



City of Quincy Massachusetts

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Jennifer L. Manning, Clerk of Committees
Susan M. O'Connor, Auditor

Monday, July 21, 2025 Special City Council Meeting The Great Hall Historic City Hall 1305 Hancock Street 6:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall of City Hall with President Councillor Ian Cain presiding. Present were Councillor Ash, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Devine, Councillor Harris, Councillor McCarthy and Councillor Minton. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative. Auditor Susan O'Connor was in attendance. Councillor DiBona was absent.

President Cain stated that this meeting was being held in accordance with Governor Maura Healey March 28, 2025 extension of temporary provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20, and this City Council Meeting is being done via remote conferencing services that will air on Quincy Access Television (QATV) Channel QATV-9 Government Access.

City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo called the roll.

Moment of Silence – President Cain

City Clerk Crispo read the open meeting law.

2025-099– Order – Update of Polling Places – Ward 4 Precinct 2 & 3 and Ward 6 Precinct 5 – Clerk Crispo

City Clerk Crispo reviewed the change and the need to do so due to the request from the Quincy Lodge of Elks to move Ward 4 Precincts 2 & 3 to move voting to the lower level and the construction of the new Squantum Elementary School. The new Elks location allows for elections equipment to be stored. The construction at Squantum will not allow for elections to use the media center as planned and the Nickerson Post was looked at for this temporary change. There is ample parking and it is handicap accessible and the management has agreed to close during polling hours. With the large voter turnout in Ward 6 Precinct 5 this temporary location keeps voters in the neighborhood.



Councillor Harris had some concerns regarding the relocation and public safety, but it is more comfortable now that the early intervention school will be closed on that day. He feels that it would be best for him to recuse himself due to being a member and technically an employee of the Nickerson Post. His biggest concern is voter safety and he is comfortable with this temporary change while the school is under construction.

Councillor Ash questioned if the city has any statute that supersedes the state polling place law and if it needs to be posted and/or voted on by the Council. He questioned if the Kennedy Center was a better location and could hold two precincts. He would like to have the Post closed for the entire day. He questioned what a facility needs to do to accommodate voting.

Solicitor Timmins that polling locations are governed at the state level by the secretary of state and the statute is controlling. He does not feel that a vote by the Council is necessary, but the City Clerk felt it would be best that the body vote on it. If it was a permanent relocation of a polling place would need to be treated differently.

Clerk Crisp has concerns with moving to the Kennedy Center since Ward 6 Precinct 5 is the largest voting precinct in the city. The gymnasium at the Kennedy Center lacks the electrical outlets needed and parking to accommodate all the voters. All registered voters will be notified of the change of the polling location in Ward 6. Early voting and vote by mail will also be available to all registered voters and they will be sent cards to remind them that option is available.

Councillor Devine is happy that the city was able to accommodate the Elks' request and feels the space is adequate.

Councillor Liang appreciates the City Clerk due diligence in determining these new locations and appreciates all the work done for the entire city for all elections.

Councillor Campbell feels that the change is the smart move keeping it in the neighborhood and keeping the location from being overcrowded. Having multiple precincts in on location with lines could discourage voting and having its on venue will encourage voting.

Motion to approve by Councillor Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Liang
The motion was approved by 7-0 Roll Call Vote

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Monday, September 8 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
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Monday, September 15 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
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Adjournment at 6:58 PM