



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 22, 2022
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 29, 2022

DATE: March 10, 2022

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Approval of 2022 Redistricting Plan

CAPTION:

Ordinance approving the redistricting of the City's single-member City Council districts and establishing new district boundary lines for Corpus Christi City Council elections, based on the 2020 Census data.

SUMMARY:

The City contracted with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP for redistricting counsel services. Redistricting is the process of redrawing district boundaries with a goal of equal voter representation. The City Charter requires that each of the five city council districts have as near as practical the same population. After each census, the City examines the new census data to determine whether any adjustments are needed to better equalize the population in each district.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On January 25, 2022, Bickerstaff provided an Initial Assessment concluding that redistricting was required upon analysis of the new 2020 census data. On February 8, 2022, the Council adopted criteria to apply to development of new districting plans, and guidelines for public participation in the redistricting process.

On February 21, 2022, the Council held a special council meeting to develop a draft map ("Plan B") for public input. The following precinct adjustments were made:

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| District 1 | Add Voting Precincts 24, 31, 34, & 60. |
| District 2 | Remove Voting Precinct 31. Add Voting Precincts 2, 42, 63, 64, 90 & 92 (partial) |
| District 3 | Remove Voting Precincts 24, 34, & 60. Add Voting Precincts 32 & 119. |
| District 4 | Remove Voting Precinct 2. Add Voting Precincts 112, 113, 115 (San Patricio), 42 Kleberg). |
| District 5 | Remove Voting Precincts 17, 32 & 119. |

To receive public input on the draft Plan B map, the City Council held seven community input sessions – five district meetings and two general meetings. The two general meetings were hybrid meetings – virtual and in-person participation. Additionally, the City maintained a dedicated redistricting webpage that was continuously updated, and provided information in English and Spanish. A redistricting e-mail address was set up to receive written public comments. The draft map was displayed at City Hall and at every community input session.

On March 8, 2022, the Council conducted a wrap-up session to consider all public input, including several citizen-initiated maps. The Council did not make changes to the Plan B map at this session. Consequently, the proposed ordinance approves the Redistricting Plan B Map.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Funding Detail: None

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only)**:

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as presented.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance