

**PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 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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**Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodation**

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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 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Councilmember Green, Smith, Yamaguchi, Wanke, Shader  
ABSENT: None

**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:** Sterling Bennett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Placentia Veterans Advisory Committee Member Ron Culler

**1. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1.a. **Public Hearing No. 4 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. 4 to receive Staff and consultant input and public comments regarding the boundaries of potential Council election district maps 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) Choose the map that will be designated for adoption; and
- 4) Close the Public Hearing.

**(Approved 5-0, as recommended)**

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, and copies of draft maps designated by the City Council for further consideration. He discussed the renumbering of the districts as he was directed by City Council at the Special Meeting and public hearing on February 10, 2022. He mentioned the potential annexation of the County Island known as "Hamer Island."

Mayor Shader opened Oral Communications for the public hearing. City Clerk McKinnell stated that the City Clerk's Office had received no electronic communications for the public hearing and no members of the public expressed a desire to provide comment.

Councilmember Smith questioned the demographer regarding population balancing and the accepted deviation.

Mayor Shader stated that the City Council voted to move forward with the annexation of Hamer Island at their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2022. She clarified that the annexation was moving to the next step and was not certain to happen.

Councilmember Smith stated that proposed *Public Map 3 Revised* ("*Public Map 3*") would best hold the City within the required parameters given the possibility of annexation.

City Administrator Arrula reminded City Council that there were 1,045 residents located in the Hamer Island.

A brief discussion followed regarding total population and voting age population numbers.

Councilmember Green stated that if the annexation were accomplished the total population deviance would still be within the acceptable parameters in all the draft maps.

City Administrator Arrula asked for more information on further redistricting actions that could be necessary due to the annexation.

Councilmember Yamaguchi commented that he supported *Public Map 3* or *Public Map 9*.

Mayor Pro Tem Wanke stated that he preferred Public Map 3 and discussed the division of the neighborhoods northeast of Bastanchury.

Mayor Shader asked for confirmation that the renumbering proposed by City Council would provide the least amount of voter disenfranchisement due to not being able to vote according to the previous election cycle and district divisions.

Dr. Levitt said the final three (3) draft maps have been numbered to comply with the settlement agreement, meet all redistricting goals and requirements, and balance the impact to voters as much as possible.

Mayor Shader closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Motion by Green, seconded by Yamaguchi, and carried a (5-0) vote to designate *Public Map 3 Revised* for adoption.

Mayor Shader congratulated the City Council on a district boundary map that benefits the community and thanked everyone who gave input on and provided draft maps. She thanked National Demographics and the City Clerk's Office for their work during the process.

**CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Wanke asked that the City Council consider joining the Independent Cities Association (ICA), an organization for full service cities since the City now has a Fire Department as well as a Police Department.

There was City Council consensus to bring ICA membership back to the Council as an agenda item at an upcoming meeting and appoint a delegate and an alternate to the ICA.

City Administrator Arrula noted that the ordinance to adopt the new district map would be introduced at the Regular City Council meeting on March 1, 2022 and brought back for second reading and adoption on March 15, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.



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Rhonda Shader, Mayor/Agency Chair

ATTEST:



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Robert S. McKinnell, City Clerk/  
Agency Secretary

