

Council District – Redistricting Plan

City Charter Sec. 2.01 (a)

- *Composition.* The legislative power of the city shall be vested in the council, comprised of six (6) members to be known as councillors and one (1) member to be known as mayor. The six (6) councillors shall be nominated and elected by the qualified voters of each of the six (6) single-member . The mayor shall be nominated and elected at large.

City Charter Sec. 2.01 (e)

- District boundaries and revisions. The council shall, be (by) ordinance, set the boundaries of each district. These boundaries shall remain in effect until altered or changed by the council by ordinance. In establishing the district boundaries, the council shall consider the following principles which, in the event of any conflict among them, shall be considered in the following order:

City Charter Sec. 2.01(e)

- (1) Each district shall contain as nearly as possible substantially the same population based upon the most recent federal census.
- (2) Communities of interest, including those based upon ethnic and economic factors, shall be preserved whenever reasonable with a single district.
- (3) Each district shall be formed of compact, contiguous territories. The total length of all district boundary lines shall be as short as possible.

Request for Proposal

- RFP for Consulting Services for Demographics (Redistricting) issued.
- Invitation to 24 vendors in and out of State
- Only one proposal received
- Evaluation Committee met on 11/18/10 to review the proposal

- Recommendation was given to award RFP to Research & Polling, Inc. of Albuquerque, NM (1991 & 2001)
- Agreement will be signed by the Purchasing Manager, Robert Telles

TIMELINE

- January 2, 2011 – Begin preparation for redistricting.
- January - March 2011 – Conduct initial public hearing/work session to educate Council, City Staff and public about the process and guidelines of redistricting
- April 1, 2010 (NLT) – Release of P.L. 94-174 redistricting data.

- April 2011 – Create initial redistricting plans. Second public hearing/work session: to show initial plans & hear comments
- May 2011 – Public Hearing/Work Session, with revisions, if any.
- June 2011 – Show redistricting plans, with revisions, if any. City Council adopts a redistricting plan. Submit final deliverables to the City.

- June 30, 2011 – Completion of redistricting process
- November 8, 2011 – First Election under new district boundaries.

QUESTIONS