



**CITY OF COOPER CITY**  
**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 09, 2021 at 5:30 PM**  
**City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place**

## MINUTES

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were Commissioners Shrouder, Meltzer, Pulcini, Green, and Mayor Ross.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 MINUTES)**

No public comments.

### **TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION**

Discussion and Motion to approve the redistricting analysis for the City of Cooper City

Mayor Ross welcomed the consultant, James Gammack-Clark, from the Florida Atlantic University Department of Geosciences.

Mr. Gammack-Clark explained he is in attendance to present on the analysis of the existing districts and recommending whether to move forward with redistricting.

Mr. Gammack-Clark reviewed the outline for the presentation, which included:

- Review the redistricting team
- Discuss the City Charter, as it pertains to the redistricting process
- Review the process the districting team goes through
- Analysis of the districts as it pertains to the 2020 enumeration; 2023 population projection
- Recommendations
- Discuss redistricting parameters

Mr. Gammack-Clark mentioned the other team members are Dr. Bourassa, Chair of the Department and Regional Planning and Dr. Schultz.

Mr. Gammack-Clark noted the City Charter is very specific and lays out parameters for how the City goes about redistricting. He indicated the Charter outlines that every District should be evenly distributed in terms of population, with every district having as close to one-quarter of the population of the city as possible. It also specifies the population variance should be no more than 10% from any other District. The Charter says the redistricting process should take place of within six (6) months of the decennial census. It also states that if the Commission becomes aware that the Districts fall out of population balance, they should not wait until the next decennial census but should start the redistricting process again. He reminded the Commission this is consistent with the 1965 Voting Rights Act and its amendments.

Mr. Gammack-Clark said they were asked to engage in a two-part process, and he will be reporting on the first part, which is an analysis of the existing district. The second part of the process will only occur if deemed necessary by the Commission.

He confirmed the data they used for the project is the 2020 U.S. Census data as part of Public Law 94-171. He noted when you engage in redistricting at the municipal level, you are required to use the smallest enumeration unit possible, which is the City Block Data from the U.S. Census. All data is aggregate. Additionally, he shared they used a second data set, which was housing data provided by Cooper City staff. That data allowed the team to perform a population estimate out to 2023.

Mr. Gammack-Clark reviewed the current district map, with the 2020 enumeration data and 2023 forecast. In April 2020, the City's population 34,401 people. When divided amongst four (4) Districts, that is an idealized average of 8,600 people. The 2023 population growth estimate is 400 additional residents for a total population of 34,801. That moves that projected average projected population in each District to 8,700.

In 2023, he said the largest is District 1 with 9,405 projected population, which is 8.1% more than the theoretical average. The smallest would be District 4 with 8,222, 5.5% less than the theoretical average. He confirmed the districts are unbalanced, with a total deviation of 20.7% and a spread of 13.6% when looking at the projected population.

He explained, even when looking at the existing data, the spread exceeds the 10% threshold where they would recommend engaging in the redistricting process, and that recommended is also supported by the City Charter.

He confirmed their recommendation is to engage in the redistricting process to revise the City boundaries and to better balance the population. He suggested District 1 would contract slightly, while Districts 3 and 4 would add territory.

He reviewed the criteria for part 2 of the process. It includes:

- Reasonable population equality
  - Ensure every district has as close to 25% of the available population
  - Adhere to Section 2 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which states arbitrary dilution of minority population classes is prohibited
- Geographic Contiguity
  - Districts are as compact as possible
  - Respect existing communities of interest
  - Modify pre-existing district boundaries

Commissioner Meltzer suggested an inconsistency in the City Charter and the interpretation of 10% variance. He recommended the topic be reviewed at the next City Charter reviewed.

Mr. Gammack-Clark noted this question comes up a lot during redistricting and suggested the traditional interpretation of this variance is that no two districts can be more than 10% away from each other. He recommended focusing on what is best for the residents' interest, which is to have the districts as close to equal population as possible, which is 25%.

Commissioner Pulcini asked whether, on absolute terms, the City's population is shrinking.

Mr. Gammack-Clark answered that, based on the data they worked with, the population is increasing.

Mayor Ross asked for clarification on page 5 of the presentation and the 10%. Mr. Gammack-Clark reviewed the three methodology options.

Mr. Gammack-Clark noted they try to make small, incremental changes and use natural or man-made borders when possible.

Mayor Ross expressed concerns about the separation of neighborhoods and communities.

Mayor Ross asked what the cost would be to complete the redistricting study. Mr. Gammack-Clark replied he was not familiar with the terms of the contract. A City staff member confirmed it would be an additional \$9,000 to complete the redistricting study.

Commissioner Shrouder noted the current district map seems to be more gerrymandered than any previous ones and suggested more than minimal adjustments need to be done. He noted previous district maps should be considered in the process.

Mr. Gammack-Clark responded that the Commission should consult with the City Attorney.

Discussion ensued about the redistricting part 2 and next steps.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Green moved to adopt and approve the redistricting analysis for the City of Cooper City. Commissioner Pulcini seconded the motion which prevailed by a unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES)**

No public comments were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Cooper City Hall: And, good evening, ladies and gentlemen, it is Tuesday November the ninth 531 and, if you please join me in the pledge of allegiance.

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Cooper City Hall: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

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Cooper City Hall: Ever call, please.

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Cooper City Hall: shatter your fishing or Meltzer here sniffle cine.

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Cooper City Hall: Green arrows and I am here we have any one signed up for public comments or anyone on virtual.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm sorry no okay.

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Cooper City Hall: we've got a topic for discussion to approve the redistricting analysis to the city Cooper city, and we have with us today, the consultant from the John Scott Daily Florida Institute of Government, and you are Stephen is it.

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Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: So, my name is a things gonna clock and i'm with the Florida Atlantic university department of geosciences Thank you very much for being here and, if you would please tell us what you were contracted to do what you have done and what we need to do.

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Cooper City Hall: Certainly well i'm i'm here to present a short.

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Cooper City Hall: report this evening, the city asked us to engage in a two part process, which is part of the presentation, where we began by.

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Cooper City Hall: conducting an analysis of your existing districts as pertains to the population as it stands and then.

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Cooper City Hall: recommend whether or not to move forward with the redistricting process.

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Cooper City Hall: and tell us what that consisted of a sudden, can I proceed with present please Thank you so again, my name is James can o'clock with Florida Atlantic university or science department.

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Cooper City Hall: We have a brief outline for you this evening we're going to review very quickly the redistricting team that i'm a part of.

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Cooper City Hall: we'll talk about your city charters it pertains to the redistricting process then we'll talk about the process that we go go through.

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Cooper City Hall: Our analysis of your existing districts, as it pertains to both the 2020 enumeration and also a 2023 population projection that we were asked to perform for you.

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Cooper City Hall: We will then make our recommendation in light of this data and then we'll finish up by talking about the various redistricting parameters.

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Cooper City Hall: So again, my name is James Cameron clock the team that i'm working with on this particular project is Dr barasa who you referenced he's the.

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Cooper City Hall: Chair of the department, urban and regional planning and also Dr shortstop the shorts is serving in a consulting role i've been working with.

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Cooper City Hall: Dr Schultz on redistricting projects for over a decade he's been working in redistricting projects for over four decades so between us, we have a lot of experience in the redistricting.

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Cooper City Hall: process, the city charter for Cooper city is very interesting as it pertains to redistricting it's far more specific.

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Cooper City Hall: than a lot of the city charters that we work with, and so it lays out a number of different parameters that dictate how Cooper city goes to the redistricting process.

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Cooper City Hall: First of all, and this, of course, is standard with the 1965 voting act.

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Cooper City Hall: It lays out the specifically every district should be evenly distributed in terms of population so with four districts, that means every district should have at least 25% of the population.

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Cooper City Hall: But it goes further and it specifies that the population variance should be no more than 10% from any other district, which is, which is very helpful.

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Cooper City Hall: This is the practice that we go by anyway, but the fact that they lay that out is very helpful was that a question i'll wait until you're finished Okay, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: The charge that goes on further to state that the redistricting process should take place within six months of the release of the decennial census.

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Cooper City Hall: It also has a provision as to the expediency, that the redistricting process has to go to in in regards to the election process.

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Cooper City Hall: And finally, it states that, should the districts have a fallout if the Commission becomes aware that the dishes fallout of population balance.

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Cooper City Hall: Then they shouldn't necessarily wait to the next snl census, but should go ahead and start the redistricting process again and, as I alluded to, before this is consistent with the 1965 voting rights act and its various amendments.



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Cooper City Hall: So.

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Cooper City Hall: we've been asked, as I suggested to engage in a two part process i'm here to report to you this evening, the results of the first part of that process, we were asked to.

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Cooper City Hall: perform an analysis of your existing districts, to determine whether or not they remained in balance, or they had fallen, or if they had fallen out of that.

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Cooper City Hall: The second part of the process will only take place if deemed necessary by the condition.

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Cooper City Hall: The data that we've used for this analysis is the US census data, the redistricting sent census data from 2020 that's part of public law 94 dash 171.

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Cooper City Hall: And that state is standard for all redistricting throughout the country right, no matter whether you're talking about a Congressional district or a municipal election districts it doesn't matter we're all using the same set of data.

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Cooper City Hall: The only difference is that when you engage in redistricting process at the municipal level, we must use the smallest enumeration unit possible and in that case, that is, the city block data that the census makes available.

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Cooper City Hall: And, of course, all of this data is aggregated up to account for your for election districts.

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Cooper City Hall: Now there is a second data set that was part of our analysis and that was housing data that was provided to us by your staff.

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Cooper City Hall: And that data allowed us to perform a population estimate out to the year 2023 and, of course, the reason for this is that you don't want to go to all the expense in the effort of going through the redistricting process.

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Cooper City Hall: Only to have your district spawn out of alignment and again in a short time down the line, because you know that you've got these redistricting these using these development projects.

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Cooper City Hall: nearing the end of the construction process and people ready to move in so that's why 2023 was chosen as that particular date.

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Cooper City Hall: Here we see of course a map that you're all familiar with these are the districts, as the President, the line and is using these geographic boundaries that we've done our analysis and allow me to show you sharing with you the results of that analysis.

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Cooper City Hall: So here we see a table that shows, not only the 2020 enumeration data but also the forecast out into 2023.

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Cooper City Hall: And so you can see here that only looking at the 2020 data that's a timestamp on census data that April 1 of 2020 the city's population, according to the United States census was 34,400 people divided by four that gives us an idealized average of 8600 people.

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Cooper City Hall: Again we projected out to 2023 using data provided to us by the city and that brings your number up to 34,801 and so, in other words we're seeing a growth of an additional 400 people between.

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Cooper City Hall: April 1 2020 out into 2023 and that moves the average population, the projected average population for each district up to 8700.

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Cooper City Hall: Using this projected data, therefore, the largest district is district one and it has 9405 projected population in 2023.

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Cooper City Hall: that's 700 705 people or 8.1% more than the theoretical average the smallest district is district for at 8222 people that's 5.5% less than the theoretical average or 478 people less than that.

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Cooper City Hall: And you can see both of those numbers have been highlighted on the table.

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Cooper City Hall: So what this means is that the current districts are indeed unbalanced, we have a total deviation of 20.77% and when looking at the projected population.

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Cooper City Hall: And a spread of 13.6% again looking at the projected population between the largest district district one and the smallest district district for.

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Cooper City Hall: Now, interestingly that's using the projected projected data, but even if we were looking at only at the existing data.

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Cooper City Hall: You would still find that the spread exceeds the 10% threshold that where we would recommend hey you need to go through the redistricting process.

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Cooper City Hall: Just as a consultant, but further your city charges specifically states that this 10% number has been exceeded, and you should exceed you should engage in the redistricting process.

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Cooper City Hall: So indeed that's our recommendation that you move forward to revise the city boundaries to better balance that their population.

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Cooper City Hall: The overall pattern of district boundary changes is going to need to reduce the population of district one and expand those of districts, three and four.

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Cooper City Hall: This, of course, will necessitate and necessitate and adjustments to the geographic boundaries, where district one contracts slightly in size, while districts, three and four must add territory.

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Cooper City Hall: So it is our recommendation that you move on to Part Two and begin the redistricting process.

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Cooper City Hall: Just so you know these are the parameters, under which we will engage in the redistricting process should you.

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Cooper City Hall: invite us to do that.

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Cooper City Hall: The first criteria and I primary criterion I primary driver is reasonable population, equality and so to as much as possible, we will try to ensure that every district has as close to 25% of the available population within it.

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Cooper City Hall: Again we're not massive geographic changes which old man tweaks to the boundaries, to try to get close to that number.

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Cooper City Hall: But also part of that criterion is that we adhere to section two of the voting rights act of 1965 which states that arbitrary dilution of minority population clusters is prohibited.

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Cooper City Hall: Asset second criteria is geographic continuity so whenever we go through the redistricting process, we always tried to make sure that the districts that we draw our as compact as they can possibly be at our goal.

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Cooper City Hall: We also will respect, of course, the existing.

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Cooper City Hall: Communities of interest, we will try not to you know draw random lines through existing neighborhoods and of course we're also bound by.

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Cooper City Hall: You know the existing district boundaries, we can't just reinvent the wheel, here we can't just blow up the map and come up with something new, we have to try to modify what's pre existing.

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Cooper City Hall: So population equality, then, is our primary driver, but the other factors that are listed here significant in terms of reaching reasonable population balance.

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Cooper City Hall: And that's it that's the presentation on the first part of this effort and have you take happy to take any questions that you might have read your motor you had a question, yes, thanks mayor Ross good evening thanks for the presentation it, this is a it's more of a comment.

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Cooper City Hall: seems as if there's a little bit of an inconsistency in our Charter, which is not anything that that you're.

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Cooper City Hall: not actually it is going to be something that you're going to have to answer for because.

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Cooper City Hall: You say 10% 10% variance.

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Cooper City Hall: We need to define 10% variance because it's is it 10% more or 10% less.

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Cooper City Hall: Because you get two different numbers, for instance, if we had let's use the 8700 as a baseline that's that's the you know that would be 25% of the population, yes, if we had a district that had 7900 people it's difference of 800 but.

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Cooper City Hall: 7900 is 9.2% less than 8700 8700 is 10.1% more than 19 7900 and again it may sound like may sound like a subtle.

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Cooper City Hall: You know inconsistency, but it is one, nonetheless, and I think that's something we really, we need to take up a charter review the next time and tie that down.

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Cooper City Hall: So we don't have we don't want any inconsistency is when it comes to this suddenly you follow what i'm saying I understand you're a math guy right, I understand, completely what you're saying.

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Cooper City Hall: And you know, having gone through several these are distinct processes before this question does come up.

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Cooper City Hall: What are we defining in terms of 10% is it hey no one district can be more than 10% away from averages you're suggesting.

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Cooper City Hall: Or is it more traditionally the more traditional interpretation is no two districts can be more than 10% away from each other right it's spread Okay, or are we analyzing.

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Cooper City Hall: hey when you take the spread of each away from the average of each district and add that up and remember the absolute deviation is that the number we're looking at.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, and so these are statistics to measure how far away from average you are what I would suggest to use as your consultant in in any one of those.

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Cooper City Hall: definitions, however, you want to specify the threshold that you're going to go by, I would say it's always in residence interest to have the district's as.

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Cooper City Hall: Item one of the charges said says as close to 25% or as close to equal population as possible, so in this case for districts let's work to get to 25%.

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Cooper City Hall: Even if you said no, you don't cross that threshold, I would still come back to you and say Okay, we haven't met the threshold of your charts it but let's.

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Cooper City Hall: I would recommend working towards that 25% number yeah The other thing unfortunately it's not doesn't seem to be happening here, but last time we did redistricting they were going back and forth and using not 10% of.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, a 10% discrepancy they're using 10 percentage points.

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Cooper City Hall: So, in other words, if one district had had 35% population and one had 26% they weren't considered to be there wasn't considered to be a 10% variance there, which of course we know there were, of course, there was.

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Cooper City Hall: Because of the interpretation, so we really need to tighten this Charter up so we don't have those.

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Cooper City Hall: You know that these kind of discussions in the future, but happen again, how do you handle the 10% as its Charter region now.

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Cooper City Hall: I would suggest that you go with the spread, I would say hey if you've got a city there's 5% achievement district is 5% above average and a district is 5% below average now you have a spread of 10%.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, so in that regard, I would, as a consultant, I would recommend that, yes, we share your 10% threshold let's engage in the redistricting if you had reached 9.99%.

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Cooper City Hall: I would say okay you haven't pushed a threshold, but we can still do better, we can still serve your residents better by approaching average.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, and that sounds reasonable i'd have to think about that, though, but the dribble in my head, you know run the numbers all right, thank you very much, Commissioner pulcini.

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Cooper City Hall: Cheap district one the most populated district.

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Cooper City Hall: So my vote counts, a little bit more.

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Cooper City Hall: You mentioned that.

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Cooper City Hall: population is projected to be at the 400 residents more than.

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Cooper City Hall: In 2002 and three years will be 400 residents more considering that we're building 155 unit.

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Cooper City Hall: condominium and we're probably going to build more in absolute terms are we shrinking.

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Cooper City Hall: Or are these 400 more the new residents are coming in.

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Cooper City Hall: So for provide 34.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, anyway, unless you want to yeah so based on the data that was given to us right, so we working from two data sets right first the US census, which says we are 34,041 as of April 1 2020.

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Cooper City Hall: And then the development data that we got from your staff that suggests that by 2023.

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Cooper City Hall: You know so just over a year from now we're gonna be gaining in Cuba city or additional 400 residents, so, in other words, the population is going up, and the majority of that publishers will be located in district one Okay, but that's just a number that we gave you.

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Cooper City Hall: What you've provided us with were unit counts for the developments that are going to be completed in Cuba city.

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Cooper City Hall: By 2023 and we converted those into a population estimates okay I got it I got it okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Anything else.

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Cooper City Hall: don't worry So if you were just come back to the initial concept you receive the numbers that you utilized from this census right that was just completed right Okay, and you had mentioned three different methodologies that could be utilized in determining the 10% spread.

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Cooper City Hall: No, let me, let them sorry we're going to use the word spread, we have to be very specific right and I shouldn't.

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Cooper City Hall: i'll pick myself sure I won't use the word spread right well just limited to 10% 10% exactly correct, have you, you can argue as to how you define that threshold Okay, and this is my question before I argue any position I have you figured out the numbers under each of those positions.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, and and I don't I don't know if you can see the slide that I had maybe if you put it up, it might be helpful for us in this discussion is that is a way to bring that slide back up, I think I have it, are you talking table to.

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Cooper City Hall: we're looking.

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Cooper City Hall: On slide excuse me, page five yeah on the report, it may be paid five i'm looking at the presentation on the presentation deflated right but yeah you're looking at the 2020 data and the 2023 projection Okay, and so Oh, thank you very much appreciate it, whoever that was so.

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Cooper City Hall: If we look at this table, you can see in the bottom right hand corner, that the total deviation.

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Cooper City Hall: projected out is 20.77% so by that threshold if we wanted to use the total deviation statistics you've exceeded the 10% threshold Okay, if we look at the spread another statistic again we've exceeded that 10% threshold where 13 point 13 and a half percent roughly.

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Cooper City Hall: right because we've got a district one is 8.1% above average and district four which is 5.5% below average so that gives us a spread of 13.6% that into methodology methodology, if you wanted to be extremely conservative.

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Cooper City Hall: and say okay as Krishna masa masa was suggesting that hey no one districts can be more than 10% away.

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Cooper City Hall: From the average then under that threshold under that definition, then you would say no, none of these districts have beyond 10% okay now if we accepted that as the as the basis by which your Commission was going to work or say okay Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: Maintaining the existing districts would be an option but it's not what I would recommend.

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Cooper City Hall: Right, I would still say it's in the in the residence interest that they have equal representation by their Commission.

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Cooper City Hall: And to achieve that equal representation, where you know one resident doesn't get a smaller share of representation at the district than another.

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Cooper City Hall: you've got to work towards what I laid out in the first item of your Charter were states that each district should be equal proportion.

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Cooper City Hall: So now we will, if we do the motion to approve you're going to come back with a recommendation on how to move.

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Cooper City Hall: Some of the people from district one, if you will, into I assume district two and then district two and two three is a ripple effect.

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Cooper City Hall: Sure, and that's often times the case where you have a domino effect and just to be clear i'm not going to come back with just one alternative i'll come back to you with a couple of alternatives, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: Usually, what the way I approaches, is to start out with a very minimalist approach, where I try to make the very.

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Cooper City Hall: miniscule adjustments that bring the districts into bounce, then what I try to do it on a second and analysis to see well.

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Cooper City Hall: Can we achieve balance and somehow improve on the compactness of the districts.

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Cooper City Hall: And then the third analysis will oftentimes be based upon feedback that I get from Commissioners in the public, I think, obviously, the concern is the splitting of.

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Cooper City Hall: neighborhoods communities and that's something that personally I wouldn't want and I don't know how you would would literally handle that so.

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Cooper City Hall: it's a it's an excellent point and very common and understandable concern again we're talking about.

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Cooper City Hall: small adjustments here right, so any any changes that we do i'm not going to be revolutionary they're not going to be, you know blowing up any other district boundaries.

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Cooper City Hall: We always trying to work, where possible, by looking at Natural and man made boundary so we might try to go use a canal, for example as a as a natural born.

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Cooper City Hall: Like it would be a man be born, you know coastline, would be a natural border we try to use existing right of ways railways so on so forth, is as far as where possible.

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Cooper City Hall: Sometimes you have to get to a situation where you're literally going down between two houses, where you're following the bass line.

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Cooper City Hall: And that's what we would do in terms of trying to achieve optimal balance.

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Cooper City Hall: So and that's where you might see a difference between alternative one and alternative to, for example, just hypothesizing I haven't looked at the data yet so I don't want to make any any promises, but you know, maybe.

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Cooper City Hall: The first alternative gives you the best bands, that we can come up with.

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Cooper City Hall: Whereas alternative to might lean more towards trying to follow roadways where possible.

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Cooper City Hall: What is the I assume additional cost of doing this study.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm honestly not familiar with the contract so get Mr Mr Mayor, there will be an additional \$9,500 to do that the redistricting portion Thank you, I have nothing for Commission sure yeah I have some questions so.

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Cooper City Hall: I understand the criteria that you set forth one of the big ones.

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Cooper City Hall: Under under you said it was when a 1960 whatever to voting rights act, yes I don't know that I don't know that we have any any specific.

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Cooper City Hall: Ethnic clusters in our city, I really, really don't know that that we do so, I don't know that that's as big a deal as it is when they're drawing Congressional boundaries and stuff.

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Cooper City Hall: But this last map that the one we're currently operating under to me is more gerrymandered than than anyone we've ever had and you could kind of see by the effect of two or 1243 it literally makes zero sense, and so my concern would be with.

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Cooper City Hall: The minimal adjustments you wanted to make, I think it really needs to be made here.

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Cooper City Hall: The major difference we have between now in years past is we used to run at large, so these districts really we're just representative who could run for the seat, but everybody could vote now.

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Cooper City Hall: This is true representation, and we have right now, some small precincts that are literally split districts.

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Cooper City Hall: So I imagine that precincts can't be split in the future because they're going to have different ballots and that's the whole point of precinct should be you know, so that the supervisor of elections can make you know you 11 all the people there have one ballot.

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Cooper City Hall: So I think there needs to be more than minimal adjustments done our natural.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't say the word natural, I guess, are very common break a sterling road, and you know years past you had to on the South end into on the North and destroying road now with these gerrymandered districts that are awful I mean it, we have, for we have for zip codes and Cooper city.

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Cooper City Hall: and

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Cooper City Hall: Media markets if you want to put me out to constituents if you're south of sterling road you're in the south broward me and market if you're on the North side of it you're in the Davey greater Davey one so you're talking about.

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Cooper City Hall: to actually put things out to your constituents it's it's you're paying outrageous amount it's costing every month actually put it out, putting mailers out to your to your constituents letting you know what's going on, so I think that.

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Cooper City Hall: We have to think of some logistics here i'm at word I don't understand how, when it says don't split neighborhoods how I have flamingo gardens, but not screaming townhomes.

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Cooper City Hall: You know it's it's to me that's kind of crazy, you know Commissioner Meltzer goes from literally the southeast and all the way to the Northwest are low bar.

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Cooper City Hall: So um I think that we should look at some of the prior maps, we had to.

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Cooper City Hall: and take that, in consideration because this last one has been really the worst one we've ever had so, if I may.

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Cooper City Hall: Again i'm not an attorney i'm i'm a dog lover I make I make a living.

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Cooper City Hall: I think that's something you'd need to consult with your with your city attorney, I can tell you that right before this meeting, I was at North lauderdale doing exactly the same thing for them and Sam Gordon was there, and he was talking about this, this idea.

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Cooper City Hall: Sorry.

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Cooper City Hall: Sam Gordon is.

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Cooper City Hall: very familiar he's the guy we're just Bonner, yes.

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Cooper City Hall: we're a little dry summer.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm Scottish right, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: So maybe you want to jump in but Sam was saying that hey we can go back just you know time travel and change things up from 20 years ago, we are bound.

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Cooper City Hall: By what pre existed i'm awful compact maps gerrymandering is not something that we engage in that not something I would ever engage in and and.

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Cooper City Hall: With the small numbers we're talking about here is not something I could possibly do have even I wanted to engage in, but if you're talking about you know coming up with something revolutionary i'm going to step back and let your your city attorney.

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Cooper City Hall: And just very briefly a couple of observations i'm not hearing Commissioner chatter suggesting anything revolutionary, but what I am hearing is.

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Cooper City Hall: Maybe, considering the prior maps as a basis, point to move forward, but I think that.

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Cooper City Hall: Mr Graham Clark is correct that we have a set of data that came out as result of the current census, which were constrained by in the context of preparing our future districts.

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Cooper City Hall: that's, not to say you couldn't look to the prior districts have some framework or some some basis to begin, but at the end of the day, you need to ensure that your districts moving forward are based on the census data that was just recently released by the Federal Government.

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Cooper City Hall: But, but we also have to look at the geography of each of the districts and they have to be contiguous correct yeah I mean we're we're okay i'm Okay, with the that first point check they're going to be even alright sorry next now what's the biggest one next.

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Cooper City Hall: So, as we said first criterion is population equality that i'm not sure if you told me the check mark on the charts or our criteria.

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Cooper City Hall: But they they're compatible they they align so when we do this as part of our process first criterion is population equality second one is compactness and you know.

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Cooper City Hall: respect to existing districts boundaries not trying to revolutionize them also trying to respect communities of interest so as you were alluding to try not to carve up neighborhoods.

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Cooper City Hall: And so, when we how do they live without other options, how do they like me will you a more compact map I would.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm a drug, for this is the These are the things that excite me I would love to draw you a more compact well what the communities of interest is the word you used yeah what data set is determining that like what does that just means it's just a phrase that describes neighborhoods okay.

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Cooper City Hall: And I guess so, of course, and you, you were suggesting, and when we have in our report i'm sorry, you have in a report, the demographics, you were suggesting that you know there's not as.

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Cooper City Hall: A big minority population, the city of capacity and so maybe that's not a concern I don't say my big memory population, I said I don't know of any any minority.

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Cooper City Hall: Minority any ethnic groupings I think they'll go yeah I apologize I didn't make the sentence using the terms.

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Cooper City Hall: race and ethnicity and and we have that data in your report, but that would also be a community of interest that you'd want to respect.

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Cooper City Hall: And I would just also add, if I could The Charter also speaks to accomplishing the redistricting process without dividing residential communities.

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Cooper City Hall: that's specifically referenced in the Charter, to the extent possible, and we know we're constrained by the 25%.

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Cooper City Hall: Of the population breakdown, but to the extent that that can be accomplished without breaking up communities that is one of the directives containing the Charter, and I think and Commissioners charter.

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Cooper City Hall: is given the idea and let's This is exactly what you're saying the way we've been doing it assume for a moment that we are continuous going from the East to the West, yes he's saying let's look.

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Cooper City Hall: North to South maybe that will help us not only population wise but geographic wise, can we do that as well just to get as you say, the most compact, maybe we're looking at it in the wrong direction so again.

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Cooper City Hall: The way I would approach this without specific direction from the Commission but you're welcome to give me.

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Cooper City Hall: Right, but without specific directions, the Commission I would look to.

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Cooper City Hall: Make minimal changes to the existing boundaries, where I would assume that I was bound by those existing boundaries, if the Commission gave me the consultant, the direction to okay let's.

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Cooper City Hall: examine doing movie quarter approach northeast Northwest southeast Southwest you want me to do that analysis I could I could certainly look at it with your direction.

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Cooper City Hall: i'm encouraged to have them look at all I yeah I agree yeah I agree i'm looking at this map right now and i'm looking at if we had four quadrants North you know to on the North side to in the south side.

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Cooper City Hall: I could almost see it.

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Cooper City Hall: Was I think.

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Cooper City Hall: If I may.

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Cooper City Hall: I can't promise that's going to work in terms of population bands, no, no, no, I said it just launched a look at option is an option yeah yeah I would rather more than less options and without telling you old if we give you direction or if your assumption is to have minimal.

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Cooper City Hall: Change, then I don't think it's going to fix what the issue we have here.

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Cooper City Hall: And this is, it is more of an issue now than it ever has been because we didn't previously, we voted at large, so it didn't matter, but I can tell you it the property appraiser.

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Cooper City Hall: The supervisor election based off of our current map, they would have to create new precinct because you can't split precincts and the precincts literally is how you.

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Cooper City Hall: When they give you a ballot they know everyone at this precinct votes for these these people, so I don't know if there's even what happens with the supervisor elections office when you.

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Cooper City Hall: When you push up and like this once the process is complete the revised districts are submitted to the supervisors office and an advisor sets precincts based on the adopted districts like, if you look at, I have a single neighborhood.

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Cooper City Hall: hips grove that is certainly, certainly in my neighborhood it's in my plat and Commissioner Meltzer is the Commissioner for it.

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Cooper City Hall: And he lives like you know you have to go on a toll to get to his house from that neighborhood yeah so he said he grows it grows it's it's purple it's the little box at the top towards the left.

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Cooper City Hall: And yes, it's technically connect to the Griffin road cord or thing but there's like two houses there there's three houses yeah and the rest of this isn't it's it's a commercial you know so it's not like there's any resident, you know so it's just you're literally.

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Cooper City Hall: it's a forced, if you will, designation, you know.

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Cooper City Hall: Again, as a geographer I look at a map, I know what I would like to see, but I I wasn't part of the last redistricting process i'll be fairness fairness, we never engaged anyone to do it until last time when we engage you, and this was effort you want to be I figured.

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Cooper City Hall: hey i'm having a different I I believe in the in the product that effort you put together i'm just stating that I was not that particular and i'm thrilled about that because it's a fresh set of eyes right.

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Cooper City Hall: And if the city attorney is happy for me to as one of the options break it up break this up into a north east, south west south east North northeast quadrants I can I can look at that with, with all due respect to that statement you don't get a.

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Cooper City Hall: Commission yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: You know I know he's not voting i'm just i'm.

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Cooper City Hall: Looking for lawyer to provide.

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Cooper City Hall: legal advice.

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Cooper City Hall: yeah three and I was truly have no problem with with the.

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Cooper City Hall: The paradigm, to the Mayor Fischer shatter describing being one of the multiple options that's presented, I think that's all the commission's asking for it that'd be one of the several that's provide and that's something we can absolutely be done, thank you very much, anything else.

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Cooper City Hall: More than less than right.

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Cooper City Hall: So let's have emotion, if you would.

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Cooper City Hall: And that motion to adopt the right to adopt the and approve the redistricting analysis for the city of Cooper city so moved by Commission to green second by Commissioner i'm sorry, who is second all Jamie Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Any further discussion.

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Cooper City Hall: Is disappointment here.

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Cooper City Hall: Is not you open it up, but it's you know I I just this is interesting and and I would open it up to the public and almost a speaker at City Hall or anyone on virtual.

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Cooper City Hall: No, Sir, do you know one getting up to the podium call the boat, please Krishna shouter Yes, Commissioner Meltzer commissionable cine yes Krishna green yes Morales yes.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, thank you very much for the report that concise presentation and look forward to seeing what you come up with, thank you very much, was an honor Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Miss Mary If I could just talk about the timeline sure and that's why we really did move to the November 23 meeting to November 30 so next week on the 16th.

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Cooper City Hall: we're going to do a workshop and they'll present the options, and you can discuss the options and then November 30.

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Cooper City Hall: We will do the first reading and then December 9 I think is the the meeting first meeting in December and we'll do the second reading, because we have to have this approved, six months before i'm filing.

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Cooper City Hall: And filing is in junior high football fun right okay.

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Cooper City Hall: are very good anything else to come before the Commission rebuttal wait sorry we got to do rebuttal anyone wants you to speak on the rebuttal aspect of this.

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Cooper City Hall: thing, no one here in the Commission hall anyone on virtual now take the motion.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, we will be back in about 20 minutes.

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Cooper City Hall: 21 minutes, thank you.