

**City Council
Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 30, 2013**

Council President Cavo called the Council Meeting of the Whole to order at 7:33PM on September 30, 2013 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

Attorney Bob Yamin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present were Council Members: Philip Curran, Michael Haddad, Jack Knapp, Warren Levy, Gregg Seabury, Colleen Stanley, Donald Taylor, Shay Nagarsheth, Michael Halas, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Andrew Wetmore, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Paul Rotello, Joseph Scozzafava and Mary Teicholz

Absent: Phil Colla (out of state) and Elmer Palma (out of state)

Present: 19 **Absent:** 2

Also present were, Lazlo Pinter, Deputy Corporate Counsel, Registrar of Voters Mary Ann Doran (Republican) and Margaret Gallo (Democrat).

Council President Cavo stated the purpose of the meeting – to determine the Polling locations for Ward 3 and Ward 6.

Council Member Knapp made a motion to approve the change of location of both Polling Places, seconded by Council Member Nagarsheth.

Council Member Saadi asked if the Ward 3 polling location was properly before the Council since both Registrars agreed to the change. A discussion ensued after clarification that *both Registrars publicly stated they supported the change.*

Council Member Knapp retracted his original motion to make a new one and Council Member Nagarsheth retracted his second.

Council Member Knapp, made a motion to move the 3rd Ward polling place to Stadley Rough School. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion.

Council Member Saadi asked to make a motion to accept as a friendly amendment that the motion be made to receive the communication as it relates to the 3rd Ward and the Council take no action based on the agreement of the Registrar of Voters. The motion was approved with Mr. Perkins voting in the negative.

Council Member Knapp made a motion to move the 6th Ward polling place to the Moose Lodge. Seconded by Council Member Nagarsheth.

A lengthy discussion ensued with comments and questions from Council Members Chianese, Rotello, Scozzafava, Perkins, Saadi, Curran, Nero, Wetmore, Visconti, Levy and Stanley regarding past voter turn out, location of the Moose Lodge, size of voting area, handicap parking, other potential locations within the 6th Ward and continued use of the current location to name of few, with Registrars Doran and Gallo and Counsel Les Pinter responding.

A Roll Call vote was taken on the motion. *Council Members: Philip Curran, Jack Knapp, Warren Levy, Gregg Seabury, Colleen Stanley, Donald Taylor, Shay Nagarsheth, Michael Halas, Joseph Cavo, Andrew Wetmore and Joseph Scozzafava voting in the affirmative and*

Council Members: Michael Haddad, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Paul Rotello, and Mary Teicholz voting in the negative.

The motion passed 11-8

A motion was made by Council Member Saadi and seconded by Council Member Wetmore that the Council Meeting of the Whole be adjourned at 9:46 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Natale
Legislative Assistant