



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

City of Greenacres, Florida

Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

MINUTES

Mayor and City Council

Joel Flores, Mayor

John Tharp, Deputy Mayor

Peter A. Noble, Councilmember, District II

Judith Dugo, Councilmember District III

Susy Diaz, Councilmember, District IV

Paula Bousquet, Councilmember, District V

Administration

Andrea McCue, City Manager

Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

Quintella Moorer, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 6pm and City Clerk Moorer called the Roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilmember Bousquet, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Tharp to approve the agenda. Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz, and Councilmember Bousquet.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS - None.

CONSENT AGENDA - None.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Greenacres Re-districting Alternatives.** - Steven Bourassa, Professor and Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, FAU and James Gammack-Clark, Senior Instructor, Department of Geosciences, FAU.

Deputy Mayor Tharp questioned what would happen should an existing Councilmember move out of the district.

Mayor Flores asked when did the last re-districting occur in the City. Mayor Flores suggested adding a required ten-year review of the districts to the City's Charter.

Councilmember Bousquet was concerned that more than one Councilmember could represent one community.

Councilmember Diaz questioned what would happen if a current Councilmember was taken out of their district, she stated proposal Maps 2, 3 and 4 would remove a current Councilmember.

Mr. James Gammack-Clark stated he considered each Councilmembers current address.

Mr. Gammack-Clark introduced all Staff that assist with the re-districting and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Mr. Gammack-Clark highlighted the agenda which would include data used, existing districts, future growth, and the discussion of the presented alternatives.

Mr. Gammack-Clark stated the US Census data and housing data was used to generate the maps.

Mr. Gammack-Clark stated they used reasonable population across districts and a maximum of ten percent was not to be exceeded and geographic continuity were perimeters to consider when creating the maps. Population equity was the primary concern.

Mr. Gammack-Clark stated the City's current district boundaries were heavily unbalanced. The goal was to obtain a total of 5,000 residents in each district.

Mr. Gammack-Clark explained their recommendations for each alternative map. He addressed continuity issues and population balances.

Councilmember Dugo questioned the removal of River bridge Plaza out of District 3. Mr. Gammack-Clark stated the removal was necessary to maintain continuity. Councilmember Dugo preferred to leave the River bridge Plaza in District 3.

Mr. Gammack-Clark continued to discuss the various recommendations and changes.

Mayor Flores highlighted that Councilmember Diaz currently lived in District 4, but the alternatives presented would remove her from District 4. Mr. Gammack-Clark recommended not selecting any alternative maps that would require her to move. Mr. Torcivia stated Councilmember Diaz would be able to continue out her in term but would need to relocate to a new district after her term expired.

The Council agreed to not split River bridge which were included in alternatives 3 and 4.

Motion made by Councilmember Bousquet, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Tharp to remove alternative map options 2,3 and 4 and discuss the differences between alternatives 1 and 5.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz,
Councilmember Bousquet.

Voting Nay: Councilmember Noble.

Councilmember Noble preferred to listen to the entire presentation and then decide.

Mr. Gammack-Clark highlighted alternative 5.

Mr. Gammack-Clark stated in summary that all options maintained a balanced population percentage, continuity, and appropriated deviations.

Mayor Flores thanked Mr. Gammack-Clark for a great presentation.

Councilmember Dugo stated she objected the idea of removing River bridge Plaza out of District 4.

Councilmember Noble and Ms. McCue discussion the future land annexation which would require a ballot question. Councilmember Noble was concerned about northern annexation which would open great city growth.

Councilmember Bousquet suggested more comparison to option 1 and 5. Ms. Gammack-Clark stated there was not much, he said the numbers were similar, but option 5 could be viewed as a better layout, they were very similar not major differences.

Ms. McCue stated options 1 and 5 seemed to be the best options.

Councilmember Noble preferred option 1 and Deputy Mayor Tharp and Councilmember Bousquet preferred option 5.

Councilmember Dugo stated again that she preferred to have River bridge Plaza remain in her district she also mentioned that options 1 and 5 would be agreeable to her.

Mr. Gammack-Clark stated he would not support leaving River Bridge Plaza in the District 4 due to continuity reasons.

Motion made by Councilmember Bousquet, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Tharp to select Alternative map option 1.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz, Councilmember Bousquet

Voting Nay: Councilmember Noble.

Councilmember Noble made an alternative motion to select option 5 which died.

Ms. McCue stated First reading would take place on April 18.

DISCUSSION ITEM - None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Leonard Grant, resident of Two Pine Drive, thanked Ms. McCue for her assistance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

6:59PM.

Joel Flores
Mayor

Quintella Moorer, CMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: _____