

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
SPECIAL COMMITTEE on REDISTRICTING

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011

6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Martinez; Co-chair, Brannelly
Brantley, Taylor-Moye, Bonney

NON-COMMITTEE: Council members: dePara, Council President McCarthy

CITY ATTORNEY: Mark Anastasi,

ASSISTANT CITY
ATTORNEY: Earl Skyers

Co-chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of, and report on to the full City Council (for referral to the Committee on Ordinance), a recommended proposed Redistricting Plan/Map, and such other action as appropriate

The Initial Draft Plan 3 was distributed to the committee members. Co-chair Martinez stated that the map was the one that reflected the changes that were requested.

Council President McCarthy stated that the map was similar to the one that was distributed at the meeting that was held on Wednesday, June 1 and changes were made based on comments made during the public hearing. The changes were added to the Hispanic/Latino numbers for redistricting. He explained that this was the first step and the matter still needs to go before the Ordinance Committee. He suggested that they vote on the revised map tonight and then if there are any other changes, they could be discussed at a later time.

Council member Brannelly made a request to clarify the changes that were made to the map. Council member dePara stated that after the public hearing and input, they were

made aware that a percentage of the population in his district, District-136 was slightly low; so they went back to make some changes to boost the percentage up.

Council member dePara reviewed the changes as follows:

- 1) the first change was added to the left where (127) was denoted on the map
- 2) the second change consisted of cutting out Pearce Street to reduce the percentage of Caucasian to increase the percentage of Hispanic in the 136th District
- 3) the third change consisted of the addition of Catherine Street and Center Street in the Hollow area below George Street – *as outlined on the map*

He noted that the changes brought up the percentage of total Hispanics and Non-White/Non-Black from 43.5% and the final number brings the percentage up for total Hispanics, Non-White/Non-Black for a total of 44.31%.

Council President McCarthy reviewed the changes made in his district, District-133, where the red line was denoted towards Main Street near Westfield Avenue at the bottom of Savoy Avenue. This area was given to District-134 because the percentage was too high for the 136th District.

Council member dePara stated there was an addition of Birdseye Street in the 138th District, where it used to be in the 139th District. This was done to allow a larger number of people to factor into the overall percentage.

Council member Bonney asked when the recommendation comes out of this committee, will it be final. Council President McCarthy said no, this commission votes on the item and then it goes before the Ordinance Committee and then on to the full city council. It was noted that the Ordinance Committee will also conduct a public hearing for the item.

Council member Bonney asked if the boundary line between District 125th and District 126th had changed. Council President McCarthy said yes. He pointed out the change to the boundary line on the map to show Mr. Bonney.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND AND REFER THAT CERTAIN PLAN OF DISTRICTING AND ASSOCIATED MAP ENTITLED “INITIAL DRAFT PLAN #3 2010 CENSUS CITY of BRIDGEPORT, CT” (copy submitted to the city clerk’s office) PREPARED AND AS REVISED BY THIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING FOLLOWING TWO PUBLIC**

**HEARINGS AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE'S
CONSULTANT MR. KIM BRACE OF ELECTION DATA SERVICES, INC., TO THE
FULL CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION AT ITS JUNE 6, 2011
MEETING PURSUANT TO BRIDGEPORT CHARTER, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services