

#### **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

First Reading for the City Council Meeting July 23, 2024 Second Reading for City Council Meeting of July 30, 2024

**DATE:** July 3, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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Adding annexed territory to City Council Districts 3 and 5

### **CAPTION**:

Ordinance approving the districting of annexed areas to City Council District 3 and District 5.

## **SUMMARY:**

The City Council general election for Mayor and Council Members is on November 5, 2024. The City has annexed property in the London area and San Patricio County per the following ordinances: 032956 (12/20/22) – Caroline Heights; 033002 (3/21/23) – Oso Vista/London Pirates Rd.; 033094 (7/18/2023) – Agape Ranch/London Pirate Rd.; 033245 (12/12/23), London Area Annexations, and 033301 (2/20/24), London ISD.

The annexed areas, while unpopulated, need to be incorporated into Council districts. Based on the location of the areas, staff is recommending the annexed areas be added to District 3 (Ordinances 033301, 033002, and 033094) and District 5 (Ordinances 033245 and 03256), as depicted in the attached map (Exhibit A).

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City Charter provides that five council members are elected by majority vote from single member districts, and each district will have the same population to the extent possible [Article II, Section 1(a)]. Since the annexed areas are not populated, adding the territory to any Council district would not cause the 2022 redistricting plan to become out of balance for "one person, one vote" purposes. The City Charter provides that any ordinance to equalize territory/population may not be enacted less than 90 days before any general election.

Staff is recommending the annexed areas be added to Districts 3 and 5 respectively, as illustrated in the attached map.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**:

None

# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

• Ordinance with Exhibit A – Map of annexed areas