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The City Council convened in **Special** Session in the City Hall Council Chamber, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 24, 2022.

**Council Members present:** Dan Corrales, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Patrick Payton, Jack Ladd, John Norman

**Council Members absent:** Scott Dufford

**Staff members present:** City Manager Robert Patrick, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m

### **SPECIAL SESSION**

1. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM LEGAL COUNSEL OF EXAMPLE PLANS REDISTRICTING THE CITY OF MIDLAND COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICTS BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA; DISCUSS EXAMPLE PLANS AND AMENDMENTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR FUTURE ADOPTION; AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND/OR WRITTEN INPUT PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO THE REDRAWING OF COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Syd Faulk of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, LLP, explained the purpose of redistricting, noting that the intent is to balance the population of the four districts within 10% by looking at the most populous and the least populous districts. Next the districts will be compared to each other in order to come up with the ideal size district. The ideal size will be the size of the district if they all had the same amount of people within them; basically, the total population of the City divided by four.

District three is the least populated district and district one is the most populous. District four is also slightly over populated compared to the ideal number. The goal is to have all of the districts within plus/minus five percent. The task is to shed people from district one and district four and add them to district three.

Mr. Faulk reviewed the two suggested plans that would bring the numbers within the allowed deviation. Plan A would move some of the population from district four to district three and move some of the population of district one to district four.

Mr. Faulk explained that the changes for Plan B, would move some of the population from district

four to district one and from district one to district three.

He answered questions about voting precinct populations noting that the voting precincts should not be split. Council explored moving different voting precincts other than Plan A and Plan B.

An informal consensus was made by Council to pursue Plan A. There will be a public meeting during the next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There was discussion of having town hall meetings throughout the City so that citizens may be made aware of the redistricting taking place.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.101, the City Council will hold an Executive Session, which is closed to the public, to discuss the following matters as permitted under the following sections of the Texas Government Code:
  - a. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney
    - a.1. The Council may go into executive session to receive advice from legal council regarding the City's redistricting (DISTRICT: ALL) (CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED April 12, 2022.

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Patrick Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy M. Turner, City Secretary