2020 Redistricting of City Council Districts

Process and Timeline
April 13, 2020
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Divide the City into 6 Districts

 City Charter Requires the City Clerk to divide the city into 6 city council district boundaries

City Charter Article II. Elective Officers 2-10(b) Districts

- At least 120 days but no more than 150 days prior to council district election
- Every Four (4) years



District Requirements

- Districts Must be:
 - Substantially equal in population
 - Contiguous
 - Comply with Voting Rights Act and other pertinent laws
- Plan is NOT approved by the Mayor or City Council



The City Clerk Process

- Release a preliminary district report
- Conduct a public hearing on the preliminary district report
- Prepare a final district report on the setting the district boundaries



Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

- City Code Requirement
- City Council Appoints the 7 Committee
 Members
 - One member from each district and one member at-large



Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

- Members must be registered electors of the City
- Council must strive for gender, racial, ethnic, age and geographic diversity of the committee members
- A person interested in being a candidate for a district council member shall not serve on the committee.



Districting Process Advisory Committee Selection Process

- Educate the public on the redistricting process
- Conduct public meetings in each district to solicit public input for the City Clerk's consideration in drawing the districts
- After the public meetings, prepare a preliminary committee report
- After the City Clerk establishes the final district plan, prepare a final committee report



Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee

- Conduct one public meeting in each of the 6 election districts to solicit input for the City Clerk
- Prepare a preliminary Advisory Committee Report and submit to the City Clerk and City Council
- Prepare a final Advisory Committee report and submit to City Council after the City Clerk releases the final district report



City Charter and Code Citations

- City Charter
 - Article II. Elective Officers
 - 2-10(b) Districts
- City Code
 - 5.1.301: Legislative Declaration
 - 5.1.302: Advisory Committee Created
 - 5.1.303: Election District Considerations
 - 5.1.304: Public Process
 - 5.1.306: Protests
 - 5.1.307: Final District Report
 - 5.1.308: Advisory Committee Report to City Council



Questions?