

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee
Electronically Recorded Meeting 10/05/2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Rothschild, Chairman
Charlene Mendoza, Vice-Chair

Michael O'Connell (Ward 1)
Marion Chubon (Ward 2)
Glenn Perkins (Ward 3)
Kelly Anne Canady (Ward 4)
D. Grady Scott (Ward 5)
Jonathan Rothschild, (Ward 6)

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk
Suzanne Mesich, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Assistant City Clerk
Shawna Lee, City Records Manager
Randy Hammel, Systems Analyst, City Clerk's Office
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Clerk

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1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Call the City of Tucson Redistricting
2 Advisory Committee meeting to order. This is the meeting scheduled
3 for October 5, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Let's go to roll call.
4 CLERK: Chair Rothschild?
5 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Here.
6 CLERK: Vice-Chair Mendoza?
7 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Here.
8 CLERK: Mr. O'Connell?
9 MR. O'CONNELL: Here.
10 CLERK: Ms. Chubon?
11 MS. CHUBON: Here.
12 CLERK: Mr. Perkins?
13 MR. PERKINS: Present.

1 CLERK: Ms. Canady?

2 MS. CANADY: Here.

3 CLERK: And Mr. Scott.

4 MR. SCOTT: Here.

5 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. We need a motion to approve
6 the meeting transcripts of September 3rd and September 14th. I know
7 those were sent to us. Can I get a motion to approve the transcripts?

8 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: So moved. This is Charlene.

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Get a second?

10 MALE MEMBER: I second that.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. We got a second. Any further
12 discussion on that matter? Hearing none, all in favor of approving
13 the transcripts say "aye". Aye.

14 (Affirmative.)

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Think I heard "ayes". Well, I can
16 ask. Anybody not in favor? Okay. Passes unanimously. Okay. Let's
17 move on to Consideration of Districting Proposals.

18 Roger, do you have any - or Ms. Stash, representing the
19 Attorney's Office it looks like - do you have any preference as to how
20 we proceed, or is it just a free-for-all? I see that Ms. Mendoza's
21 given us a couple suggestions. I can't hear you, Roger.

22 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes, Your Honor. Right now, there are the
23 two original Staff recommendations. They're the two recommendations
24 put forward by Vice-Chair Mendoza. And then you're more than willing

1 and able to review any other possibilities that the Committee would
2 like to discuss.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And the, and the, the Staff
4 recommendations, as I recall, were to move 98. And was the other one
5 85?

6 MR. RANDOLPH: Eighty-two.

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Eighty-two. Eighty-two. I'm not
8 remembering 82 as well. So, I guess I'll open, and I, I kind of have
9 an idea. I think after tonight, the next thing we do is we go to
10 public hearing.

11 And the two, the Staff proposal and Ms. Mendoza's, are
12 significantly different. They both have things to be said good for
13 them, you know, they both have pluses and potential minuses.

14 And I think we should have a discussion, kind of get
15 everybody's point of view, but I don't think it's a terrible idea to
16 move them both. Well, I think we should choose one in Ms. Mendoza's.

17 But move one of those 'cause it has a different sort of
18 sense of what it wants to do. And one of - and the, the Staff one.
19 One of the Staff ones for public hearing. See what kind of comments
20 we get, give us time to think about it, and then come back with a
21 recommendation for the Council. And we could recommend to the Council
22 (inaudible) moves and let them decide.

23 My, my concern, Charlene, with Option No. 1 is it moves
24 21,000 people, and that's, that's too much. Option 2 moves 12,000
25 people, which is still a lot, but it's about half as many. I think in

1 the Staff's recommendation to move 98, you move about 5,000 people.
2 And, and my experience tells me that people don't like to move wards.
3 And so, I, I, couldn't support that.

4 The other part is the real, the real job here, and I know
5 there's other things that should be considered, but is to lower that
6 maximum population deviation as low as possible. And 8.32 is still
7 really high. The Staff's recommendation, I think, puts us at 4.72.
8 The Option No. 2 puts us at 5.02, which is very close.

9 So, you know, I, I, I - it would be my proposal that we,
10 after listening to everybody else, but my initial reaction is to go to
11 the public hearing with those two proposals, Ms. Mendoza's Option 2
12 and, and Staff's proposal for Precinct 98.

13 Now, the only question I had, Roger, and it could be me not
14 seeing it, but what does Ms. Mendoza's movement do, just so, so, that,
15 that the, the targets are 92977, okay? If we move No. 2, which is
16 Charlene's, Ms. Mendoza's, what, what does that put those - 'cause
17 you're, you're affecting one, two - four, four wards? You're - what,
18 what does that put those wards at?

19 MS. CANADY: I did - Jonathan, this is Kelly. I did send
20 out, or actually Shawna sent out a table that shows all the numbers
21 for Charlene's proposal (inaudible)

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Could, could you, could - do you have
23 it in front of you, 'cause I just don't.

24 MS. CANADY: Yeah, I do.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: And I'm just concerned about just the
2 one person, one vote numbers, you know.

3 MS. CANADY: So, what do you - you want me to (inaudible)
4 So, it's, it moves, the second option that Charlene shared was -

5 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

6 MS. CANADY: - it, it moves three wards, Precinct 37,
7 Precinct 89 and Precinct 160 to other places, so -

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right. (Inaudible)

9 MS. CANADY: - total -

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Go ahead.

11 MS. CANADY: Do you want the total population?

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Total population, what it would like
13 in Wards 1, 3, 6 and 5 after -

14 MS. CANADY: Yeah.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - if we adopted Ward 2 - options.

16 MS. CANADY: (Inaudible) One's total, new total population
17 is 93,323.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

19 MS. CANADY: An addition of 1,188 people. Ward 3's new
20 total is 92,975.

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

22 MS. CANADY: A decrease of 1573.

23 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right.

24 MS. CANADY: And then Ward 5 goes up - or sorry. Goes down
25 93,128.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

2 MS. CANADY: A decrease of forty-two (inaudible) 4300.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And then what's, what's 6 go
4 to, because 6 picks up some.

5 MS. CANADY: (Inaudible) Yeah. So, six goes up to 91,074.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

7 MS. CANADY: It's an increase (inaudible)

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Those are all good numbers.
9 Okay.

10 MS. CANADY: Yes. Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, that, that, that - anyway,
12 that's my take on it. I, I would be for moving on to the pub- -- at
13 least the public hearing. Staff recommendation with regard to 98,
14 and, and Charlene's recommendation as to Option 2 because I think that
15 gets closer.

16 MR. SCOTT: Mr. Mayor, can I ask a question?

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Grady, go ahead.

18 MR. SCOTT: Yeah. Because this is pre-census, if we do a
19 lot of moving, couldn't that change when we have the census data?

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Roger, or Ms. Stash, what's the -

21 MR. RANDOLPH: Mr. Mayor, I would expect that with the 2020
22 census data, as well as the re-precincting that will occur from the
23 County prior to the next Redistricting Advisory Committee, there's
24 gonna be some major moves in the next iteration of the redistricting.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Well, then I have a - okay. So, I
2 understand we're out of compliance now, but, but what, what does that
3 mean? Let, let - when does the - when do you actually get the next
4 census numbers?

5 MR. RANDOLPH: So, we will bring this - we'll reform this
6 committee in 2022. Okay. So, it's not - okay.

7 MR. RANDOLPH: So, the, the -

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Now that -

9 MR. RANDOLPH: - recommendation to Council will be October
10 of 2022.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. But they're gonna need to do
12 something before that.

13 MR. RANDOLPH: We need to do something now to bring us back
14 into compliance.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, I, I mean I guess that's
16 another argument for not moving as many moving pieces, 'cause you may
17 be -

18 MR. RANDOLPH: Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - moving a lot of pieces again in the
20 future. But, okay, that's good to know. Grady, did that answer your
21 question?

22 MR. SCOTT: It does and that's my concern. The more people
23 you move, the - they're gonna have to move - they could possibly move
24 again in the second year. That's gonna be confusing, could conflict
25 with people's ability to know where they're supposed to be voting.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Anybody else?
2 Charlene, you, you, you, you did your hard work, so, why don't you
3 give us some thought, at least as to No. 2?

4 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Sure. There were two things that I
5 was looking at primarily. One - and this is, you know, I was using
6 the demographic table that came from Shawna, and the rest of the Staff
7 supporting us.

8 And I was looking at some of the data around where
9 populations seem to be growing in Tucson, where they seem to be
10 shrinking. And obviously, we can only look back on that data and
11 maybe use it to trend. So, I was thinking a little bit about
12 predictions.

13 So, that was one of the things was to really kind of look
14 at where in the city we're having some projected growth, and to maybe
15 factor that in at this moment. 'Cause I agree with the point that we
16 don't necessarily want to move, you know, everybody all at once.

17 But I think we also had some words that were very out of -
18 and there was a real big spread between the smallest ward and the
19 largest ward. So, my second option took that into consideration and
20 really tried to get most of the wards as close to the median as
21 possible.

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

23 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And I think it did a, a pretty decent
24 job of that, -

25 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Did -

1 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: - while taking into account all of the
2 other things, like you can't split up a neighborhood association. You
3 can't - you had all kinds of can'ts. There were very few things,
4 there are very few (inaudible) possibilities that even were things you
5 could do.

6 The second thing I was thinking about is that over-
7 archingly (sic) according to the data we were provided, you know,
8 Tucson is somewhere between 44 and 48% Latino. And it seemed like
9 looking at two districts where the Latino population was 75-plus
10 percent, and other places where it was very low, that if we had to
11 make some shifts and changes, it made some sense to make some shifts
12 and changes that didn't substantially lower the two majority
13 populations, but perhaps created a little bit more of a - not a
14 balance, 'cause we're not ever gonna get to a balanced place, but at
15 least in Ward 3 and Ward 6, a little bit closer to something that at
16 least to me looked like representative.

17 In particular with Ward 6 changes, the initial proposal
18 looked at taking some of the - I should be - I think I said this
19 before. This is also kind of my part of town, and the initial changes
20 were shifting from some of the areas that didn't really shift.

21 Even though it equalized numbers, it didn't necessarily
22 shift any of the either Latino population or the minority population
23 at large, whereas the precincts I suggested moving in from Ward 3 do
24 impact that in Ward 6.

1 So, those were really my justifications. But I'm happy to
2 answer any questions, 'cause obviously, lots of work, so, there's
3 probably more I could say. I just don't know how much people want to
4 hear.

5 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: No, that's, that's good thinking.
6 The - I mean the fact of the matter is it's probably gonna continue
7 because I was shocked that Ward 6 had lost population. You know,
8 that, that was one the surprise in this.

9 But what's gonna happen over the next, God knows how long,
10 is Wards 5 and Ward 4 are gonna grow. And we've seen that in Ward 5,
11 and Ward 4 will grow. So, over time, that's gonna happen. But I, I -
12 it was good work to get the populations as close. That is really good
13 work.

14 And it is interesting when you look at - and voter dilution
15 is - or minority dilution is such an interesting topic anyway. I mean
16 we could go into that for hours, right? Especially since we have
17 citywide elections ultimately.

18 But, but, you know, so, you have two things you're trying
19 to avoid. One is you're trying to avoid compacting, and the city's
20 done a pretty good job of compacting. I mean, I mean not that, not
21 that that's the natural way it lays, but - so, so, and you're
22 addressing that a li- -- and, and none f this is gonna be a, a
23 significant change.

24 And, and then the other is, is you don't want a fragment,
25 okay? And you know, moving from 5 to 1 clearly isn't gonna fragment

1 'cause you're just moving, moving from 1 to 3. I'm not sure that
2 moving 1 to 3 doesn't fragment a little, but anyway, I, I think that's
3 a decent proposal.

4 Again, my concerns, and the ones I'd like to hear more from
5 the community about, if we hear at all, or then if - and then also let
6 the Council make a decision, is just this idea of moving so many
7 people and, and changing so many wards. But you've got good rationale
8 for it. So, that's, that's good. Does anybody, anybody else want to
9 be heard on either 98 or Charlene Option 2, we'll call it?

10 MR. O'CONNELL: Yeah. I, I had some observations as well.
11 Yeah, just looking at the demographic breakdowns of moving 98 or 82,
12 as well, those are majority white precincts that we would be moving?
13 And so, what that would do is if you're moving those out Ward 5, go to
14 further concentrate the Hispanic population in Ward 5.

15 And if our concern is packing or increasing the pop- -- the
16 Hispanic population in wards that are already upwards of 75%, that
17 would only increase that further. And it was just really even further
18 deviate from the (inaudible) of like the ethnic breakdown of the
19 wards, or the - sorry. Pardon me, the precinct. Yeah, the wards that
20 we're trying to aim for. So that was just the, the flag that I saw in
21 moving those two precincts specifically.

22 And I think that the second proposal just does a little bit
23 more to balance that. It does the same. It gets it between - down to
24 the 5.02% which is almost as close as the 4.72 and it also keeps in

1 mind shifting population demographics, and then also the, you know,
2 racial and ethnic makeup of each ward.

3 So, I thought that that was - that's why that proposal,
4 Option 2 that Charlene proposed stood out to me, and that's why I was
5 a little bit concerned about moving 98 or 82.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. Rog- -- Roger, before I call -
7 Grady, I'll get you in a second. But, Roger, if you move - well, it's
8 probably the case that those districts that border - 5 that borders 6,
9 are they all - and we can't move Fimbres' district. I guess we could,
10 but he'd really wouldn't like that. (Inaudible)

11 But is, I'm assuming they're all similarly demographics,
12 you know, majority Anglo. And then as you go further south of the
13 district, it becomes more Hispanic. Is that - I mean, in other words,
14 is there another option on the 98 or 82?

15 MR. RANDOLPH: I'd, I'd have to look at that, Your Honor.
16 I, I didn't - when we looked at the 98 and 82, we weren't looking
17 necessarily at that as the initial reason to move those. We were
18 looking at that as moving the population, not the demographics.

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right.

20 MR. RANDOLPH: (Inaudible)

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: The only, the only other - I don't
22 even know that you have another choice 'cause 86, I think, messes with
23 your compacting a little bit, 'cause you have 82. And I think 246 is,
24 is Fimbres, so - okay. Okay. Grady?

1 MR. SCOTT: Well, that, that was my concern was that it
2 looks like if you move 5 to 6 or 98, you're actually decreasing the
3 Hispanic population (inaudible)

4 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yup.

5 MR. SCOTT: And increasing of the population in Ward 6.
6 It seems like that would be a, a good tradeoff.

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. I, I, I think so. Yeah, it is
8 interesting that I think you get, you actually do get, if you look at
9 that. I was looking at the 2020 percentages and it actually looks
10 like on 98, you will - well, but that's Michael's concern.

11 Michael's concern is you're going from 72% to 74%, or even
12 81. Yeah, 72%, 74%. So, you're actually concentrating a little more.
13 It's pretty fractional either way. I, I have a feeling that - you
14 know, again, that's why I'd like Council to kind of have options,
15 'cause they may very well think that's a good idea.

16 Yeah. But, no, that's right. That's right. It does
17 decrease the minority population a little bit - I'm sorry. Increase
18 the minority population a little bit in Ward 5. Okay. Anybody else?
19 Glenn, Kelly, Marion? I'm sorry. Charlene, you have your hand
20 raised.

21 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah. I just had two things. One is
22 that, as, as you suggested at the last meeting, and again, this is the
23 first City Committee I've served on, so, I don't know always that I'm
24 making the right choices. But last time you suggested we run it by
25 the folks who appointed us. And I -

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: (Inaudible)

2 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: - have a question to -

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: That was probably a bad suggestion.

4 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: You're bringing it up because we need
5 to, I mean, ultimately, the Council's gonna -

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right.

7 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: - think they do it, that we're just
8 recommending stuff.

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

10 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: But one question that was posed to me,
11 which I don't have an answer for, but if we're looking at some of the
12 original Staff proposals, one of the questions that was posed to me is
13 that we also look at the Rio Nuevo District. And there was a little
14 concern without looking at it. And again, this - I'm, I'm repeating a
15 question more so than I'm understanding.

16 But there was a, a query. They were just asking if, if
17 we're moving just precincts from 5 to 6, are the precincts that we're
18 looking at involved in the Rio Nuevo District? (Inaudible)

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: That's a, that's a - yeah. I don't
20 think -

21 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: I don't think any of us know that
22 necessarily, but if it's moving the ones from 5 to 6, -

23 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: If I had a map - no. So, 22nd Street,
24 no. So, so, the Rio Nuevo District ends at Broadway.

25 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: So, -

2 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: So, then that (inaudible)

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - so, 98 definitely doesn't - nothing
4 involving 5 and 6. Now the more interesting question is moving one,
5 which was the one you were looking at moving on? One?

6 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Which one were you - one you wanted
8 to move, Precinct 37?

9 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Correct.

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: So, I'm trying to look at - I don't
11 have that map in front of me. Roger, what, what's the - where's
12 Precinct 37? What are the major (inaudible)

13 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: It's the (inaudible)

14 MR. RANDOLPH: Precinct thirty- --

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: What is it, Charlene? I'm sorry.

16 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: It's around the El Rio Neighborhood
17 Center, around in that area.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Roger, that's close - I think that's
19 north of it, but I'm not positive.

20 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah. We didn't know the exact
21 boundaries, but they said we should just double-check because that
22 wasn't something I was thinking about initially.

23 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: It's a big deal (sic), but, but, but
24 it is an interesting question. I'm pretty positive - oh. Where El
25 Rio Health Center is?

1 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: No. The Neighborhood Center.

2 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. No. I think that's north.

3 Isn't that north of the district? Because I remember the people from
4 St. Mary's complaining that they weren't in the district. And, and it
5 was, you know, it's like, "Well, sorry," you know. (Inaudible) go to
6 the State legislature, you know?

7 So, I'm pretty sure, but I - somebody would have to confirm
8 that.

9 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah.

10 MR. RANDOLPH: Your Honor, we could consider the Rio
11 District map if you'd like.

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Sure.

13 MR. RANDOLPH: Randy, can you go ahead and do that?

14 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And the second thing I was gonna say,
15 just to respond a little bit to what Grady is suggesting in terms of
16 what I was thinking about in the second proposal that we posed, that I
17 posed, is looking at the fact that the populations I'm shifting
18 address the Hispanic population and the overall minority percentage in
19 both 3 and in 6.

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yep.

21 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And I think that, I just wanted to
22 make sure that that is clear because I do think that over-archingly
23 (sic), I do completely understand the difficulty of moving people. As
24 I mentioned, I've been in a ward that has - or in a district, a
25 precinct in my ward that has moved several times.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. Yeah.

2 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: But at the same time, I think that if
3 we're trying to have a more reasonable distribution of the Hispanic
4 voting population throughout our city, I think it's a better option,
5 personally. (Inaudible)

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. The only, the only, the only -
7 well, the only concern that, you know, it's like, it's like a double-
8 edge sword, Charlene, because - so, you move people from 98, who are
9 now in 5, to 6, in a sense, they're diluted. That's still a very
10 Anglo district. And then in 3, which is -

11 MS. CANADY: And then (inaudible) increases.

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: What's that? I'm sorry.

13 MS. CANADY: The Hispanic population increases in Ward 3,
14 which is the third, you know, strongest block for Latino voters. So,
15 it's good that way. It doesn't - it's so - yeah, it's (inaudible) in
16 6, but it does strengthen a voting bloc in, in Ward 3.

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. No, I, I think that's right.
18 I mean, in, in, in - there's a little bit of a dilution when you move
19 folks into 6. Three's an interesting district 'cause if you look at
20 the population, and it would be interesting to know how - what the
21 voting population is. But over - okay. So, where are we at? Where's
22 37? Does anybody know?

23 MR. HAMMEL: So, 37 would be where my screen is right now.
24 And this is Randy speaking. And then the -

25 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

1 MR. HAMMEL: - Rio Nuevo District is down here highlighted
2 in red.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Okay. Okay. Okay. I see.
4 And then 37 is - is 37 Barrio Hollywood?

5 MR. RANDOLPH: Just north of there, Your Honor.

6 MR. HAMMEL: Yeah, it's north of it.

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: It's north, it's north. What's the -
8 so, that - is that Grant or is that -

9 MR. RANDOLPH: It's between Grant and Speedway.

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: And it's west of the freeway. Could
11 you move it back down, Randy, so we can see the neighborhoods again?
12 Okay. So, it's -

13 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: (Inaudible) up that other map, too.
14 That really (inaudible) the precincts nicely.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. That one was better. The one
16 you originally sent us, actually.

17 FEMALE MEMBER: It says on the maps that we received that
18 it's El Rio Acres, looks like.

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

20 FEMALE MEMBER: Silver Croft (sic), El Rio Acres
21 (inaudible)

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Yeah, I saw Silver Croft (sic)
23 on the map. There it is. Okay. (Inaudible) That's the - that must
24 be the freeway. Okay. I mean it's, it's, it's a, it's an interesting
25 move, but may be okay.

1 All right. Any, anybody else want to - I've heard from,
2 we've heard from Grady, we've heard from Michael, we've heard from
3 Charlene. Glenn, you're representing Ward 3, and I know Matt Kopec
4 was - he can't participate right now, but I know he's listening.

5 Any thoughts out of Ward 3 about this? Essentially, you're
6 taking a precinct west of the freeway and moving it into yours. But
7 you've got west of the freeway already. Okay, I see what you're
8 doing. There it is, that's a good map. Leave it there.

9 So, you've got west of the freeway up and to, essentially,
10 that thing that runs to Marana. I don't know how big that is. So,
11 you're just taking that one, next one. Okay.

12 MS. CANADY: (Inaudible) Ward 3 also - so, yes. One goes
13 into 3, but 3 goes out as well.

14 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

15 MS. CANADY: (Inaudible) So, just -

16 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah, I see it. Okay.

17 MR. PERKINS: I'd like to make an observation.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Sure.

19 MR. PERKINS: It's been my understanding that Ward 3 really
20 didn't see the, the need to, to move a, a large amount of people in or
21 out of Ward 3. Is it, is this something that's gonna be necessary
22 that we're gonna turn around and, and redo it in 2022?

23 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Well, I guess we don't know the
24 answer to that yet, but it is - you are correct that this move
25 essentially reduces the voter population, which is a little high in

1 Ward 3. Not much. So, so, you don't have to move it, you're only at
2 1.70. But you would be reducing the population by 550, 600 people.

3 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: So, looking at right there, if you
4 look at Precinct 89, is that 72 is split between Ward 3 and Ward 6.
5 And so, I was anticipating that that would be a likely move in the
6 census.

7 And 89 is, if you can, if you see, kind of sep- --
8 separated by Grande-Fenton Park and it's sort of laying out there by
9 itself in a way, anyway, kind of separate from a good part of Ward 3.

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

11 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And there's 170 up at the top. But
12 170 kind of, if you continue the map up, you know, there's a good
13 connection there to 164. So, that was part of my thinking about 89,
14 is that, you know, again, it was either 72 or 89. And I think 89 is
15 the one that makes the most sense, if we're looking forward.

16 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: So, you're talking about moving 89
17 into 6.

18 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: In my second proposal, it was moving
19 89 from 3 to 6. That was the move I was suggesting there.

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right. Right. Right.

21 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And that was the reason why.

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: And that's - so that - and that's the
23 one we're looking at is, is Option 2, right?

24 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Uh-huh.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, so, I mean, Glenn, I don't
2 know that it makes a difference other than you are correct. There's -
3 and that's why I would like to take both proposals at least to public
4 hearing.

5 There's no reason to move anybody in Ward 3. However, in
6 doing so, you do a couple things. One, you do flatten the numbers a
7 little. Minimally, but a little. And by moving sort of the 5 to 1 -
8 but then, but then, Charlene, you're not moving, and I guess I wasn't
9 clear. Kelly, were you the one that was talking about moving 89? Or,
10 or, Charlene, was that you?

11 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: This is Charlene. And in my - in the,
12 the option that we're looking at, -

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

14 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: - moving 89 from 3 to 6 was part of
15 that suggestion.

16 MS. CANADY: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, yeah. I mean - yeah. I,
18 I hope that answers your question. I mean, there's no reason to move
19 anybody in 3 'cause you're moderately flat. But Charlene's Option 2
20 flattens it more. And I, I can't guess, I can't guess census at this
21 point. I mean, it sounds like whatever we're gonna do is gonna be a
22 pretty short term. Okay. Anybody else before we try to go somewhere
23 with this?

24 MS. CANADY: I thought the work - I - this is Kelly. I
25 appreciated the work Charlene did, and I put it all in a table 'cause

1 I'm super visual (inaudible) the numbers. I, you know - I, on the
2 previous (inaudible) I was worried about doing anything with 4, 3
3 because it is the third-highest Latino voting bloc. This actually
4 increases it so there's more power there.

5 I think (inaudible) commend her for the work. It gets, you
6 know, the deviation is good. I think moving it forward along with the
7 other Staff options is good.

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Okay. Unless anybody has
9 anything else. So, Roger, you're there somewhere - Roger, is the next
10 move - let's say we say tonight we want to move, I'm gonna call it
11 Mendoza Option 2. We better come up with a better name for it so it's
12 not personally identified, but Mendoza Option 2, and Staff Option
13 whatever it is with regard to 98, let's say we say, "Okay. No final
14 decisions."

15 So, so, I, I can tell you this, just for the fun of it,
16 sometimes Council rejects whatever we do. But that, you know, that's
17 just that. So, do we then, then next call for a public hearing and
18 how do people find out? What do people get, if anybody's interested -

19 Well, first of all, let me ask you this. Do, do Council
20 Members, Staff ever speak at the public hearings on these, or do they
21 kind of stand mute?

22 MR. RANDOLPH: I don't recall having a Staff Member ever
23 speak at the public hearing.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And so, what, what gets put
2 out to the public? Everything we've done so far, the two
3 recommendations?

4 MR. RANDOLPH: So, we would do a public notice of the
5 hearing, along with an outline of the two recommendations that were
6 gonna be before the public hearing. We'd send that out to, to the
7 local media. We'd post it on the City's website, and we would also
8 send it to the, any of the neighborhood associations that are in those
9 affected precincts.

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And then - where's my other
11 question? Do you give at least a bit of an analysis as to why, you
12 know, the advantages or, you know, the facts with regard to both of
13 them? Or do you - what do you do in that regard?

14 MR. RANDOLPH: So, we would direct people to our website.
15 It would have that analysis on the website so that they could go there
16 and, and look at those individual documents.

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Okay. And then, so, it's
18 basically - I mean I, I should ask, I guess, although I guess it
19 doesn't matter. What kind of reaction do, do - I mean it would be
20 nice if I was in a precinct that was gonna move if I got notice of it,
21 or potential precinct. But we don't do that. That's too expensive.

22 MR. RANDOLPH: Typically, not. No, Your Honor.

23 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Other, other than putting it up.

24 MR. RANDOLPH: Right.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. All right. Does anybody else
2 have any questions? Comments? All right. If not, can I get a motion
3 of some kind? I guess, Kelly, you moved that we move -

4 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Mayor, I think Marion's hand is up.

5 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: What's that? Oh, I'm sorry.
6 Charlene?

7 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah, this -

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Oh, I'm sorry. Marion. Marion.
9 Marion. We'll go - I see two hands up. Marion and then Charlene.

10 MS. CHUBON: Yeah. That's okay. I was just gonna make a
11 comment about census, but I'm fine with moving forward. I do have a
12 question, though, about the, the notice.

13 Because it's a public meeting, we can share it in any way
14 we see fit, right? I mean we can just share it over social media. I,
15 I believe the Cou- -- the City Council Members can also share it via
16 social media, is that right?

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yes. Okay. Charlene?

18 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: I didn't have a question, I was just
19 saying Marion's hand was up

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Oh, okay. Great. Okay. So, I, I
21 think I heard from Kelly. I'm, I'm implying now. I think I heard a
22 motion from Kelly to move forward with the two options. We need to
23 come up with a name for Mendoza Option 2.

24 MR. RANDOLPH: At that point, Your Honor, they'll be named
25 Option 1 and Option 2.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Those are very creative, Roger.

2 MR. RANDOLPH: I thought so.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Very, very - those will get a lot of
4 attention. Okay. And then - and I think I heard Marion second it,
5 'cause I heard (inaudible) said she was okay. So, if we have that
6 motion and second, there's not any other discussion, all in favor say
7 "aye". Marion did a thumbs up. I'm doing a thumbs up.

8 (Affirmative.)

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Grady, good with that?

10 MR. SCOTT: Yes, Your Honor.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Glenn, you okay with that?

12 MR. PERKINS: I'm gonna say "no".

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Okay. Okay. All right. I'm
14 not quite sure what the, what the, what the, the remedy is there.
15 But, all right. So, we'll say that on a six to one vote, we move this
16 forward. Now when would the public hearing be, Roger?

17 MR. RANDOLPH: That would be your call, Your Honor.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Is it too soon to do it next Monday,
19 or should we do it the following Monday?

20 MALE MEMBER: I think we should do it next Monday, Mayor,
21 because the 31st is coming up -

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yup.

23 MALE MEMBER: - pretty soon, -

24 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yup.

1 MALE MEMBER: - and we have to come up with a decision by
2 then, right?

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: I agree. Okay. Roger, are you good
4 with getting adequate notice out for next Monday?

5 MR. RANDOLPH: We will, Your Honor.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And then that will be Monday
7 at 5 o'clock?

8 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Okay. Now I have to find the
10 agenda. Okay. Future agenda items, I think we've covered that,
11 unless anybody has anything else. I'm trying to - I'm just, I'm just
12 trying to think, Glenn, and it's always a mistake when I try to help
13 the people dissenting.

14 But I, I'm not, I'm not sure what the alternative is for,
15 for 3. I mean if it was - you were good with 98, that's going
16 forward, because it doesn't touch 3. If it was, I just don't want to
17 do Mendoza, I guess we're gonna do Mendoza. So, I guess we'll take it
18 from there.

19 I mean you can - let, let me ask this question, Roger. If
20 Glenn were to come up with some genius idea between now and then that
21 we call love, there's nothing we can do about it at this point, right?

22 MR. RANDOLPH: This is the recommendation that you'd be
23 forwarding to the public hearing. So, that would be what you would be
24 expecting the public to give you recommendations on and which you
25 would make your final determination to the Council.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. All right. Well, that's where
2 we're at, then. So, our next meeting date will be Monday, October
3 12th, at 5:00 P.M. I guess we'll get our Zoom notices.

4 A princ- -- the principal purpose of that meeting will be
5 to hold the public hearing and then make a determination of what we're
6 gonna send on to Council, is that accurate?

7 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Anybody have anything else?

9 MR. SCOTT: So, that's gonna be a Zoom meeting?

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Is that a Zoom meeting?

11 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes, it will be. We'll, we'll do it similar
12 to the way that we do Council. We will - when we send out the public
13 notice, we will have a statement in there that if they would like to
14 join the meeting, they can do so by phone. Or if they want to address
15 the Commission, then they can contact my office, and we'll give them
16 the login information so that they can be on camera as well.

17 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thanks.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

19 MS. CANADY: So, that - this is Kelly. Can I ask a
20 question?

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

22 MS. CANADY: Who presents the two options during the public
23 meeting, and is - and would that be an appropriate time for - I mean,
24 do we do any talking? So, if Glenn wanted to say, and if he really

1 likes 98 because - or others wanted to say, you know, they like Option
2 2 because - or do we just sit there?

3 MR. RANDOLPH: So, the Mayor will open the meeting. He
4 will typically turn it over to the Staff. I will present the options
5 and kind of go through the whole process of redistricting what it's
6 about, what, what the Committee is doing, present each one of the
7 options in a very non-specific way as to say (inaudible)

8 MS. CANADY: (Inaudible) Not to be biased, yeah.

9 MR. RANDOLPH: Then we will open it up for the public
10 hearing, if we do have individuals that make comment. Don't get your
11 hopes up that you're gonna have this big turnout. I don't want to
12 build -

13 MS. CANADY: (Inaudible)

14 MR. RANDOLPH: - this up like it's gonna be a great public
15 hearing. But we, we could have comments. But, typically, we have -
16 we get more comments at the Mayor and Council public hearing than we
17 do at the Committee public hearing.

18 You listen to their comments. We close the public hearing
19 and then you're at liberty then to discuss the recommendations. And
20 at that point in time, if you choose to move forward, you can, or
21 however you would like to do so.

22 So, you actually have, even though it's just a public
23 hearing, you actually can hold, once we leave that public hearing, you
24 can have discussion to make your decision then, and then come back at
25 a future meeting to write your recommendation.

1 MS. CANADY: Okay. (Inaudible)

2 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And then, and then - and just
3 so I'm clear, when we hold the - or so the Committee's clear, I think.
4 When we hold the public hearing, we essentially allow the folks to
5 speak, and we just, we listen and take it in.

6 And if they direct questions to us - so, you know, I know,
7 for instance, a Call to the Audience and the like. And even at public
8 hearings, zoning hearings, if people were to ask questions, we're not
9 really to respond. We could direct it to Staff. Is that (inaudible)

10 MR. RANDOLPH: Typically, typically, during the public
11 hearing, if they want to ask questions, then Staff would make the
12 attempt to answer those questions. That, that keeps you out of being
13 in the - put on the spot for something.

14 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Got it. Okay. All right. I think
15 we got enough. Unless anybody has anything else, take a motion to
16 adjourn. Come on, somebody.

17 MS. CHUBON: I move we adjourn.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Thank you, Marion. Can I get a
19 second?

20 MR. SCOTT: Grady Scott, second.

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: We got it. All right. So, moved.
22 Anybody not want to adjourn? Okay. If not, we will see you next week
23 at 5 o'clock. Thank you, guys. Good, good work. (Inaudible)

24 (Meeting was adjourned.)

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