOD deed is changed and recorded prior to death, the most recently recorded deed governs distribution. However, if a revised TOD deed is submitted but not yet recorded at the time of death, the previously recorded TOD deed remains controlling, even if the newer version designates a different beneficiary.

Ms. Thornton compared TOD deeds to wills, noting that while both may be updated, TOD deeds function as deeds rather than testamentary instruments and therefore require recording to take effect. She also referenced the ability in some jurisdictions to safeguard wills through storage programs in the Register of Wills office, and noted that in the case of wills, the most recently executed valid document generally prevails, even if multiple versions are discovered.

She further stated that TOD deeds are more limited in flexibility than wills and do not include the same contingencies or protections. She noted that wills may include requirements for acknowledgment of heirs, including providing nominal bequests, whereas TOD deeds allow a direct transfer designation without such requirements.

Ms. Thornton stated that TOD deeds require two witnesses and notarization to help ensure the individual is of sound mind and acting without duress. She emphasized that, once recorded, changes to property designation can be identified through the Property Fraud Alert program,

allowing individuals to be notified of changes and potentially address disputes directly with the property owner.

Responding to Mr. Coder, Ms. Thornton stated that the law in question has been adopted in approximately 30 other states, in some cases for up to 20 years. She referenced Chicago, where she stated she studied the practice extensively, noting that approximately 30,000 transfer-on-death (TOD) deeds have been processed over the past decade. She further stated that studies, including those conducted by DePaul University and others, have found that TOD deeds can help create generational wealth, which she cited as one of the reasons she supported implementing the law in Delaware.

Ms. Thornton stated that in cases where a property is sold, the TOD deed becomes incompatible because the grantor no longer has an ownership interest in the property and therefore cannot transfer it. She noted that some title companies recommend revocation of a TOD deed during the settlement process to ensure clear title, although this practice is not uniform. She stated that in Delaware, some title companies are currently requiring revocation as part of closing due to the relative newness of the law.

She further explained that the legal effect is the same as with wills in that a disposition cannot apply to property no longer owned by the testator or grantor. She stated that any attempt to transfer property through a will or TOD deed is ineffective if the individual no longer owns the property at the time of death.

Ms. Thornton also noted that inheriting property includes assuming associated obligations, including mortgages, homeowners' association fees, insurance, and utilities. She stated that property transfer does not eliminate existing debt or financial responsibilities tied to the property.

Evaluation of Proposals – City Hall Roof Replacement (Andrew McNatt, Facilities Manager)

Mr. Andrew McNatt, Facilities Manager, reviewed the background and analysis regarding the City Hall roof replacement.

Staff recommended awarding the City Hall Roof Replacement to Quality Exteriors, Inc. as per the proposal submitted in response to RFP #26-0018FM.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Mr. McNatt stated that the money was allocated from Fiscal Year 2026.

Mr. Neil moved to recommend approval of the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (Boggerty, Sudler, Garfinkel absent).

Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) Grant Application (Jason Lyon, Water/Wastewater Director)

Mr. Jason Lyon, Water/Wastewater Director, reviewed the background and analysis behind the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) grant application.

Staff recommended approval of the grant application in accordance with the City of Dover Department of Finance procedure.

Mr. Rocha moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation for the approval of the grant application for the TIIF. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shevock.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lyon stated that the intent of the budget that was presented to the body included money to pay for the improvements at Garrison Oak Technical Park using Economic Development funds. The goal is that the money will be awarded through the TIIF so that they will not have to use the Economic Development funds as a funding source.

Mr. Rocha moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation for the approval of the grant application for the TIIF. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shevock and unanimously carried.

Sole Source Request – ZeroEyes Gun Detection Solution (Thomas Johnson, Chief of Police)

Mr. Thomas Johnson, Chief of Police, and Ryan Kelly, Advantech, reviewed the background and analysis behind the sole source request for the *ZeroEyes* gun detection solution.

Staff recommended approving the request to sole-source Advantech/ZeroEyes vendors.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Chief Johnson stated that he has been tracking the ZeroEyes technology for approximately five years. He noted that when he first became aware of the system at a conference, it was primarily marketed for campus protection applications, such as healthcare or educational campuses, with the primary objective of identifying visible firearms in public spaces.

He explained that the intended use of the technology aligns with existing surveillance coverage of common areas within campuses and the city, and that it would only be applied to existing camera networks already used for recording video for criminal investigations, post-incident review, and other public safety purposes.

Chief Johnson stated that the system is intended to serve as an augmentation to current practices and uses narrowly focused artificial intelligence and analytics. He emphasized that it is not facial recognition technology and is not designed for identifying individuals. He described the system as being limited to detecting visible firearms, including pistols, revolvers, rifles, and shotguns, based on known firearm imagery.

He further explained that any alert generated by the system would be independently verified by a separate monitoring station staffed by vendor-employed specialists prior to notification being sent to law enforcement. He stated that this verification process is intended to reduce false alerts, such as those involving law enforcement officers carrying firearms in the course of duty.

Chief Johnson concluded that, once verified, notifications would direct staff to review specific camera feeds in real time, noting that the technology is designed to supplement, rather than replace, human monitoring capabilities, which are limited by staffing constraints.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Chief Johnson stated that the system will initially send a photograph as part of an alert process. He explained that the review process is learned over time and improves with experience, as analysts become familiar with routine scenarios such as armed security personnel conducting cash drops at locations like Wawa.

He noted that the individuals reviewing the alerts are law enforcement personnel and retired military analysts who make determinations on whether an alert should be cancelled or forwarded to the police department. He emphasized that these reviewers assess context, such as armed guards performing routine duties, in order to avoid unnecessary escalation while still ensuring appropriate notifications are made when a legitimate threat is identified.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Mr. Kelly stated that the process includes human intervention, whereby the analytic system first identifies a potential firearm, which is then verified by a human reviewer in dispatch. He explained that the “human-in-the-loop” verification step ensures that alerts are reviewed and confirmed before being forwarded to the Dover Police Department. He noted that this means alerts are already subject to a verification process prior to law enforcement notification.

Responding to Mr. Neil, Chief Johnson stated that, in response to an earlier observation from Council President Neil, he wanted to distinguish the technology being proposed from ShotSpotter, which is a sound detection system that identifies gunshots. He noted that the department has followed ShotSpotter for some time and receives frequent inquiries about it; however, he stated that it is very expensive and, in his view, offers limited additional value given the existing level of citizen reporting and dispatch response when gunfire occurs in the city. He noted that in most cases, though not all, when a firearm is discharged, police receive multiple calls quickly and response times are generally strong.

Chief Johnson further contrasted sound detection technology with ZeroEyes, emphasizing both cost and operational differences. He stated that ZeroEyes is significantly more economical and aligns with the department’s “left of bang” philosophy. He explained that “left of bang” refers to intervening before a weapons discharge occurs, rather than responding afterward.

He stated that while post-incident response involves investigating and addressing events after a shooting, the goal is to move earlier in the sequence of events to prevent harm. He explained that identifying a brandished firearm prior to discharge could provide officers additional time to respond and intervene.

Chief Johnson stated that such situations may include lawful firearm possession, which officers are trained to assess and handle appropriately, as well as unlawful possession cases requiring intervention. He emphasized that early identification could provide a critical window to prevent a potential shooting.

He concluded that this technology represents a significant advancement in using available tools to proactively address gun violence and improve the department’s ability to intervene before weapons are discharged, rather than solely responding after the fact.

Responding to Mr. Neil, Mr. Kelly stated that the technology is an analytic system that is expected to continue improving over time. He noted that there are over 250 cameras throughout the downtown area and that the intent is to leverage this existing infrastructure through analytics in order to be more proactive, rather than relying solely on human monitoring.

He stated that it is not feasible for staff to manually monitor all camera feeds without significant additional personnel, estimating that it would require a substantial increase in staffing to do so. He emphasized that the purpose of bringing the technology forward is to support law enforcement personnel by enhancing existing capabilities.

Mr. Kelly concluded that the city would continue to evaluate technology and analytics to assist the men and women behind the badge and to support public safety in the community.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Chief Johnson directed him to page three of the action form, noting that the project had been approved by the Criminal Justice Council for two consecutive years at slightly more than \$60,000 per year for the base cost of the detection system. He stated that the platform fee and associated upfront costs required by Advantech to interface with existing technology totaled slightly over \$13,000, which was identified as the additional funding needed to implement the system. He further noted that the funding source is listed to the right of the corresponding amount on the form.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Chief Johnson stated that the approval covers a two-year period. He explained that, prior to the meeting, he requested that the Criminal Justice Council consider approving funding for the second year during their budget deliberations. He stated that the Council subsequently approved the second-year funding.

He noted that this approval was significant for two reasons: first, to reassure city council that the system is funded for two years; and second, to allow sufficient time to evaluate the effectiveness and efficacy of the technology. He stated that this evaluation period would help determine whether he would recommend continuing the system and, if alternative funding cannot be identified, whether costs would need to be absorbed by the city in the future.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Chief Johnson compared the system to a traditional alarm company process. He explained that when an alarm is triggered, for example, for an ADT customer, the signal is first sent to the alarm company, which contacts the customer according to established protocols and, if necessary, forwards the alert to the appropriate 911 center.

He stated that the proposed system follows a similar path. Once the technology identifies a potential weapon, the alert is sent to a monitoring station in Conshohocken, where trained professionals staff the system 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He explained that these personnel verify the alert and once confirmed, electronically transmit the image and location information to the 911 center, where it is received through electronic means for further response.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Mr. Kelly stated that the system includes geotracking capabilities that provide location information within dispatch. He explained that designated staff members will also receive alerts directly on their cell phones through an application. He stated that alerts will identify

the individual, the location, and any movement across multiple camera feeds in real time. He noted that this information will be simultaneously transmitted to both dispatch and mobile devices, allowing for immediate awareness and response as the situation develops.

Responding to Mr. Rocha, Chief Johnson stated that the technology detects the image and shape of a firearm regardless of how it is constructed, including polymer, metal, or 3D-printed weapons. He emphasized that the system does not identify or focus on individuals, noting that it is not concerned with who a person is or what they are doing. He explained that the system simply detects when a firearm appears to be present in an uncontrolled or public setting, such as in a person's hand or on a vehicle, and generates an alert so that authorities can determine whether it presents a public safety concern.

Chief Johnson further stated that the alert is reviewed by a monitoring center staffed with trained personnel who are familiar with distinguishing lawful firearm possessions from potentially unlawful or threatening situations. He noted that if there is any uncertainty or concern, the alert is forwarded to the police department, which then follows standard response protocols. He compared the system to a 911 call reporting a person with a gun, noting that in traditional calls there may be only a verbal description and no visual confirmation. He stated that this technology provides an additional layer of information that is both faster and more detailed than a verbal report, enabling quicker situational awareness and response.

Mr. Rocha moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation for the approval of the sole source Advantech/ZeroEyes vendor.

Responding to Ms. Arndt, Chief Johnson stated that his prior remarks were intended to clarify that individuals such as uniformed security guards, police officers, sheriffs, and other persons acting in an official capacity would be included within that context. He stated that the reference was meant to address those individuals specifically. He further stated that the system does not consider additional personal factors related to individuals and that alerts are treated similarly to a 911 call reporting a person with a firearm. He explained that in such situations, dispatch and officers initially have limited information and must respond based on available details. Chief Johnson emphasized that whether information originates from a 911 call or from a ZeroEyes alert, the response is governed by standard dispatch procedures, officer training, and departmental policy. He stated that the source of the information does not change how incidents are handled operationally.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Kelly stated that to dismantle the system there would be zero cost. The physical server would be returned back to ZeroEyes who have the analytics on it and there would be no additional cost to remove that.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Ms. Marney stated that the funding was pulled from the police budget auto line and applied to the construction line, and the funds are available through the existing budget.

Responding to Mr. Lewis, Ms. Marney stated that funds are being reallocated from the Auto line object code 5022 to the Construction line object code 54031. She explained that the funds were

already available in the Capital Budget (Fund 101), which is the city's capital budget fund. She further noted that object code 5402 is an internal general ledger classification, and that the funding is being moved into the Construction line because the project is classified as a capital construction project.

Responding to Mr. Faust, Chief Johnson stated that the technology does not distinguish between individuals carrying a firearm; rather, it alerts when a firearm is visible. He explained that the department will process any resulting alert in the same manner as other notifications. He further stated that, for security purposes, he could not disclose specific methods used to identify law enforcement partners, noting that the department uses both active and passive deconfliction processes. He acknowledged concerns regarding potential "blue on blue" incidents but stated that the additional alerting system is not expected to increase that risk. Chief Johnson emphasized that existing rules of engagement and deconfliction procedures remain in place to ensure coordinated operations when law enforcement agencies are operating in the same area.

Mr. Rocha moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation for the approval of the sole source Advantech/ZeroEyes vendor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and carried by a roll call vote of seven (7) yes (Hall, Anderson, Pillsbury, Arndt, Rocha, Neil, Shevock, one (1) no (Lewis), and three (3) absent (Boggerty, Sudler, Garfinkel).

Allocation of Higher Education and Public Safety Fees (Grant in Aid Funds) for FY2026 (Patricia Marney, Controller/Treasurer)

Ms. Patricia Marney, Controller/Treasurer, reviewed the background and analysis of the allocation of the Higher Education and Public Safety fees for FY2026.

Staff recommended applying the remaining funds to police revenues to offset expenditures related to state-mandated expenses.

Mr. Rocha moved to recommend acceptance of the staff recommendation to apply the remaining funds to the police revenues to offset expenditures related to state-mandated expenses. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arndt and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (Boggerty, Sudler, and Garfinkel absent).

Closing of the Economic Development Grant Application Period (Councilman Anderson)

Mr. Anderson reviewed the background to the closing of the Economic Development Grant application period.

Staff recommended approval of closing the Economic Development Grant Application period.

Mr. Rocha moved to recommend acceptance of Mr. Anderson's recommendation to close the Economic Development Grant application period. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and unanimously carried.

Mr. Anderson moved for adjournment of the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee meeting, hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mr. Neil moved for adjournment of the Council Committee of the Whole meeting, hearing no objection the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Fred A. Neil
Council President

Attachments

Attachment #1 - DSHA Presentation entitled "Road to Hope"

Road to Hope

Delaware State Housing Authority



Project Overview

Item #4.

- Governor Meyer's Interagency Collaborative to End Homelessness identified significant gaps in shelter capacity and access to supportive services, especially in Kent and Sussex counties.
- Federal Rural Health Transformation Program allocated funding for the Hope Center expansion downstate.
- A center in Dover will close regional gaps, strengthen crisis response, and improve the pathway to permanent housing.
- In 2025:
 - State – 1,585 experiencing homelessness
 - Kent County - 321 experiencing homelessness



Vision for Kent County

- DSHA owned and operated
- Provide residential space for those who need housing and ensure access to supportive services
- DSHA will partner with DHSS and contractors to integrate those services on-site:
 - Rural Health Clinic
 - Daycare
 - Job training
 - Food needs
- DSHA will contract for security at the property

Property & Project Plans

- Identified the DSU Living and Learning Commons as most viable location for a Kent County Hope Center.
- Property is in a high-traffic commercial area with bus service and parking.
- Building is outfitted for various styles of living quarters and common areas.
- DSHA will provide overall management and oversight of the building and residential component.





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PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-06

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN
COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 106 – Traffic and Vehicles. Article III. – Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 1. – Generally, Section 106-123. – Vehicle parking time limited where carrying capacity is in excess of one ton, and trailer and recreation vehicle parking be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue, italics, and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:

Sec. 106-123. Vehicle parking time, **vehicle load capacity**, ~~limited where carrying capacity is in excess of one ton, and~~ trailer, and recreational vehicle parking.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle with a **carrying vehicle load** capacity of more than one ton, any trailer, which includes, but is not limited to, boat, utility, construction or one that is used to carry goods regardless of weight capacity and is designed to be towed or pulled by another vehicle, or any vehicle or trailer on the city streets for a period longer than two consecutive hours.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any commercial vehicle with a **carrying vehicle load** capacity of more than one ton, any trailer, which includes, but is not limited to utility, construction or one that is used to carry goods regardless of weight capacity and is designed to be towed or pulled by another vehicle, or any vehicle or trailer combination thereof, in any residential zone in the city except for temporary parking for immediate deliveries, pickups, and/or service calls to residences or for construction work on residential properties. A commercial vehicle shall be one which that is used or maintained for the transportation of ~~persons~~ **people**, ~~or~~ property, **or goods**, for hire, compensation, or profit, except taxicabs and **rideshare**.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park a trailered board under 25 feet on the streets of Dover for a period longer than 12 consecutive hours. For any trailered boat **with a length of 25 feet** or greater, refer to subsection (a).
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any recreational vehicle to park on any residential street for a period longer than 12 consecutive hours without a permit. A resident owner of a recreational vehicle may request a parking permit from the city to park on a residential street in the vicinity of their residence for a period not to exceed 72 hours. The permit would be made available at no cost to the resident. The parking permit shall be displayed in the front

37 window of the vehicle, visible from the street. A resident may only request such a permit
38 three times in any 12-month period.

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40 (e) Non-residents are exempt from subsection (d) for a period of up to seven days as long as
41 their recreational vehicle does not create a safety hazard or interfere with traffic in the
42 residential area ~~that~~ where they are parked ~~in~~.

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44 (f) All parking shall comply with the regulations in ~~allowed in this section only applies to~~
45 ~~streets that can accommodate parking in compliance with~~ Appendix A, Article VI,
46 Section A.

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51 ADOPTED: *

52 SYNOPSIS

53 This ordinance clarifies and establishes a precise definition of vehicle capacity within the ordinance. The
54 current language does not adequately identify or define vehicle capacity.

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56 (SPONSORS: NEIL, ANDERSON, SUDLER, AND DUCA)
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59 Action History

60 06/22/2026 – Scheduled for Final Reading – City Council

61 06/08/2026 – First Reading – City Council

62 05/12/2026 - Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration
63 Committee

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2026-12**

1 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN**
2 **COUNCIL MET:**

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4 That Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V. – Finance be amended by inserting Sec. 2-428. –
5 Public Safety fund as follows:
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7 ***Sec. 2-428. – Public safety fund.***
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9 *(a) The City Manager is hereby authorized to impose a fee and to bill residents and others for*
10 *police and fire services. Such fees will be assessed monthly and included as a general billing*
11 *item, included on monthly residential and commercial utility bills. The public safety fee shall*
12 *apply to all utility customers within the City of Dover boundaries.*
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14 *(b) Establishment of specialized fund.*

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16 *(1) All revenues received in accordance with this section shall be deposited in the public safety*
17 *fund. These funds shall be used to pay for regular and necessary administrative and capital*
18 *costs for police and fire services, including allowances for externalities and uncertainties,*
19 *and debt service.*
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21 *(2) The proceeds of the public safety fund shall be managed by the City of Dover Department*
22 *of Finance, which shall regularly report the status of the fund, arrange for audit, and*
23 *oversee disbursements as provided for by any contractual provisions and the city's*
24 *financial management policies.*

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26 *(c) Fees and the fee schedule will periodically be reviewed and adjusted to reflect changing costs.*
27 *Council shall set the fee by ordinance to be adopted annually with the adoption of the Fiscal*
28 *Year Budget ordinance. The fees are to be added, updated, and reflected in the rates and tariff*
29 *annual document, and such amount shall be kept in a separate, interest-earning account and*
30 *shall be used only for the costs associated with police and fire administrative and capital costs*
31 *and debt service. The fee is subject to the city's collection policies and procedures, but is not*
32 *lienable against customers' property nor subject to the Clean Hands Ordinance. The City*
33 *Manager may authorize commercial allocation procedures and utilize the same procedures as*
34 *other outstanding fees.*
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36 *(d) Exemption. Associated fees shall not be applied to properties covered by the Public Safety*
37 *Higher Education Fund.*
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(e) Severability. If any provision of this article shall be determined to be invalid in whole or in part, all other provisions shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

(f) Effective date. The public safety fee shall be effective on July 1, 2026.

Secs. 2-4289-2-500. – Reserved.

ADOPTED: *

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance establishes a public safety fee for the purpose of paying for regular and necessary administrative and capital costs for police and fire services, including allowances for externalities and uncertainties, and debt service. Properties associated with the Public Safety Higher Education Fund will be exempt.

(SPONSORS: ANDERSON, DUCA)

Action History

06/22/2026 - Scheduled for Final Reading – City Council

06/08/2026 – First Reading – City Council

06/08/2026 – Introduction – Special Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee

CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Sixty-Two Million Nine Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$62,908,300) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

GENERAL FUND		
CASH RECEIPT SUMMARY FOR 2026-2027		
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 10,139,500	\$ 5,246,200
RECEIPTS		
FINES AND POLICE REVENUE	767,900	745,600
LIBRARY REVENUES	151,200	157,700
KENT COUNTY BOOK REIMBURSEMENT	180,000	165,000
BUSINESS LICENSES	1,540,000	1,540,000
PERMITS AND OTHER FEES	1,722,000	1,740,000
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	-	75,000
POLICE EXTRA DUTY	514,000	550,000
HIGHER EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	-	1,600,000
PROPERTY TAXES	17,200,000	18,186,300
RECREATION REVENUE	145,000	142,000
FRANCHISE FEE	500,000	450,000
RENT REVENUE - GARRISON FARM	100,000	100,000
COURT OF CHANCERY FEES	4,500,000	4,500,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	200,000	100,000
RECEIPTS SUBTOTAL	27,520,100	30,051,600
INTERFUND SERVICE RECEIPTS		
INTERFUND SERVICE RECEIPTS GENERAL GOV	1,788,200	1,981,100
INTERFUND SERVICE RECEIPTS PUBLIC WORKS	983,100	790,300
INTERFUND SERVICE RECEIPTS CENT SRVCS	1,793,700	1,331,600
INTERFUND SERVICE RECEIPTS FIN ADMIN	3,373,700	3,398,500
INTERFUND SERVICE RECEIPTS SUBTOTAL	7,938,700	7,501,500
GRANTS:		
POLICE EXTRA DUTY	708,000	190,000
POLICE GRANTS FUND	165,000	-
POLICE PENSION GRANT	850,000	860,000
GREEN ENERGY GRANT	98,500	98,500
MISC STATE GRANT REVENUE	-	10,000
GRANTS SUBTOTAL	1,821,500	1,158,500
TRANSFERS FROM:		
TRANSFER TAX	2,400,000	2,300,000
LODGING TAX	500,000	450,000
AMBULANCE SERVICE	600,000	661,500
PUBLIC SAFETY FEE	-	589,000
MUNICIPAL STREET AID	750,000	750,000
CIVIL TRAFFIC PENALTIES	1,318,400	200,000
WATER/WASTEWATER	2,000,000	2,000,000
ELECTRIC	10,000,000	11,000,000
SANITATION	-	1,000,000
TRANSFERS FROM SUBTOTAL	17,568,400	18,950,500
TOTAL REVENUES	54,848,700	57,662,100
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE & REVENUE	\$ 64,988,200	\$ 62,908,300

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2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCES

GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES AND BUDGET BALANCE FOR 2026-2027

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		
CITY CLERK	\$ 492,900	\$ 542,200
COUNCIL	276,600	276,100
PLANNING	1,088,600	765,300
CITY MANAGER	1,605,300	1,630,100
HUMAN RESOURCES	529,900	423,700
MAYOR	316,700	320,200
FIRE	1,133,800	1,154,900
LIFE SAFETY	1,664,100	1,736,000
CODE ENFORCEMENT	962,000	858,300
INSPECTIONS	768,800	727,900
POLICE	24,762,300	26,939,400
POLICE EXTRA DUTY	910,700	910,700
PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION	743,500	760,100
STREETS	981,600	940,900
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,047,300	2,185,900
STORMWATER	1,085,100	1,077,600
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	807,900	670,900
PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING	303,500	268,700
LIBRARY	2,378,800	2,455,000
RECREATION	1,653,300	1,560,200
PROCUREMENT & INVENTORY	1,013,900	1,045,400
FLEET MAINTENANCE	1,139,800	1,144,000
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,045,700	1,075,200
FINANCE	1,029,800	1,046,400
CUSTOMER SERVICE	1,515,900	1,575,700
DEPARTMENT SUBTOTALS	50,257,800	52,090,800
OTHER EXPENSES		
DEBT SERVICE	625,200	630,000
CONTRIBUTION TO DDP	150,000	150,000
INSURANCE	1,200,000	1,200,000
OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES	200,000	-
BANK & CREDIT CARD FEES	57,800	55,000
STREET LIGHTS	830,000	750,000
OTHER EXPENSE SUBTOTAL	3,063,000	2,785,000
TRANSFERS		
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND - PROJECTS	5,511,200	1,799,100
APPROP. POLICE PENSION - STATE GRANT	850,000	860,000
TRANSFER TO FRANCHISE FEE RESERVE	10,000	10,000
TRANSFER TO ELECTRIC FUND (ERP)	25,000	25,000
TRANSFER TO INVENTORY RESERVE	25,000	25,000
TRANSFERS SUBTOTAL	6,421,200	2,719,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	59,742,000	57,594,900
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	5,246,200	5,313,400
TOTALS	\$ 64,988,200	\$ 62,908,300

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11
GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

107 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**
108 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Fifteen Million Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Three
109 Hundred dollars (\$15,365,300) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current
110 revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
111 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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REVENUES

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115 **BEGINNING BALANCE - PROJECTS**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ 4,164,800	\$ 1,529,700

116 **REVENUES**

117 MISCELLANEOUS RECIEPTS
118 LINE OF CREDIT (HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES)
119 STATE GRANTS - Other
120 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND
121 TRANSFER FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
122 TRANSFER FROM LODGING TAX
123 **SUBTOTAL PROJECT RECEIPTS**

20,000	-
324,500	-
7,447,000	10,160,500
5,720,400	1,799,100
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450,000	450,000
13,961,900	13,835,600

124 **TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES**

13,961,900	13,835,600
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125 **TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE AND REVENUES**

\$ 18,126,700	\$ 15,365,300
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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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128 **EXPENDITURES**

129 CITY CLERK
130 FIRE
131 GROUNDS
132 LIBRARY
132 RECREATION
133 CODE ENFORCEMENT
134 POLICE
135 STREETS
136 STORMWATER
137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
138 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
139 PROCUREMENT & INVENTORY
140 FLEET MAINTENANCE

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	569,500	909,400
	81,900	-
	94,100	-
	1,748,900	-
	135,000	-
	1,624,800	670,700
	3,603,000	1,426,000
	6,151,500	10,279,500
	579,600	-
	480,100	-
	1,293,400	-
	49,100	-

141 **DEPARTMENT SUBTOTAL**

16,410,900	13,385,600
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142 BUDGET BALANCE

1,715,800	1,979,700
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143 **TOTAL BUDGET BALANCE & EXPENDITURES**

\$ 18,126,700	\$ 15,365,300
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144 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
145 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
146 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

150 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

151 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars
152 (\$865,500) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
153 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
154 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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158 BEGINNING BALANCE

159 INTEREST EARNED

160 TOTALS

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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164 CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

165 TOTALS

166 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
167 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
168 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 810,800	\$ 830,500
INTEREST EARNED	19,700	35,000
TOTALS	\$ 830,500	\$ 865,500

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR	\$ 830,500	\$ 865,500
TOTALS	\$ 830,500	\$ 865,500

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL ASSET RESERVE

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

172 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

173 The amount hereinafter named aggregating One Million Seven Hundred Eighty-One Thousand dollars
174 (\$1,781,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
175 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
176 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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180 BEGINNING BALANCE

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ 1,404,700	\$ 1,666,000
	261,300	115,000
TOTALS	\$ 1,666,000	\$ 1,781,000

181 INTEREST EARNINGS

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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186 CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ 1,666,000	\$ 1,781,000
TOTALS	\$ 1,666,000	\$ 1,781,000

187 TOTALS

188 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
189 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
190 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

PARKLAND/RECREATION RESERVE
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	OPERATING REVENUES	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
INTEREST EARNINGS	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
	OPERATING EXPENSES	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	100,000	100,000
TOTALS	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

SANITATION
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Six Million Three Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$6,383,900) much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 331,800	\$ 859,100
RECEIPTS		
SANITATION SERVICES	5,168,400	5,524,800
TOTALS	\$ 5,500,200	\$ 6,383,900
	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		
SANITATION OPERATIONS	\$ 3,288,500	\$ 3,202,200
INTERFUND SERVICE FEES	617,600	610,200
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND - PROJECTS	735,000	477,000
TRANSFER TO CONTINGENCY RESERVES	-	75,000
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	-	1,000,000
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ASSET RESERVE	-	75,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,641,100	5,439,400
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	859,100	944,500
TOTALS	\$ 5,500,200	\$ 6,383,900

The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

SANITATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating Four Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand dollars (\$477,000) much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	REVENUES	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 739,000	\$ -
TRANSFER FROM OPERATING FUND	735,000	477,000
TOTALS	\$ 1,474,000	\$ 477,000

	EXPENSE SUMMARY	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		
SANITATION CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 1,474,000	\$ 477,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,474,000	477,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 1,474,000	\$ 477,000

The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11
WATER FUND
REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$10,976,900) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER	\$ 2,225,400	\$ 2,624,700
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	2,225,400	2,624,700
BASE REVENUE		
WATER SERVICES	7,568,500	7,478,000
WATER TANK SPACE LEASING	464,000	484,000
WATER IMPACT FEES	250,000	330,000
INTEREST - WATER	150,000	15,000
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE FEE	85,900	45,200
TOTAL REVENUES	8,518,400	8,352,200
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES AND REVENUES	\$ 10,743,800	\$ 10,976,900

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2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCES

WATER FUND - EXPENSES AND BUDGET BALANCE FOR 2026-2027

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
DIRECT EXPENSES		
ENGINEERING & INSPECTION	\$ 428,100	\$ 437,200
WATER DEPARTMENT	971,000	1,013,100
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	3,081,500	2,981,000
DIRECT EXPENDITURE SUBTOTAL	4,480,600	4,431,300
OTHER EXPENSES		
DEBT SERVICE - WATER	543,000	604,100
INTERFUND SERVICE FEES	750,900	1,209,100
BANK & CREDIT CARD FEES	25,000	25,000
OTHER EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	1,318,900	1,838,200
TRANSFER TO:		
GENERAL FUND FROM WATER	1,000,000	1,000,000
WATER IMP AND EXT	1,289,600	940,700
WATER IMPACT FEE RESERVE	-	110,000
ELECTRIC FUND (ERP)	25,000	25,000
TRANSFER TO INVENTORY WRITE-OFFS	5,000	5,000
TRANSFER TO SUBTOTAL	2,319,600	2,080,700
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,119,100	8,350,200
BUDGET BALANCE SUBTOTALS	2,624,700	2,626,700
TOTAL CURRENT YEAR BALANCES AND EXPENSES	\$ 10,743,800	\$ 10,976,900

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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WATER IMPROVEMENT & EXTENSION FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

315 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

316 The amount hereinafter named aggregating One Million Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred dollars
317 (\$1,084,200) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
318 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
319 begining July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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323 BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER

324 TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES

325 REVENUES

326 STATE LOAN FUND - WATER

327 STATE GRANT - WATER

328 TRANS FR OPERATING FUND - WATER

329 TRANSFER FR WATER IMPACT FEE

330 INTEREST INCOME

331 TOTAL REVENUES

332 TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES & REVENUES

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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335 EXPENSES

336 ENGINEERING

337 WATER

338 WATER TREATMENT PLANT

339 TOTAL EXPENSES

340 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS

341 TOTAL BUDGET BALANCES & EXPENSES

342 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
343 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
344 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER	\$ 4,436,900	\$ 143,500
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	4,436,900	143,500
REVENUES		
STATE LOAN FUND - WATER	2,217,500	-
STATE GRANT - WATER	8,072,500	-
TRANS FR OPERATING FUND - WATER	1,289,600	940,700
TRANSFER FR WATER IMPACT FEE	357,600	-
INTEREST INCOME	50,000	-
TOTAL REVENUES	11,987,200	940,700
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES & REVENUES	\$ 16,424,100	\$ 1,084,200
EXPENSE SUMMARY		
EXPENSES		
ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -
WATER	9,720,400	340,700
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	6,560,200	600,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,280,600	940,700
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	143,500	143,500
TOTAL BUDGET BALANCES & EXPENSES	\$ 16,424,100	\$ 1,084,200

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11
WASTEWATER FUND
REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

348 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**
349 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Fifteen Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred
350 dollars (\$15,780,100) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current
351 revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the
352 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
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355 BEGINNING BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 3,114,100	\$ 2,648,900
356 TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	3,114,100	2,648,900
357 BASE REVENUE		
358 WASTEWATER SERVICES	5,131,300	5,028,600
359 WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES	4,775,400	5,300,000
360 GROUNDWATER INFLOW ADJUSTMENT	2,369,800	2,322,400
361 WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES	235,000	310,200
362 INTEREST - WASTEWATER	200,000	150,000
363 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE FEE	200	20,000
364 TOTAL REVENUES	12,711,700	13,131,200
365 TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES AND REVENUES	\$ 15,825,800	\$ 15,780,100

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2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCES

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WASTEWATER FUND - EXPENSES AND BUDGET BALANCE FOR 2026-2027

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369 DIRECT EXPENSES

370 ENGINEERING & INSPECTION

371 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

372 DIRECT EXPENDITURE SUBTOTAL

373 OTHER EXPENSES

374 DEBT SERVICE - WASTEWATER

375 KENT COUNTY TREATMENT CHARGE

376 INTERFUND SERVICE FEES

377 BANK & CREDIT CARD FEES

378 OTHER EXPENSES SUBTOTAL

379 TRANSFER TO:

380 GENERAL FUND FROM WASTEWATER

381 WASTEWATER IMP AND EXT

382 WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE RESERVE

383 ELETRIC FUND (ERP)

384 TRANSFER TO INVENTORY WRITE-OFFS

385 TRANSFER TO SUBTOTAL

386 TOTAL EXPENSES

387 BUDGET BALANCES

388 BUDGET BALANCE WASTEWATER

389 BUDGET BALANCE SUBTOTALS

390 TOTAL CURRENT YEAR BALANCES AND EXPENSES

391 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
392 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
393 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

2025/26	2026/27
REVISED	BUDGET
\$ 531,400	\$ 559,000
1,524,400	1,594,200
2,055,800	2,153,200
644,000	582,500
5,811,000	6,580,000
935,200	936,800
6,000	8,500
7,396,200	8,107,800
1,000,000	1,000,000
2,694,900	1,437,600
-	150,000
25,000	25,000
5,000	-
3,724,900	2,612,600
13,176,900	12,873,600
2,648,900	2,906,500
2,648,900	2,906,500
\$ 15,825,800	\$ 15,780,100

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT & EXTENSION FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

397 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

398 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Two Million Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Eight
399 Hundred dollars (\$2,748,800) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated
400 current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government
401 for the fiscal year begining July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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405 BEGINNING BALANCE - WASTEWATER

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
	\$ 2,989,900	\$ 1,222,800

406 REVENUES

407 STATE GRANT

95,300 -

408 TRANS FR OPERATING FUND - WW

2,694,900 1,437,600

409 TRANSFER FR WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE

235,400 28,400

410 INTEREST INCOME

50,000 60,000

411 TOTAL REVENUES

3,075,600 1,526,000

412 TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES & REVENUES

\$ 6,065,500 \$ 2,748,800

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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415 EXPENSES

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET

416 WASTEWATER

\$ 4,842,700 \$ 1,526,000

417 TOTAL EXPENSES

4,842,700 1,526,000

418 BUDGET BALANCE - WASTEWATER

1,222,800 1,222,800

419 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS

1,222,800 1,222,800

420 TOTAL BUDGET BALANCES & EXPENSES

\$ 6,065,500 \$ 2,748,800

421 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
422 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
423 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

WATER CAPITAL ASSET RESERVE
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Six Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$680,100) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

CASH RECEIPTS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER	\$ 636,200	\$ 650,100
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	636,200	650,100
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS - WATER	13,900	30,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,900	30,000
TOTALS	\$ 650,100	\$ 680,100

EXPENSE SUMMARY

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WATER	\$ 650,100	\$ 680,100
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	650,100	680,100
TOTALS	\$ 650,100	\$ 680,100

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

WASTEWATER CAPITAL ASSET RESERVE

CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$678,600) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 634,800	\$ 648,600
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	634,800	648,600
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS - WASTEWATER	13,800	30,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,800	30,000
TOTALS	\$ 648,600	\$ 678,600
	<u>EXPENSE SUMMARY</u>	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 648,600	\$ 678,600
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	648,600	678,600
TOTALS	\$ 648,600	\$ 678,600

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

WATER IMPACT FEE RESERVE
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Two Million Four Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,409,500) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

CASH RECEIPTS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER	\$ 2,132,700	\$ 2,304,500
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	2,132,700	2,304,500
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS - WATER	171,800	105,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	171,800	105,000
TOTALS	\$ 2,304,500	\$ 2,409,500

EXPENSE SUMMARY

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO I & E FUND FROM WATER IMPACT FEES	-	340,700
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WATER	\$ 2,304,500	\$ 2,068,800
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	2,304,500	2,409,500
TOTALS	\$ 2,304,500	\$ 2,409,500

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE RESERVE

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

506 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

507 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Six Million Eight Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred
508 dollars (\$6,847,800) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current
509 revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal
510 year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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514 BEGINNING BALANCE - WASTEWATER

515 **TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES**

516 **RECEIPTS**

517 INTEREST EARNINGS - WASTEWATER

518 **TOTAL RECEIPTS**

519 **TOTALS**

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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523 TRANSFER TO I & E FUND FROM WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES

524 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WASTEWATER

525 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS**

526 **TOTALS**

527 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
528 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
529 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 6,264,600	\$ 6,547,800
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	6,264,600	6,547,800
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS - WASTEWATER	283,200	300,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	283,200	300,000
TOTALS	\$ 6,547,800	\$ 6,847,800
	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
TRANSFER TO I & E FUND FROM WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES	\$ -	\$ 28,400
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 6,547,800	\$ 6,819,400
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	6,547,800	6,847,800
TOTALS	\$ 6,547,800	\$ 6,847,800

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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WATER CONTINGENCY RESERVE

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

533 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

534 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred dollars
535 (\$322,400) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and
536 other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
537 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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541 BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER

542 **TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES**

543 **RECEIPTS**

544 INTEREST EARNINGS - WATER

545 **TOTAL RECEIPTS**

546 **TOTALS**

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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550 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WATER

551 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS**

552 **TOTAL EXPENSES AND CURRENT YEAR BALANCES**

553 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
554 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
555 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WATER	\$ 298,400	\$ 310,400
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	298,400	310,400
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS - WATER	12,000	12,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,000	12,000
TOTALS	\$ 310,400	\$ 322,400

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WATER	\$ 310,400	\$ 322,400
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	310,400	322,400
TOTAL EXPENSES AND CURRENT YEAR BALANCES	\$ 310,400	\$ 322,400

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11
WASTEWATER CONTINGENCY RESERVE
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$358,100) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>		
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 331,100	\$ 343,100
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES	331,100	343,100
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS - WASTEWATER	12,000	15,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	12,000	15,000
TOTALS	\$ 343,100	\$ 358,100

<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>		
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE - WASTEWATER	\$ 343,100	\$ 358,100
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE SUBTOTALS	343,100	358,100
TOTAL EXPENSES AND CURRENT YEAR BALANCES	\$ 343,100	\$ 358,100

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

ELECTRIC REVENUE FUND

REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating One Hundred Sixty-Two Million One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred dollars (\$162,188,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 66,151,300	\$ 50,119,000
DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS - PCA CREDIT	-	-
BEGINNING BALANCE - ADJUSTED	66,151,300	50,119,000
BASE REVENUE		
DIRECT SALES TO CUSTOMER	101,796,900	107,128,600
UTILITY TAX	1,348,500	1,356,100
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	700,000	800,000
RENT REVENUE	135,000	75,000
GREEN ENERGY	135,000	135,000
INTEREST EARNINGS	3,000,000	2,500,000
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS (ERP)	75,000	75,000
TOTAL REVENUES	107,190,400	112,069,700
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE & REVENUES	\$ 173,341,700	\$ 162,188,700

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2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCES
ELECTRIC REVENUE FUND EXPENSES AND BUDGET BALANCE FOR 2026-2027

	2025/26	2026/27
	REVISED	BUDGET
EXPENSES		
POWER SUPPLY	\$ 26,631,500	\$ 22,777,200
SOLAR ENERGY	3,361,200	3,097,100
SOLAR RENEWAL ENERGY CREDITS	375,100	348,200
POWER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT	729,900	759,000
REC'S (Renewable Energy Credits)	6,465,100	4,706,100
RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Init.)	87,500	96,700
PJM CHARGES - ENERGY	11,925,700	16,015,700
PJM CHARGES - TRANSMISSION & FEES	17,001,700	17,045,100
CAPACITY CHARGES	22,191,100	21,303,100
SUB-TOTAL POWER SUPPLY	88,768,800	86,148,200
PLANT OPERATIONS	2,239,600	2,398,600
GENERATIONS FUELS	878,500	220,000
PJM SPOT MARKET ENERGY	(108,300)	(816,300)
PJM CREDITS	(188,000)	(225,200)
CAPACITY CREDITS	(9,336,100)	(10,589,400)
GENERATION SUBTOTAL	(6,514,300)	(9,012,300)
POWER SUPPLY & GENERATION SUBTOTAL	82,254,500	77,135,900
DIRECT EXPENDITURES		
TRANSMISSION/DISTRIBUTION	5,743,600	5,761,100
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	2,052,000	2,333,000
ADMINISTRATION	1,751,900	1,544,100
METER READING	569,400	494,200
SYSTEMS OPERATIONS	1,159,400	1,203,500
DIRECT EXPENDITURE SUBTOTALS	11,276,300	11,335,900
OTHER EXPENSES:		
UTILITY TAX	1,348,500	1,356,100
ALLOW FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES	100,000	250,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - RFP'S	50,000	50,000
LEGAL EXPENSES	50,000	50,000
INTERFUND SERVICE FEES	5,123,800	4,733,900
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	20,000	21,000
BANK & CREDIT CARD FEES	700,000	750,000
DEBT SERVICE	1,376,300	1,374,800
STORM EXPENSE	150,000	100,000
OTHER EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	8,918,600	8,685,800
TRANSFER TO:		
IMPROVEMENT & EXTENSION	10,538,300	2,438,500
GENERAL FUND	10,000,000	11,000,000
OTHER RESERVES	135,000	135,000
TRANSFER TO INVENTORY WRITE-OFFS	100,000	100,000
TRANSFER TO SUBTOTAL	20,773,300	13,673,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	123,222,700	110,831,100
BUDGET BALANCE - WORKING CAPITAL	50,119,000	51,357,600
TOTALS	\$ 173,341,700	\$ 162,188,700

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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ELECTRIC UTILITY IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION FUND
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

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659 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**
660 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Fifteen Million Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven
661 Hundred dollars (\$15,627,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from
662 current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for
663 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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REVENUES

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667 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ 15,580,600	\$ 10,989,200

668 **REVENUES**

669 GRANT/BOND/LOAN

10,538,300 2,438,500

670 GENERAL SERVICE BILLING

200,000 1,700,000

671 INTEREST EARNINGS

500,000 500,000

672 **TOTAL REVENUES**

11,238,300 4,638,500

673 **TOTALS**

\$ 26,818,900 \$ 15,627,700

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

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676 **EXPENSES**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
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677 ELECTRIC ADMINISTRATION

\$ 87,000 \$ 190,000

678 ELECTRIC GENERATION

807,800 670,000

679 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

3,649,000 2,438,000

680 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

9,431,600 1,246,000

681 METER READING

50,800 94,500

682 ERP SYSTEM

1,803,500 -

683 **TOTAL EXPENSES**

15,829,700 4,638,500

684 **BUDGET BALANCE**

10,989,200 10,989,200

685 **TOTAL BUDGET BALANCE & EXPENSES**

\$ 26,818,900 \$ 15,627,700

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687 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
688 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

ELECTRIC UTILITY CONTINGENCY RESERVE

CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating One Million One Hundred eighteen Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$1,118,400) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

	<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 1,013,400	\$ 1,063,400
RECEIPTS		
INTEREST EARNINGS	50,000	55,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50,000	55,000
TOTALS	\$ 1,063,400	\$ 1,118,400
	<u>EXPENSE SUMMARY</u>	
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	\$ 1,063,400	\$ 1,118,400
TOTALS	\$ 1,063,400	\$ 1,118,400

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPRECIATION RESERVE
SOURCES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR 2026-2027

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716 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

717 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Twenty-One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand
718 Seven dollars (\$21,737,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from
719 current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government
720 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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724 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

725 INTEREST EARNINGS

726 **TOTALS**

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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730 TRANSFER TO ELECTRIC I & E

731 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

732 **TOTALS**

733 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
734 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
735 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 19,887,700	\$ 20,787,700
INTEREST EARNINGS	900,000	950,000
TOTALS	\$ 20,787,700	\$ 21,737,700

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO ELECTRIC I & E	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	20,787,700	21,737,700
TOTALS	\$ 20,787,700	\$ 21,737,700

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11
**ELECTRIC UTILITY FUTURE CAPACITY RESERVE
SOURCES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR 2026-2027**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating sixteen Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Seven
Hundred dollars (\$16,970,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated
from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal
Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>			
		<u>2025/26</u> <u>REVISED</u>	<u>2026/27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 15,570,700	\$ 16,270,700
INTEREST EARNINGS		700,000	700,000
TOTALS		\$ 16,270,700	\$ 16,970,700

<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>			
		<u>2025/26</u> <u>REVISED</u>	<u>2026/27</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
TRANSFER TO ELECTRIC I & E		-	\$ -
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE		\$ 16,270,700	\$ 16,970,700
TOTALS		\$ 16,270,700	\$ 16,970,700

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interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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ELECTRIC UTILITY INSURANCE STABLIZATION RESERVE
SOURCES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR 2026-2027

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762 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

763 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred dollars
764 (\$986,600) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
765 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
766 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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770 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ 883,600	\$ 933,600
	50,000	53,000
TOTALS	\$ 933,600	\$ 986,600

771 INTEREST EARNINGS

772 **TOTALS**

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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776 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
	\$ 933,600	\$ 986,600
TOTALS	\$ 933,600	\$ 986,600

777 **TOTALS**

778 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
779 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
780 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE STABLIZATION RESERVE

SOURCES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating Ten Million Four Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand Two Hundred dollars(\$10,472,200) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

CASH RECEIPTS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 9,804,600	\$ 10,142,200
INTEREST EARNINGS	337,600	330,000
TOTALS	\$ 10,164,600	\$ 10,472,200

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	10,142,200	10,472,200
TOTALS	\$ 10,164,600	\$ 10,472,200

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

806 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

807 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred dollars
808 (\$750,100) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
809 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
810 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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814 BEGINNING BALANCE

815 STATE GRANT

816 TOTALS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
\$	100	\$ 100
	750,000	750,000
\$	750,100	\$ 750,100

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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820 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

821 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE

822 TOTALS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
\$	750,000	\$ 750,000
	100	100
\$	750,100	\$ 750,100

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824 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
825 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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ELECTRONIC RED LIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

829 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

830 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Two Hundred Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$200,100) or
831 so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for
832 the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning
833 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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837 BEGINNING BALANCE

838 POLICE FINES

839 TOTALS

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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843 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

844 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE

845 TOTALS

846 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
847 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
848 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 100	\$ 100
POLICE FINES	1,318,300	200,000
TOTALS	\$ 1,318,400	\$ 200,100

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,318,300	\$ 200,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	100	100
TOTALS	\$ 1,318,400	\$ 200,100

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

852 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

853 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Nine Million Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Seven
854 Hundred dollars (\$9,385,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from
855 current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government
856 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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OPERATING REVENUES

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860 BEGINNING BALANCE

861 INTEREST INCOME

862 PREMIUM FROM CITY

863 TOTALS

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OPERATING EXPENSES

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867 PROGRAM EXPENSES/SUPPLIES - CLAIMS

868 INSURANCE

869 STATE OF DEL - SELF INSURANCE TAX

870 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

871 TOTAL EXPENSES

872 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE

873 TOTALS

874 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
875 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
876 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 6,691,500	\$ 7,583,500
INTEREST INCOME	200,000	235,000
PREMIUM FROM CITY	1,352,000	1,567,200
TOTALS	\$ 8,243,500	\$ 9,385,700
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PROGRAM EXPENSES/SUPPLIES - CLAIMS	\$ 300,000	\$ 250,000
INSURANCE	291,300	300,000
STATE OF DEL - SELF INSURANCE TAX	30,000	30,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	38,700	37,200
TOTAL EXPENSES	660,000	617,200
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	7,583,500	8,768,500
TOTALS	\$ 8,243,500	\$ 9,385,700

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

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880 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

881 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred dollars
882 (\$496,600) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
883 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
884 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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OPERATING REVENUES

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888 PRIOR YEAR BALANCE

889 GRANTS REVENUE

890 TOTALS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -
GRANTS REVENUE	556,100	496,600
TOTALS	\$ 556,100	\$ 496,600

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OPERATING EXPENSES

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894 PROGRAM EXP. GRANT RELATED

895 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE

896 TOTALS

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PROGRAM EXP. GRANT RELATED	\$ 556,100	\$ 496,600
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 556,100	\$ 496,600

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898 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
899 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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LIBRARY GRANT FUND

CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

903 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

904 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred dollars

905 (\$418,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues

906 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year

907 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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OPERATING REVENUES

911 **PRIOR YEAR BALANCE**

912 STATE GRANT

913 FEDERAL GRANT

914 OTHER GRANTS

914 **TOTALS**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
\$ 215,786	\$ -	
414,112	415,100	
8,348	3,600	
1,000	-	
\$ 639,246	\$ 418,700	

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OPERATING EXPENSES

918 **STATE GRANTS**

919 FURNITURE/FIXTURES

920 OFFICE SUPPLIES

921 PRINTING AND DUPLICATING

922 PROGRAM EXPENSES/SUPPLIES

923 BOOKS

924 COMPUTER SOFTWARE

925 COMPUTER HARDWARE

926 AUDIO VISUAL SUPPLIES

927 POSTAGE

928 ADVERTISING

929 TRAINING/CONF/FOOD/TRAV

930 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

930 OFF EQP/REPAIRS & MAINT

931 OTHER EQUIP - LEASE

932 **SUBTOTAL EXPENSES STATE GRANTS**

936 **GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES**

937 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

938 **TOTALS**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
\$ 93,864	\$ 30,800	
33,258	30,000	
18,308	10,000	
37,425	37,000	
170,416	145,000	
9,026	6,000	
55,109	30,000	
106,526	85,000	
168	100	
14,486	10,000	
12,840	5,000	
67,200	17,200	
3,385	2,000	
7,888	6,000	
638,246	417,700	
638,246	417,700	
1,000	1,000	
\$ 639,246	\$ 418,700	

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940 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any

941 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

CDBG GRANT FUND

CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

The amount hereinafter named aggregating Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026:

<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>			
		2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE		303,430	-
CDBG GRANTS RECEIVED		321,933	300,000
TOTALS		\$ 625,363	\$ 300,000
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
		2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
EXPENDITURES			
PRIOR YEAR NSP PROGRAM		\$ -	\$ -
PRIOR YEAR CLOSING COST/DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAM		-	-
PRIOR YEAR DOVER INTERFAITH MINISTRY		-	-
PRIOR YEAR MHDC EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR		42,540	-
PRIOR YEAR MHDC HOMEOWNER REHAB.		-	-
PRIOR YEAR MHDC HOMEOWNER REHAB.		-	-
PRIOR YEAR MILFORD HOUSING H/O REHAB		8,839	-
PRIOR YEAR HOUSE OF HOPE		-	-
PRIOR YEAR ADMIN EXPENSE		-	-
SALARIES		-	-
CURRENT YEAR NSP PROGRAM		6,000	-
CURRENT YEAR CLOSING COST/DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAM		203,056	80,000
CURRENT YEAR DOVER INTERFAITH MINISTRY		927	-
CURRENT YEAR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY		25,000	25,000
CURRENT YEAR MHDC EMERGENCY REPAIRS		25,000	40,000
CURRENT YEAR HOUSE OF HOPE RENOVATIONS		15,000	-
CURRENT YEAR HOUSE OF HOPE OPERATIONS		45,444	40,000
CURRENT YEAR MILFORD HOUSING H/O REHAB		90,000	55,000
CURRENT YEAR PEOPLES COMMUNITY CENTER REHAB		40,000	-
CURRENT YEAR PEOPLES COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATIONS		22,700	-
CURRENT YEAR ADMIN EXPENSE		100,858	60,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		625,363	300,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE		-	-
TOTALS		\$ 625,363	\$ 300,000

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

210 - ARPA FUNDING
CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:
The amount hereinafter named aggregating Three Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$348,500) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

OPERATING REVENUES

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE	\$ 348,500	\$ 348,500
INTEREST INCOME	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 348,500	\$ 348,500

OPERATING EXPENSES

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	348,500	348,500
TOTALS	\$ 348,500	\$ 348,500

The above budget represents the combination of all State & Federal Grants.
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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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207 - POLICE GRANTS FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1014 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1015 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand dollars (\$252,000) or
1016 so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds
1017 for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning
1018 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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OPERATING REVENUES

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1022 **PRIOR YEAR BALANCE**

1023 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVED

1024 **TOTALS**

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OPERATING EXPENSES

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1028 **EXPENDITURES**

1029 **PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES**

1030 PROGRAM SALARIES

1031 **MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES**

1032 PROGRAM EXPENSE

1033 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

1034 **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES**

1035 TRAINING

1036 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

1037 **OTHER FINANCING USES**

1038 OPERATING TRANSFERS-OUT

1039 **TOTAL FINANCING USES**

1040 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

1041 **TOTALS**

1042 The above budget represents the combination of all State & Federal Grants.

1043 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
1044 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
1045 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE	\$ 944,415	\$ -
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVED	191,000	252,000
TOTALS	\$ 1,135,415	\$ 252,000
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
EXPENDITURES		
PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES		
PROGRAM SALARIES	\$ 117,339	\$ 177,000
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		
PROGRAM EXPENSE	429,410	-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	437,666	-
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES		
TRAINING	-	25,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	984,415	202,000
OTHER FINANCING USES		
OPERATING TRANSFERS-OUT	151,000	50,000
TOTAL FINANCING USES	151,000	50,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 1,135,415	\$ 252,000

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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LODGING TAX FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1049 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

1050 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Nine Hundred Thousand dollars (\$900,000) or so much
1051 thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds for the use
1052 by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning
1053 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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1057 BEGINNING BALANCE

1058 LODGING TAXES

1059 TOTALS

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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1063 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

1064 TRANSFER TO GOVT CAPITAL FUND

1065 CURRENT YEAR BALANCE

1066 TOTALS

1067 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
1068 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
1069 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -
LODGING TAXES	900,000	900,000
TOTALS	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
TRANSFER TO GOVT CAPITAL FUND	450,000	450,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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209 - POLICE GRANTS FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1073 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1074 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000) or so much
1075 thereof dollars (\$250,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current
1076 revenues and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
1077 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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OPERATING REVENUES

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1081 **PRIOR YEAR BALANCE**

1082 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVED

1083 **TOTALS**

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OPERATING EXPENSES

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1087 **MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES**

1088 POLICE EQUIPT & PROG SUPP

1089 **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES**

1090 TRAINING

1091 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

1092 **OTHER FINANCING USES**

1093 OPERATING TRANSFERS-OUT

1094 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

1095 **TOTALS**

1096 The above budget represents the combination of all State & Federal Grants.

1097 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
1098 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
1099 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE	\$ 137,334	\$ -
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVED	279,704	250,000
TOTALS	\$ 417,038	\$ 250,000
	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		
POLICE EQUIPT & PROG SUPP	\$ 299,464	\$ 200,000
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES		
TRAINING	10,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	309,464	200,000
OTHER FINANCING USES		
OPERATING TRANSFERS-OUT	107,574	50,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 417,038	\$ 250,000

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE GRANTS FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1103 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1104 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$81,900) or
1105 so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other funds
1106 for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning
1107 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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OPERATING REVENUES

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1111 **PRIOR YEAR BALANCE**

1112 STATE GRANTS RECEIVED

1113 RECREATION REVENUE

1114 **TOTALS**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
\$	95,100	\$ 36,900
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	45,000	45,000
\$	140,100	\$ 81,900

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OPERATING EXPENSES

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1118 **EXPENDITURES**

1119 TEMPORARY HELP/BENEFITS

1120 PROGRAM EXPENSES/SUPPLIES

1121 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

1122 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

1123 **TOTALS**

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
\$	58,200	\$ 60,400
	45,000	21,400
	103,200	81,800
	36,900	100
\$	140,100	\$ 81,900

1124 The above budget represents the combination of all State & Federal Grants.

1125 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
1126 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
1127 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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REALTY TRANSFER TAX FUND

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1131 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1132 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Two Million Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$2,300,000)

1133 or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other

1134 funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning

1135 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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1139 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

1140 REALTY TRANSFER TAXES

1141 **TOTALS**

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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1145 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

1146 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

1147 **TOTALS**

1148 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make

1149 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any

1150 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -
REALTY TRANSFER TAXES	2,400,000	2,300,000
TOTALS	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,300,000

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,300,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,300,000

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1154 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1155 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Three Million Ninety-Eight Thousnd Seven Hundred dollars

1156 (\$3,098,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues

1157 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year

1158 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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2025/26

2026/27

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REVISED

BUDGET

1162 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

\$ 712,400 \$ 3,098,700

1163 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND

2,469,600 -

1164 **TOTALS**

\$ 3,182,000 \$ 3,098,700

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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2025/26

2026/27

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REVISED

BUDGET

1168 PROGRAM EXPENSE

\$ 83,300 \$ 1,426,000

1169 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

3,098,700 1,672,700

1170 **TOTALS**

\$ 3,182,000 \$ 3,098,700

1171 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make

1172 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any

1173 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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AMULANCE SERVICE

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1177 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1178 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred dollars
1179 (\$661,500) or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues
1180 and other funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year
1181 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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1185 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

1186 AMBULANCE FEE

1187 **TOTALS**

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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1191 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

1192 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

1193 **TOTALS**

1194 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make
1195 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any
1196 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -
AMBULANCE FEE	600,000	661,500
TOTALS	\$ 600,000	\$ 661,500

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$ 600,000	\$ 661,500
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 600,000	\$ 661,500

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CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE # 2026-11

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PUBLIC SAFETY FEE

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CASH RECEIPTS/REVENUES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

1177 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:**

1178 The amount hereinafter named aggregating Five Hundred eighty-Nine Thousand dollars (\$589,000)

1179 or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated from current revenues and other

1180 funds for the use by several departments of the Municipal Government for the fiscal year beginning

1181 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

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CASH RECEIPTS

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1185 **BEGINNING BALANCE**

1186 AMBULANCE FEE

1187 **TOTALS**

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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1191 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

1192 **CURRENT YEAR BALANCE**

1193 **TOTALS**

1194 The City Manager is hereby authorized, without further approval of the City Council, to make

1195 interdepartmental transfers of up to five percent of the amount hereinafter appropriated to any

1196 department with the exception of any transfers prohibited by City Procedure #F306.

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -
AMBULANCE FEE	-	589,000
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 589,000

	2025/26 REVISED	2026/27 BUDGET
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$ -	\$ 589,000
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	-	-
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 589,000