

**PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2022
7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers
401 E. Chapman Avenue**

SPECIAL PROCEDURES NOTICE

On March 4, 2020, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus.

On September 17, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which went into immediate effect as urgency legislation. AB 361 added subsection (e) to Section 54953 to authorize legislative bodies to conduct remote meetings provided the legislative body makes specified findings. As of September 19, 2021 the COVID-19 pandemic has killed more than 67,612 Californians. Social distancing measures decrease the chance of the spread of COVID-19.

Given the health risks associated with COVID-19, please be advised that while the City Council Chambers are open to the public, some or all of the Placentia City Council Members may attend this meeting via teleconference. Those locations are not listed on the agenda and are not accessible to the public.

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How to Submit Public Comment

Members of the public may provide public comment in person or comments may be sent for City Council consideration by email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@placentia.org. Please limit submitted comments to 200 words or less. Comments received before or during a Council meeting, until the close of the **Oral Communications** portion of the agenda, may not be read during the City Council meeting but will be summarized in the public record and are subject to the regular time limitations per speaker. Longer submittals will be included in the public record. If you are unable to provide your comments in writing, please contact the City Clerk's Office for assistance at (714) 993-8231.

Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodation

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@placentia.org or by calling (714) 993-8231. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will generally enable City Staff to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility while maintaining public safety. (28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

Until further notice the City will implement the guidelines of the California Department of Public Health regarding social distancing.

The City of Placentia thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shader called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Green, Smith, Wanke, Shader
ABSENT: Councilmember Yamaguchi

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Christian Bettenhausen; City Administrator Damien Arrula; Deputy City Administrator Rosanna Ramirez; Deputy City Administrator Luis Estevez; Director of Development Services Joe Lambert; City Clerk Robert McKinnell; Deputy City Clerk Karen O'Leary

INVOCATION: Kenneth Milhander

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Placentia Veterans Advisory Committee Member Meredith Castillo

1. PUBLIC HEARING:

1.a. **Public Hearing No. 3 to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Review of the City Council Election District Boundaries**

Fiscal Impact: Expense: \$16,820.61 To Date for Legal, Publishing, and Translation Services

Budgeted: \$35,000.00 Legislative – Other Purchased Services (101002-6299)

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Open and conduct Public Hearing No. 3 to receive public comments regarding the composition of potential Council election district boundaries based on 2020 U.S. Census data, as required by applicable law; and
- 2) Receive the staff report, consider all public testimony, ask questions of Staff; and
- 3) Close the Public Hearing.

(Approved 4-0-1, as recommended, Yamaguchi absent)

Mayor Shader opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

City Administrator Arrula introduced Dr. Justin Levitt, Vice-President of National Demographics Corporation, who gave a brief presentation. The presentation included an overview of the redistricting process, redistricting rules and goals, a demographic summary of existing districts, and copies of draft maps submitted to the City for City Council consideration.

Mayor Shader questioned the district numbering on some of the maps.

Dr. Levitt summarized each of the 12 maps which had been submitted for consideration and indicated where each map met or did not meet the required criteria.

Dr. Levitt discussed a Fair Maps Act summary table which compared how each map met the rules and goals of redistricting.

Dr. Levitt indicated that the goals of this public hearing were to narrow the number of focus maps and start the conversation about district numbering of the remaining maps.

Mayor Shader asked for clarification on the summary chart and an evaluation of how voters may be affected by the different district maps.

City Administrator Arrula introduced Special Legal Counsel Craig A. Steele from RWG Law who was present to answer any legal questions about the maps and the redistricting process.

Mayor Pro Tem Wanke suggested discarding the maps that did not meet the required criteria.

Motion by Wanke, seconded by Smith, and carried a (4-0-2, Yamaguchi absent) vote to remove NDC Map green, NDC Map Orange, Public Map 1, Public Map 4, Public Map 5, Public Map 6, and Public Map 7 from consideration.

Motion by Wanke, seconded by Smith, and carried a (4-0-2, Yamaguchi absent) vote to remove Public Map 2 and Public Map 3 from consideration.

There was discussion on the remaining draft maps and the potential of annexing the County Island known as Hamer Island. The City Council discussed how each of the remaining maps would affect the sequence of elections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

City Clerk McKinnell stated that no communications had been received electronically by the City Clerk's Office and no members of the public who were present expressed a desire to speak.

Mayor Shader closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Motion by Wanke, seconded by Smith, and carried a (4-0-2, Yamaguchi absent) vote to continue consideration of Public Map 8, Public Map 9, and Public Map 3 Revised, and to renumber the districts by swapping District No. 2 and District No. 5 on the maps remaining under consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.



Rhonda Shader, Mayor

ATTEST:



for

Robert S. McKinnell, City Clerk

