

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
BRIEFING SESSION
MINUTES
February 8, 2022**



The City Council convened in briefing session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 9:30 AM, February 08, 2022.

Council Members present: Dan Corrales, Robin Poole, Patrick Payton, Scott Dufford, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: Lori Blong

Staff members present: City Attorney John Ohnemiller, City Manager Robert Patrick, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr, Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following matter(s), and any matter listed on the agenda for this meeting, may be discussed by the City Council:

1. Receive an initial assessment presentation from Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP regarding the City of Midland's 2022 redistricting process

Mr. Syd Falk, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, gave a presentation on redistricting for the City of Midland. He reported that when new census data shows a city is out of balance they need to redistrict, which is driven by federal law. It is rare that a city does not have to redistrict after 10 years.

Mr. Falk reported that a rule of thumb for the total deviation is less than 10%, you don't want to have a difference of more than 10%. He also shared information regarding Sections two and five of the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment (Shaw v. Reno) showing maps of a landmark case on redistricting.

Mr. Falk would like to coordinate with other Midland entities who are also doing redistricting at this time.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED .

Patrick Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary