

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jacob Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dale Turner
Jacob Gutierrez
Amanda Salas

Members Absent

Pete Garduno

Also Present

Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Rod Adiare, New Mexico Demographic Research LLC
Bobbie Shearer, New Mexico Demographic Research LLC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amanda Salas made a motion to approve the agenda. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gutierrez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New Mexico Demographics Research will provide additional information on the Redistricting maps showing where the changes were per district.

Discussion took place regarding plan A with changes made from wards 1 to 4, 2 to 3 and 3 to 4 and a lot of census blocks were taken out of ward 2 on plan A.

Ms. Salas advised it looked like ward 3 got the biggest increase on plan A and asked if the movements were based on wards 1 and 4 having an increase of people compared to the previous census.

Rod Adaire with New Mexico Demographics Research LLC advised wards 2 and 4 were the ones that had an increase.

Discussion took place regarding plan B being a perfect plan which would require the County Clerk and City Clerk to ensure the proper precinct parts are made.

Mr. Adaire discussed the changes made to plan B regarding deviations.

Mr. Turner asked what the extra work would entail in plan B that wouldn't be needed for plan A.

Mr. Adaire advised there would be about 30-40 precinct blocks that had been moved and he would have to provide the County Clerk and City Clerk with exact census blocks that make up new precinct parts.

Mr. Turner asked if that would need to be done for plan A.

Mr. Adaire advised it would but the difference would be a smaller amount of precinct blocks.

Ms. Salas asked how feasible it would be with plan B given the short timeframe.

Mr. Adaire advised it would be feasible.

Mr. Turner asked how many changes were made in plan C.

Mr. Adaire advised a similar number as plan A, and he made the boundaries clearly identifiable in plan C.

Ms. Salas advised plan C looked more proportionate.

Discussion took place regarding plan C, information for income ratios and if shifting issues could cause funding issues for schools.

Ms. Salas advised she did like plan C because it was more proportionate, with the wards being evened out but also has issues regarding lower income in that area which could cause road issues and other challenges.

Mr. Turner thanked Mr. Adaire for the information and explaining the changes in detail and was ready to make a decision.

Mr. Adaire advised he wanted to make sure they had all the data they needed.

Ms. Salas also thanked Mr. Adaire for making the changes clearer for them and for answering all their questions and was ready to make a decision.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and Selection of one of the three (3) redistricting proposals for the four (4) city council districts developed by New Mexico Demographics Research, LLC that will be recommended to the Mayor and Council on November 3, 2021.

Chairman Gutierrez advised he liked plan A because it had the least amount of changes.

Mr. Turner advised he liked plan C because of the way it was proportioned, pointing out that ward 4 stays on the south end of Grand Avenue instead of going towards the north end where problems would affect ward 2 more and also not having certain parts of Grand Avenue in ward 3 and ward 4.

Ms. Salas advised she liked plan C because it looked more equally proportionate with equal representation and wouldn't have as many changes as plan B would have given the short timeframe they had.

Discussion took place regarding getting the word out on the changes being made to the wards, encouraging people to vote and making sure people know who they're voting for if there are changes in their ward.

Mr. Turner asked if once they make a recommendation, would then Chairman Gutierrez take that recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

City Clerk Fresquez advised yes, either Chairman Gutierrez could or all of the committee could be there and once they make their recommendation it would still be up to Council to decide.

Mr. Turner voiced his concerns regarding not liking Council having the final decision regarding the three (3) plans and it being up to the public to decide.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the Charter was taken to the public to vote on and it's in the Charter that says Council makes the ultimate decision.

Chairman Gutierrez asked for a motion for plan C.

Amanda Salas made a motion to choose plan C as their recommendation to the City Council. Dale Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gutierrez advised the motion carried.

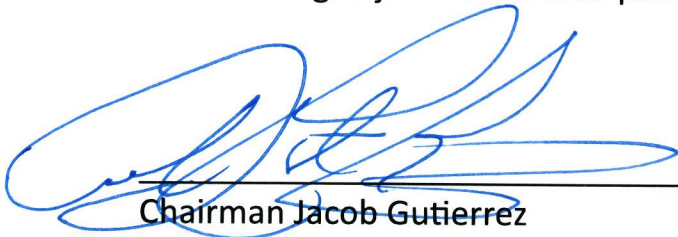
City Clerk Fresquez thanked the Redistricting Committee, Rod Adaire and Bobbi Shearer for completing their task in such a short timeframe.

ADJOURN

Dale Turner made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Salas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Gutierrez advised the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.



Chairman Jacob Gutierrez

15 Nov 2021
Date