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**Public Hearing #2 regarding the
transition to District Elections and
composition of voting Districts**

October 15, 2018

Transition Schedule



Date	Event
September 17	Adopt Resolution of Intention to transition Public Hearing #1 – Gather public input on composition of voting districts
September 25	Community Meeting, City Council Chamber Additional opportunity for community input and further education
October 15	Public Hearing #2 – Gather additional public input on composition of voting districts
November 14	Public Hearing #3 – Gather public input on draft maps and election sequencing
November 26	Public Hearing #4 – Gather & consider additional public input on draft maps and election sequencing <i>Possible map selection and ordinance introduction</i>
December 10	Second reading and adoption of ordinance

Background



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- ▶ **September 17, 2018** – City Council adopted Resolution of Intention to transition to District Elections and held Public Hearing #1 to receive public testimony on district composition
- ▶ **September 25, 2018** – Community Meeting facilitated by City’s demographic consultant (NDC) to educate the public, demonstrate mapping tools, and gather additional community input

Comments Received



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▶ Public Hearing – September 17

- Consider forming six districts and maintaining a elected Mayor at-large due to the growth of the City since formation
- Consider economic status and income levels due to the relationship between financial status and campaign contributions
- Maintain Council Member transparency and accountability throughout the process
- Council Members seeking election or re-election should recuse themselves

Comments Received



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- ▶ Community Meeting – September 25
 - Facilitated by National Demographic Corporation
 - Approximately 35 attendees
 - Active participation
 - Variety of questions posed, three main subject areas
 - Transition timeframe
 - How many districts?
 - Mayoral seat (directly elected or rotational)

Community Meeting Comments Received



- ▶ Does the City have to switch to districts?
- ▶ Why is the timeframe so short?
- ▶ Can the City establish a committee?
- ▶ Why can't we follow Neighborhood Council lines?

Community Meeting Comments Received



- ▶ How many districts should be formed?
- ▶ When will residents know how many districts to consider?
- ▶ Can we consider a 7-district model?
- ▶ When can the public submit maps?
- ▶ How do we know if submitted maps meet criteria?
- ▶ Will there be more meetings?

Community Meeting Comments Received



- ▶ Mayoral selection or election?
 - Will the mayor be directly elected at-large or by-district?
 - If directly elected, how long will the term be?
 - If by district, how will the selection and rotation work?

Public Hearing #2



- ▶ Review public comments received to date
- ▶ Presentation by National Demographics
- ▶ Receive additional public testimony on district composition and criteria
- ▶ Adopt a resolution establishing the line drawing criteria and potential number of proposed districts & provide direction to demographer
- ▶ Set public hearing for November 14

Number of Districts



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- ▶ Two areas of direction that staff is seeking is narrowing to the number of Districts & receiving any specific community of interest direction.
- ▶ Based on previous meetings, the Districts will range from 4 to 7. If there is a directly elected Mayor, there will be an even number.
- ▶ Does the Council have specific community of interest areas you where you would like focus placed?

Demographer's Presentation



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National Demographics Corporation Douglas Johnson, President

Actions Tonight



- ▶ Open public hearing to receive additional community input
- ▶ Adopt a resolution establishing line drawing criteria & proposed number of districts
- ▶ Close public hearing and set November 14, 2018 for next public hearing



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Questions?