

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

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on **Monday, May 19, 2022**, at 11:30 a.m., at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Present: Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Antonio “Tony” Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Rodolfo “Rudy” Castillo, Commissioner Victor “Seby” Haddad, Commissioner Jose R. “Pepe” Cabeza de Vaca

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. DISCUSSION OF CITY REDISTRICTING.

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bob Heath with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta presented the Initial Assessment to Council and discussed the basic redistricting principles. He noted that in redistricting the commissioner districts, the City needed to be aware of the legal standards noting three basic legal principles that govern the redistricting process: 1) one person-one vote (equal population principle); 2) the non-discrimination standard of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act; and 3) the Shaw v. Reno limitations on the use of race as a factor in redistricting.

The adoption of redistricting criteria and public participation guidelines were discussed as follow:

- Identifiable boundaries
- Maintaining communities of interest & neighborhoods
- Using whole voting precincts, if possible
- Basing plan on existing districts
- Adopting districts of relatively equal size
- Drawing districts that are compact and contiguous
- Keeping existing incumbents in their districts
- Narrowly tailoring plan to comply with VRA

Maps were reviewed by current districts, Hispanic thematic map, overall deviation for current districts and plans A & B maps and charts.

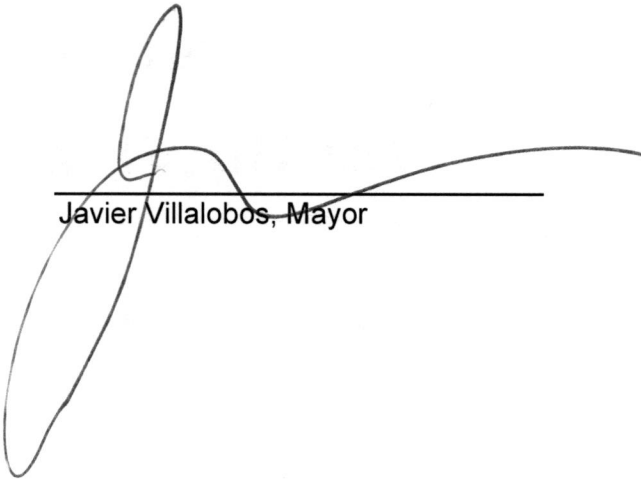
A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Questions were asked relating to public hearings, criteria, districts 1 and 5, polling locations, gain/loss in territory, growth patterns, southern boundaries and growth potential. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Council directed staff to place a resolution on next regular city commission agenda adopting the redistricting criteria.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:



Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary