

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeanette Herron, Co-Chair; Marc Delmonico, Co-chair; Michael Garrett  
Tyler Mack, Rosalina Roman-Christy

**OTHERS:** Atty. James Maye; Anthony Paoletto, Special Project Manager; Council  
Member(s): Maria Pereira & M. Valle; City Attorney M. Anastasi; Atty.  
Bruce Levin

Via Zoom: Ryan Taylor, Project Manager; Kim Brace, Electronic Data  
Services (5:24 p.m.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Herron called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

• **May 30, 2023 (Special Meeting)**

**\*\* MR. DELMONICO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 30, 2023  
SPECIAL MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 30, 2023 SPECIAL  
MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**I. Discussion, including with redistricting consultant Kim Brace's staff and City legal  
staff, concerning the revised Plan of Redistricting (Plan No. 2) previously adopted by  
the Commission and any associated census documentation; such discussion to include  
input, data, reports, and any other documentation as presented (at prior meetings or at  
this meeting) by legal and redistricting consultant staff (both in writing and  
electronically).**

**\*\* MR. DELMONICO MOVED TO ENTER A DOCUMENT FROM THE CITY  
ATTORNEY DATED JUNE 9, 2023 AS EX 06-12-2023-A.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Garrett said that he had photos of the school that was one of the alternatives to Harding High School. There were people who felt that Harding was not a good polling location but Mr. Garrett felt that the alternative location was not suitable. Council Member Herron requested that Mr. Garrett send the photos to the Committee.

Mr. Garrett listed the reasons why he did not believe the alternative location was acceptable. He noted that the principal of the school also agreed that having the location would not be a good idea.

Atty. Anastasi asked if it would be possible to display both the City Attorney's opinion letter and the document. Council Member Herron said that she did not know how to do that. Atty. Anastasi said that on page 8 of the document there was a statement that none of the incumbent Council Members were moved out of their districts, but there was an error. He said that it was not the Commission's intent to move anyone out of their Districts. He said that this action to adopt the recommendation was to correct an unintentional and unforeseen error.

**\*\* MR. GARRETT MOVED TO ENTER A MEMORANDUM DATED JUNE 9, 2023 AS EXHIBIT 06-12-2023-B.**

**\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**II. Reconsideration, and/or rescinding, and/or revoking of Plan No. 2 previously adopted by the Commission, particularly in order to then adopt a new revised successor Plan No. 3 (by substitution) in order to move the residence of the current Council Member representing the 132nd Council District back into such district, from the 131st District (to which she was inadvertently relocated in Plan No. 2).**

**\*\* MR. DELMONICO MOVED TO RECONSIDER AND/OR RESCIND AND/OR REVOKE THE APPROVAL OF PLAN 2 PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION, PARTICULARLY IN ORDER TO THEN ADOPT A NEW REVISED SUCCESSOR PLAN NO. 3 (BY SUBSTITUTION) IN ORDER TO MOVE THE RESIDENCE OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING THE 132ND COUNCIL DISTRICT BACK INTO SUCH DISTRICT, FROM THE 131ST DISTRICT (TO WHICH SHE WAS INADVERTENTLY RELOCATED IN PLAN NO. 2).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Taylor then said that Mr. Brace had tried to re-arrange his flight to allow him to be on the call. Atty. Maye called Mr. Brace to request his presence at the meeting.

**III. Possible amendment of Plan of Redistricting (Plan No. 2), including but not limited to by substitution of a new Plan No. 3.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had not received the email that was sent to the entire Council.

Council Member Herron stated that she had sent the email out to the full Council on June 9th, shortly after she received it.

*Mr. Brace joined the meeting at 5:24 p.m.*

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Brace to review Plan #3. There was a brief discussion regarding the change of the line between the 131st and 132nd districts. Atty. Anastasi said that he believed that Atty. Maye had sent the document out to the Committee members. A copy of the new proposed map was displayed on the screen. Mr. Brace said that the change involved two census blocks by Iranistan Avenue. He explained that one of the incumbents lives there and so they included two more census blocks in the north. This change had brought the deviation closer, from 6.73 to 6.10. Table 5 was then displayed on screen. Discussion followed.

**\*\* MR. DELMONICO MOVED TO AMEND PLAN OF REDISTRICTING (PLAN NO. 2), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BY SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PLAN NO. 3.  
\*\* MR. GARRETT SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MR. DELMONICO MOVED TO APPROVE FORMALLY ADOPT SUBSTITUTED REVISED PLAN OF REDISTRICTING (PLAN NO. 3), AND TO REFER SUCH PLAN TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AS AN AMENDMENT TO PLAN NO. 2 BY SUBSTITUTION AND FOR FORMAL ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE BRIDGEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH PLAN OF REDISTRICTING (PLAN NO. 3).**

Atty. Anastasi said that this would be offered to the Ordinance Committee by substitution for Plan #2. Council Member Pereira said that the item had to be approved by the Council. Atty. Anastasi replied that the matter was pending before the Council. Council Member Herron said that this would be fine.

Council Member Herron asked that the documents be sent to the City Clerk and the Recording Secretary. Council Member Pereira stated that the City Clerk had told her they did not have the documents on file. She requested that copies of the documents also be sent to her.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. DELMONICO MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

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