



The City of Palm Coast
City Council Districting Commission

160 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite B-106, Palm Coast, FL 32164

May 26, 2011 Minutes - Final

Members Present:

Clint Smith
Chris Vorndran
Albert Cunningham
Patricia Bottoms
Louis McCarthy

Staff Present:

Ray Tyner, Planning Manager
José Papa, Senior Planner
Wendy Cullen, Human Resource Manager
Krista Anderson, GIS Specialist
Kathy Davis (as recording secretary)

Senior Planner José Papa brought May 26, 2011 City of Palm Cost City Council Districting Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 2 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recording Secretary Kathryn Davis called the roll in which all members were present.

Human Resource Manager Wendy Cullen swore in all members followed by each member signing an affidavit affirming the oath.

Mr. Papa introduced City staff to the Commission and then asked the members to nominate a chair and vice chair. Mr. McCarthy was nominated by the members as chair in which he accepted. Members nominated Clint Smith as vice-chair in which he accepted. Ms. Bottoms accepted the position of secretary for the sake of formality. It was a unanimous decision for all appointments.

Mr. Papa reviewed the adoption schedule with the Commission and then gave a presentation. Some of the highlights of the presentation included:

- specifications for creating the new district lines as outlined in the City Charter
- population background of the City
- proposed districting maps

Mr. Smith inquired as to how long the maps are good for in which Mr. Papa responded until the next census and advised that the projected population should not play a role in deciding how to divvy up the districts. Mr. Smith commented that he believes that any growth west of US Highway 1 in 10 years won't really make a difference.

Mr. Vorndran inquired if there are any known issues that are likely to come up from the populous at the public hearings that they know about. Mr. McCarthy commented that there would be if they put somebody out of their district. He noted there is only one person leaving the Council in which that person's district is in yellow and noted that he doesn't know who will be going for that seat or where they live. He noted that none of the alternate maps leave anything to worry about. Mr. Tyner responded that it is good that they do not know where anyone running resides as the exercise is to try to balance

the population they best they can by the charter and not to be concerned with who lives where.

Mr. Smith inquired as to how someone would finish out their term if they don't reside in their area after the redistricting. He assumed that if an existing Council member does not reside in the new district after the redistricting, that person would carry on until their term expires in which that seat would then become vacant and they would have to apply for their new district if there was an opening. Mr. Papa expressed agreement.

Mr. McCarthy noted that he reviewed all of the proposed maps and in his opinion, given all of the criteria, he believes Alternate 2 is the best one. He noted that if any additions or revisions need to be made, Alternate 2 should be used as a template. Mr. Smith and Mr. Vorndran expressed agreement provided they are not allowed to consider future housing projects. It was recommended to revise the Alternate 2 map by adjusting the lines for a small area along Commerce Boulevard from District 4 to District 1.

Mr. Vorndran expressed concern regarding issues that may come up from the public that the commission should deliberate on for the boundaries. An example provided was dividing a gated community; however assurance was provided that such would not be an issue. He further commented that he's not aware of any racial divide that may come into play in which all agreed.

Mr. McCarthy reminded the members that each candidate must reside in the district that they wish to represent with the exception of the position of mayor, who may reside in any district.

GIS Specialist Krista Anderson revised the Alternate 2 map to include the small area on Commerce Boulevard depicted in District 4 to District 1, which increased the population for District 4 by two (2) and decreased District 1 by two (2).

Clint Smith moved to recommend to City Council adoption of Alternate 2 to include the changes made at the meeting. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Mr. McCarthy asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one come forward, he called for a vote on the motion on the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Papa advised the members that he still has to prepare a report and the members will need to meet again.

Mr. Tyner thanked everyone for coming prepared and for their work.

Mr. McCarthy recommended that the members meet again on Thursday, June 2nd at 2 pm in City Offices. All agreed. Mr. Papa advised the members that he'll send them an agenda in advance of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.