# CITY OF BRIDGEPORT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MAY 4, 2023

**ATTENDANCE**: Jeannette Herron, Co-chair; Mark Delmonico, Co-chair; Council

Member Rosalina Roman-Christy, Council Member Tyler Mack,

Anthony Minutolo

**OTHERS**: Council Member(s): J. Cruz & M. Pereira; Atty. James Maye, Atty. Ron

Pacacha, Kim Brace, Election Data Services, Inc.; Linda Grace,

Republican Registrar of Voters, Patricia Howard, Democratic Registrar of

Voters; City Clerk Lydia Martinez, Atty. Mark Anastasi

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Herron called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Council Member Herron asked the Committee to introduce themselves. A quorum was present

Council Member Herron said that this was a Commission meeting and there would not be any public participation

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• April 24, 2023

The Commission members stated they had not yet received the minutes.

#### Discussion and possible Action concerning:

Presentation, recommendations, and input from, questions to, and discussion with, Redistricting Consultant Kim Brace.

DRAFT No. 1 of Map and Spreadsheet (and change maps) resultant from Redistricting Commission's work session of May 2, 2023.

Commission input, analysis, deliberations, and other action concerning further modifications to DRAFT No. 1 of Map and Spreadsheet (and change maps).

The duties and responsibilities of, and work to be performed by, the Commission on Redistricting to prepare and adopt a Plan of Districting following the most recent decennial census of the United States consistent with the principles set forth in Subsection (a) of Bridgeport City Charter, Chapter 5, Section 2 (a) and pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 32-22 regarding the matter of Lydia N. Martinez and

City of Bridgeport Redistricting Committee Special Meeting May 4, 2023 Maria H. Pereira v. City of Bridgeport, et. al. Superior Court for the Judicial District of Fairfield at Bridgeport – Docket No. FBT-CV-22- 6116446-S.

Input, information, and matters raised during the Commission's May 2, 2023, public hearing, and resultant from subsequent communications.

Further direction to, and requests for reports from, Redistricting Consultant Kim Brace of Election Data Services and/or City staff.

Scheduling of future Commission meetings, including, but not limited to, to receipt of possible oral and/or written testimony from Bridgeport City Council members, and Bridgeport Registrars of Voters and the general public regarding the adoption of new City Council district lines.

Mr. Brace then explained that Districts #1, #8 and #9 were not in compliance. The Committee then made some simple adjustment with the various census blocks. District 1 needed more residents. He then displayed an aerial view of District 1 with an overlay of the Districts in a contrasting color. Mr. Brace then showed everyone where the adjustment was changed to increase the population numbers in District 1.

He also reviewed the changes in Districts 8 and 9 and noted that the overall standard deviation is 6.2%, which is well within the required 10% variance. Each district is under 5%. Discussion followed.

Mr. Brace indicated on the display where the changes were by Chopsey Hill Road along with the changes for the 138th and 139th District.

- \*\* MR. MINUTOLO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED MAP DRAFT 2, DATED 05-04-2032.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- \*\* MR. MINUTOLO MOVED TO ENTER THE MAP TITLED DRAFT 2, WITH 05-04-2023 AS DIGITAL EXHIBIT 05-04-2023-A.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MACK MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.
- \*\* MR. MINUTOLO SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MACK MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- \*\* MR. MINUTOLO SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services