



Minutes

Election Code Committee Meeting – EXCERPT OF ITEM 2

December 05, 2022 – 12:00 PM

**CIC Conference Room, City Hall, 300 Laporte Ave and via Zoom at
<https://fcgov.zoom.us/j/93910757534>**

Remote Participation Available

A) Call Meeting to Order

Chair Tricia Canonico called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

B) Roll Call

PRESENT:

Chair Tricia Canonico
Councilmember Kelly Ohlson
Mayor Jeni Arndt

STAFF PRESENT:

Anissa Hollingshead, City Clerk
Rita Knoll, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Tammi Pusheck, Privacy and Records Manager
Carrie Daggett, City Attorney
Ryan Malarky, Assistant City Attorney
Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant City Manager

2. Consideration and Action on Recommendation to Amend the Effective Date of the 2022 Council District-Precinct Map.

This item moves forward the clarification and amendment of the District-Precinct Map in order to eliminate confusion and practical impacts and inconsistencies in Councilmember districts.

City Attorney Carrie Daggett provided an overview of this topic, noting a lack of clarity on when new districts are in effect. A significant issue associated with this is the lack of availability of historical data relating to prior district and precinct boundaries. This means the City would not be able to get voter data from Larimer County out of the State voter database SCORE which showed data

Councilmember Ohlson asked for clarification on how there was not shared understanding among staff and Council on the effective date.

Attorney Daggett and Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll both answered, providing information regarding some differences in the general understandings of different parties working in the redistricting process. Previously, it has not been an issue primarily because of the timing of April elections that are now moving to November, increasing the window of current Council terms and lengthening the time before the new districts would've been effective the way the original ordinance was written. In addition, the nature of the precinct changes the County made that make up each district were much more significant than in prior years, compounding challenges with data access in a way that has not been seen before.

There was consensus to bring a clarifying ordinance forward making the effective date of the new districts retroactively effective as of July 29, 2022, the date the original redistricting ordinance was effective.

Mayor Arndt moved, seconded by Councilmember Ohlson, to recommend to the full Council to adopt an ordinance enacting an effective date for redistricting that aligns with the effective date of the original redistricting ordinance.

The motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Ohlson offered additional comments to clarify this action is just to clean things up to ensure the redistricting is in effect as intended and is not making any changes.

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