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AD HOC REPORT
Reapportionment Advisory Committee

Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
Common Council Members

January 29, 2013

Chairman Cavo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. p.m. in the Caucus Room at City Hall. In attendance were council members Saadi, Seabury, Visconti and Knapp. Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Robert Yamin, Corporation Counsel were also present. Ex-officio members Curran, Teicholz, Levy, Rotello, Nero, Wetmore, Chianese, and Perkins and members of the public were also in attendance.

Chairman Cavo stated that state statute requires the formation of a Reapportionment Advisory Committee every ten years. Four members were appointed and the committee was to pick a fifth person. The committee was not able to decide on the fifth member; however they did spend considerable time in an attempt to formulate plans for reapportionment for the City of Danbury. Chairman Cavo thanked Mike Safranek, Robert King, Joseph Walkovich, Lawrence Reifberg and Atty. Pinter for their efforts.

Atty. Pinter advised that the committee was a group of four that met monthly. Mapping and documents were examined and discussed. After much work and discussion, the committee was unable to agree on a reapportionment plan. The Council must now move forward to adopt a plan.

Chairman Cavo explained that an attempt was made to propose a plan that would be the least disruptive to the voters and to maintain the current polling locations. Council member Saadi echoed Chairman Cavo's remarks and added that the federal census blocks could not be split in order to accomplish the statutory obligation. Chairman Cavo then distributed ward resident population information. He then presented **Exhibit A**, a map proposing some minor changes to some of the wards. Chairman Cavo noted that Ward #4 has the largest population. Some of the wards might lose a small number of census blocks while others might gain a small number of census blocks. Discussion followed regarding proposed changes and census numbers.

Next, Chairman Cavo presented **Exhibit B**, an existing street map was examined. Discussion followed.

Atty. Pinter advised that if the proposed plan moves to the Council and is adopted, amendments to Ordinances would be accomplished in the usual manner and then a Public Hearing would follow. Thirty days following publication, the changes would take effect. Upon the request of council member Saadi, Chairman Cavo advised that the voters would be notified by a letter from the Voter Registrars' office.

Council member Saadi thanked the committee for working together to accomplish all of the goals with the least amount of disruption to the voters with less than 3% deviation. Council member Visconti noted that there was a bipartisan effort put forth to develop the proposed reapportionment plan.

Council member Seabury moved to adopt the proposed reapportionment plan and present it to the whole Council, seconded by council member Visconti.

Council member Knapp moved to adjourn at 7:00pm, seconded by council member Saadi. ***Motion passed by unanimous vote.***

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cavo, Chairman

Gregg Seabury

Jack Knapp

Thomas Saadi

Fred Visconti