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PUBLIC HEARING
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PUBLIC HEARING, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS 6:45 PM

Roll Call:

Jo-Lynn Flaherty	Present
James Tanner	Present
Elizabeth Lynch	Present
Jack Androski	Present
Joan Radin	Present
Charles Stowe	Late (7:15)
Irving Reed	Present

7 Present, 0 Absent
A quorum was present.

Chairman John Androski: Madame Secretary, will you read the roll call?

JoLynn Flaherty: Mr. Tanner?

Jim Tanner: Here.

Mrs. Flaherty: Beth Lynch?

Beth Lynch: Here.

Mrs. Flaherty: Mr. Androwki?

Mr. Androski: Here.

Mrs. Flaherty: Mrs. Radin?

Joan Radin: Here.

Mrs. Flaherty: Mr. Stowe?

Mrs. Flaherty: Mr. Reed?

Irving Reed: Here.

Mrs. Flaherty: And JoLynn Flaherty, Here. Okay there is a quorum. (Recording Secretary arrived and the secretarial duties were given over to her at this time.)

Mr. Androski: Madame Secretary, You sent out notices to the New Haven Register for a Public Hearing.

Mrs. Sardinha: Yes I did.

Mr. Androski: When did you do that?

Mrs. Sardinha: I did that on Saturday night. I emailed them so that way it would be posted in time and I confirmed with the New Haven Register that it did run. They e-mailed me a copy of the notice, but I haven't been able to see the actual hard copy of it.

Mr. Androski: Okay. This is a meeting, a Public Hearing in regard to the Boundary map, and I would describe it as the narrative of the seven wards, which is located, which all of you have, and I believe it is also in the Town Clerks office. So at this time, I would like to ask the members of the general public if they have any comments on the Boundary map or the narrative of the seven wards. Mr. Flaherty.

Mr. Bart Flaherty: Good Evening Mr. Chairman, Honorable members of the Ward Boundary Committee. For the record, my name is Bartholomew Flaherty. I live at 28 Pinecrest Avenue in Ansonia. First, I'd like to thank you for all the hard work that you've done. By having served as Chairman of Ward Boundary, back in the late 90's. I understand it's a lot of work. It's a thankless task. I really appreciate your working on it specifically. My experience with the Ward Boundary, we had to move some boundaries. We had to move part of the 2nd Ward over to the 7th. Fortunately, the geographics worked out so we could move the upper part of Myrtle Avenue, the upper part of Hill Street, and Shortell Drive up into the 7th ward. You have to be within 10%. To this day, I've got people cursing me. Not really, but Joe (inaudible), he still can't forgive me for moving him up into the 7th ward. And Billy Merlba, (inaudible) they've always been up in the 2nd ward, but now all of a sudden they have to change where to vote, yadda, yadda, yadda. So it's difficult when you just have to move a few streets. Now that people, it's hard enough to get people, I mean you're lucky if you get 15, 20, 30% of the voters to even vote on Election Day. They need to come out and vote. If you're within 10%, I think you should send it to the Board of Aldermen and say we comply with the state regulations. Once you start moving one street, and then another, people will start getting confused. It's very, very confusing. Because all of a sudden they don't, for years, they were in Holy Rosary Church, and now they're somewhere else. You're in compliance. If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it. I'm looking at the numbers, and you might, if you want to fine-tune it, you're really going to have to contort the streets. They are not adjoining, the wards that could possibly be out of compliance. So, if you're in compliance now, my recommendation is, Congratulations, and send it to the Board of Aldermen. Because you only have to the end of the month.

Mr. Androski: That's correct.

Mr. Flaherty: You have to get it to the Board of Aldermen before the end of the month, March. So, and you don't have a meeting tonight. So you're going to have to schedule a meeting pretty quickly so that you can make the changes or do what you did and say, we're within 10%. So thank you very much for your work on behalf of the citizens. That's all Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

(Mr. Charles Stowe arrived at 7:15)

Mr. Androski: Thank you, Mr. Flaherty. That was very enlightening. Incidentally, as Mr. Flaherty mentioned that I'd like to put it on the record that Corporation Council Kevin Blake

indicated that the percentage is 10%. So we have a ruling from Corporation Council in that regard. Is there anyone else from the general public that would like to discuss the map or the boundaries? Or the narrative for the seven wards? Is there anyone else from the general public that would like to discuss the boundary map? Or the narrative for the seven wards? Hearing no one, I declare this Public Hearing closed. I guess the next thing is I believe we need to have a special meeting. How's next Tuesday at 6:00?

Mrs. Flaherty: The 19th? It's good. 7:00?

Mr. Stowe: 6:30?

Mr. Androski: Are there a lot of people meeting at 7?

Mrs. Flaherty: Conservation's going to have to move if I can call the members because Bill called me today. So they're here at 7.

Mr. Androski: They're here?

Mrs. Flaherty: Conservation has a meeting in the Erlingheuser at 7. So...

Mr. Androski: Nothing else is scheduled?

Mrs. Flaherty: I don't know about anything else. I don't think so, but I know Conservation is the 19th at 7:00, but Bill called me tonight and told me he can't make it. So I'll have to call the other members and we have to reschedule that one so...

Mr. Androski: So then, we can have it at 7:00 here in...

Mrs. Radin: I won't be able to be here. I have another meeting on the meeting.

Mrs. Flaherty: On the 19th?

Mrs. Radin: On the 19th on Tuesday.

Mr. Stowe: Town meeting?

Mrs. Radin: (inaudible but it has to do with Griffin hospital) meeting.

Mr. Stowe: Okay I was just wondering. I know they had salary here. I'm on the salary committee. I don't know when it is and they were talking about it... (Inaudible many people talking at once).

Mrs. Flaherty: Can you make it at quarter of seven? Can you make it at quarter of seven?

Mrs. Radin: I can make it at 6:30, because my meeting at the hospital is at 7:00.

Mrs. Flaherty: 6:30? I'm okay for 6:30.

Mr. Androski: 6:30? Everybody?

Mrs. Flaherty: 6:30 is okay?

Mrs. Radin: 6:30 would be okay. So it would be 3/19 6:30. It will should be really quick. Just a vote to send it to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Androski: Motion to adjourn?

Mr. Reed: So moved.

Mr. Stowe: Second.

Mr. Androski: All in favor?

(All members said "Aye")

Mr. Androski: Motion approved.

The hearing ended at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sardinha
Secretary