

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL – CITY 1, 300 N. CAMPBELL

Members Present:

*Christopher Villa, Martin Bartlett, Cynthia Renteria, Isabel Carrillo, Dr. Michiel R. Noe, Gilbert Esparza III
Daniel Anchondo*

Members Absent: *Joshua Fematt, Col. Bob Burns*

Planning and Inspections Staff:

Karina Brascgalla, Recording Secretary, Economic Development Assistant Director; Nina Rodriguez, Planner; Mariano Soto, Senior Planner, GIS; Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections Assistant Director; Philip Etiwe, Planning and Inspections Director

Others Present:

Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Wendi Vineyard, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office;

Chair Bartlett called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. Discussion and Action on changes to the agenda

No action

Recording Secretary Karina Brascgalla noted that the minutes from the October 27th and November 3rd meetings will be presented at the November 17th meeting for approval.

ITEM 2. Discussion and Action: Revisions to the Rules of Order

Motion made by Commissioner Noe, Seconded by Commissioner Esparza to revise the Rules of Order to add a process for placing items on the agenda.

MOTION PASSES (7-0)

*Motion to reconsider previous Item 2 by Commissioner Renteria, Seconded by Commissioner Noe
MOTION PASSES (7-0)*

Vice Chair Carrillo made a motion to add a Public Comment section under the Rules Of Order specifying the time for the public to speak be limited to 5 minutes and also to include that the presiding officer could extend the time to speak.

Kevin Smith suggested to leave the Public Comment limit at 3 minutes, with the Chair's discretion to grant more time.

Commissioner Renteria asked a question

Commissioner Noe expressed concern to allowing more than 3 minutes for Public Comment

Commissioner Anchondo made comment about the rules.

Commissioner Renteria asked a question.

Vice Chair Carrillo asked a question

Karina Brasgalla responded

Commissioner Noe seconded motion

MOTION PASSED (7-0)

ITEM 3. Information & Discussion: Overview of Public Outreach Process for City Redistricting.

Laura Cruz-Acosta – Communications Director for the City of El Paso gave presentation on the work the Communications department has done

Vice Chair Carrillo made request for Internet access.

Chair Bartlett made a request about website content.

Commissioners Renteria and Noe gave comments

Kevin Smith suggested time be given to get information from IT.

Communications Office confirmed that they will be adding a disclaimer on how to submit map, and also a subpage of rules.

Vice Chair Carrillo asked if the updated presentation would be made available to public; Laura Cruz-Acosta confirmed.

ITEM 4. Drafting and selecting of districting plans

Karina Brasgalla presented three district plan options created by staff.

Chair Bartlett gave comment about presentation

Commissioners Renteria, Noe, Esparza, and Villa made comments

Mariano Soto responded to questions

Vice Chair Carrillo made comment about maps being provided by staff. Karina Brasgalla provided clarification.

Commissioner Anchondo made comment about Commissioners drafting maps that meet the criteria; response from staff

Motion by Commissioner Renteria, Seconded by Commissioner Noe
MOTION PASSED (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

LUCIA NAJERA – PENROSE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Noe asked about placing commissioner's contact information on the website. Russell Abeln responded that he would research the possibility and bring an answer at the next meeting.

Commissioner Renteria asked staff to reiterate the changes that have been made to meeting times and publicity for the benefit of the public.

SILVIA CARREON – PRESIDENT OF THE MISSION VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

ED TALAMANTES – SAVE THE VALLEY 21 CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Motion to return to the Regular Agenda by Commissioner Villa, seconded by Commissioner Noe
MOTION PASSED (7-0)

ITEM 5. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

Karina Bragalla made note of planned items for the November 17th agenda: Changes to agenda, Approval of minutes for 10-27-21 and 11-03-21 meetings, Drafting of District Plans, Request for future agenda items, Presentation from the County Elections Office, and review of web mapping options.

Commissioner Renteria asked if the items Commissioners Esparza and Noe brought up can be placed on the next agenda – regarding the public contacting the Commission.

Chair Bartlett made comment on item regarding communication best practices to streamline information.

Laura Cruz-Acosta made comment

Commissioner Anchondo made comment

Kevin Smith reminded the Commission to limit discussion to the agenda item language.

Vice Chair Carrillo asked about presentation links being added to the agenda posting.

Commissioner Villa requested that the Commission introduce themselves at a future meeting.

Chair Bartlett gave comment.

Commissioner Renteria asked a question about best ways to communicate with the public.

ITEM 6. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Noe to adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Anchondo
MOTION PASSED (7-0)