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CITY MANAGER



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HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUAL
April 14, 2022
4:00 PM

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The City Council of the City of El Paso met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Mayor Oscar Leeser was present and presiding and the following Council members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Alexsandra Annello, Joe Molinar, Isabel Salcido, Claudia Rodriguez, and Henry Rivera. Cassandra Hernandez and Cissy Lizarraga participated via videoconference. Ms. Sylvia Carreon, citizen, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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AGENDA

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- 1. Discussion and action on a Resolution adopting a districting plan which establishes new Council representative district boundaries based on the 2020 U.S. Census data, to become effective immediately, and dissolving the Districting Commission, as they have completed their duties in the redistricting process per City Charter.**

The following City staff members assisted by making map adjustments and calculating population deviations, as directed by Council during the meeting:

- Ms. Karina Brascalla, Economic and International Development Assistant Director
- Mr. Mariano Soto, Geographic Information Systems Specialist

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Jesus Valdez
2. Ms. Isabel Carrillo
3. Ms. Carol Wallace
4. Ms. Judy Ackerman
5. Ms. Sylvia Carreon
6. Mr. Eduardo A. Talamantes
7. Ms. Patricia E. White
8. Mr. Quirino Villa
9. Ms. Carmen E. Rodriguez
10. Ms. Rosa Dominguez Morales
11. Mr. Brian Kennedy
12. Mr. James R. Peinado
13. Mr. Craig Peters

Statements submitted by the following members of the public were read into the record:

14. Mr. Chris Yost
15. Mr. Ben Ivy
16. Ms. Elisa Rivera
17. Mr. David Escobar
18. Mr. Ivan Lopez
19. Mr. Phillip Thomas Laign, Jr.
20. Ms. Laura Espinoza
21. Ms. Patty Aragon
22. Mr. Victor Barajas
23. Mr. Joe Barbe
24. Mr. Brian Lopez
25. Ms. Miriam Caballero
26. Michelle Moore
27. Hector Holguin
28. Manuel Vazquez
29. Dina Zamarripa
30. Karina Guzman
31. Ms. Yoli Barba
32. Mr. William F. Davitt III
33. Ms. Brenda Ness
34. Christopher Ness
35. Mr. Jose Lopez
36. Mr. Craig M. Peters
37. Mr. Angelo Pokluda
38. Pablo Lopez, South Side Neighborhood Association and Mannys S. Rodriguez, Chihuahuita Neighborhood Association
39. Mr. David B. Williams
40. Ms. Elizabeth Williams
41. Mr. Marco Covarrubias
42. Ms. Gabriela Gallegos

Mayor Leeser and Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga commented.

Representative Svarzbein requested that Council review Map 8A, as revised by City Council on Monday, April 11, 2023.

1ST MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Rodriguez, and carried to **AMEND** map 8A to **MOVE** precinct 59 to District 4.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga
NAYS: Representative Hernandez

2ND MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annello, seconded by Representative Rodriguez, and carried to **AMEND** map 8A as follows:

- **Move** precincts 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 188, and 77 to District 2
- **Move** precincts 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107 and 175 to District 3
- **Move** precincts 79, 80, 42, 41, and 39 to District 8

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Molinar, Rodriguez, and Rivera

NAYS: Representatives Hernandez and Lizarraga

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Representative Salcido

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The Special Meeting was **RECESSED** at 7:14 p.m. and **RECONVENED** at 7:26 p.m.
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3RD MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annelo, seconded by Representative Rodriguez, and carried to **AMEND** map 8B as follows:

- **Move** precincts 79 and 80 east of Patriot Freeway to District 3
- **Move** precinct 103 to District 7

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: Representatives Hernandez and Molinar

4TH MOTION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore Svarzbein, seconded by Representative Hernandez, and carried to **KEEP** Map 8 as one of the final maps for consideration.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Hernandez, Salcido, and Lizarraga

NAYS: Representatives Annelo, Molinar, Rodriguez, and Rivera

Mayor Leeser broke the tie by voting "aye". The motion PASSED.

5TH AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Annelo, seconded by Representative Rodriguez and carried to **REMOVE** maps 7, 7A and 8A from consideration and **KEEP** maps 7B, 8, and 8B for consideration on April 26, 2022.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: Representative Hernandez

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Motion made by Representative Annelo, seconded by Representative Svarzbein and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Special meeting at 7:52 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Molinar, Salcido, Rodriguez, Rivera, and Lizarraga

NAYS: None
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk