

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN**

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on **Monday, February 24, 2022**, at 11:30 noon, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Present: Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad, Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Absent: Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Tania Ramirez

Also present were City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. RECEIVE INITIAL ASSESSMENT REGARDING WHETHER REDISTRICTING IS REQUIRED CONSIDERING THE NEW 2020 CENSUS DATA; AND, IF SO, CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CRITERIA TO APPLY TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DISTRICTING PLANS, AND GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.**

Mr. Bob Heath with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta reviewed the initial assessment considering 2020 Census data. He briefly discussed basic redistricting principles to assist in preparing for the initial assessment. He outlined the process for redistricting, polices, procedures, and highlighted the following:

- The One Person – One Vote Requirement
- The Voting Rights Act: Avoiding Discrimination Claims
- Shaw vs Reno: Additional Equal Protection Considerations
- Adoption of Redistricting Criteria and Public Participation Guidelines

Additionally, Census total population summary and demographics report was reviewed. Current districts and draft maps were reviewed for districts 1 thru 6. It was mentioned that all the incumbents would stay in their districts and maintain voting percent's.

Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Questions were asked regarding district 1 and district 2, boundaries and confusion over districts, east and west boulevards should be considered, district 1 and Montecristo, district 5 and low population, long and narrow city, registered voters or population only, detailed maps for districts and alternative maps, having other work sessions, redistricting criteria and communities of interest, creating another district, charter amendment, timelines and future meetings to discuss sample maps. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

- B) EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS OVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) AND SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY.)**

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary