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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2022

TITLE: Public Hearing – First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Geographical

Boundaries of the Four City Commission Districts - (Commission Districts

1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve, on first reading, an ordinance reestablishing geographical boundaries of the four City Commission districts so that, pursuant to Section 7.12 of the City Charter, those districts shall be as approximately equal in population as is practicable.

Background

The redistricting consultants from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) analyzed the current Commission districts and the 2020 U.S. Census data and presented its findings at the March 15, 2022, City Commission Conference Meeting.

A public redistricting workshop was held on March 17, 2022, for City residents to provide comments on new district boundaries. The FAU consultants developed four district map options for the City Commission's consideration and for a vote to adopt one with the new geographical boundaries.

At the April 5, 2022, City Commission Conference Meeting, the Commission reviewed the four maps presented and, after discussion and public input, requested an alternative map that would minimize the changes from the current boundaries and aim to keep the neighborhood associations within a single Commission district. At the Regular Commission Meeting on April 5, 2022, the Commission deferred the First Reading of an ordinance reestablishing geographical boundaries and called a special meeting for April 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM, where they would vote to adopt one of the district maps provided.

At the April 12, 2022, Special Meeting, the City Commission requested new map options using only the population data from the 2020 U.S. Census. The First Reading of an Ordinance Reestablishing Geographical Boundaries was then deferred to April 19, 2022.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Exhibit 1 – Florida Atlantic University Revised Consultant's Report – To be Provided

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

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