

Information Item

Date: June 14, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

Subject:

Information Regarding Ward Redistricting Process

Strategic Focus Area: No

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No

In November 2021, staff appeared before the Community Development/Housing/General Government (CDHGG) Committee to provide an update on data received via the 2020 Census and to offer a preview of the resultant ward redistricting process. As noted in November, the City is required to revise its ward boundaries as all eight wards are no longer within the acceptable population deviation range of +/-5%. Staff outlined the metrics to be used in drafting revised ward maps at the November CDHGG meeting, including:

- Keep Council Members within their existing wards
- Preserve the core of the existing wards
- Have eight wards within +/-2% population deviation
- Maintain the balance of majority-minority wards within the City
- Don't split Census Blocks by ward boundaries
- Ward boundaries should follow logical boundaries (major roads, environmental features, etc)

Staff has been working over the past several months to create a set of revised ward maps that adhere to the metrics described above. Staff will be present at the June 14, 2022 CDHGG meeting to provide an overview of the draft revised ward maps and to discuss next steps in the process.