

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Tyler Mack, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy, Co-chair; Michelle Lyons; Maria Valle; Jorge Cruz; Ernest Newton (5:59 P.M.); Aikeem Boyd (6:10 P.M.)

OTHER: Atty. James Maye; Council Member(s): Maria Pereira, Jeanette Herron & Aikeem Boyd; Atty. Mark Anastasi; Thomas Gaudett, Deputy Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Mack called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M. There was a quorum present.

79-22
PROPOSED PLAN OF DISTRICTING ADOPTED BY THE REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION ON MAY 30,
2023 FOR AMENDMENT OF CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.06.010, TO
COMPLY WITH THE
COMMISSION'S PLAN AND FOR PROVIDING SUITABLE POLLING PLACES IN
SUCH DISTRICTS AND
DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY EACH POLLING
PLACE. (NOTE: ITEM
79-22 CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK'S WEBSITE: CITY COUNCIL
AGENDAS/MINUTES; CITY
COUNCIL; 2022-2023; FULL/AGENDAPACKAGE; 2023-06-05.PDF)

Atty. Anastasi came forward to discuss this item. He provided a brief overview for those present and explained the amendments that would need to be done.

Council Member Lyons asked why the item was not going to them first and, instead, went to the Council first. Atty. Anastasi explained the reasoning to her satisfaction.

Council Member Pereira voiced dissatisfaction at the proposed amendment process. She explained her issues with changing the maps to those present. She said she would be taking this issue to court. Further discussion followed.

Council Member Newton joined the meeting at 5:59 P.M.

Further discussion followed regarding the proper process for the proposed amendment to the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ACCEPT PLAN 3 AS AN EXHIBIT.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member Pereira restated her disapproval of the way this was being handled and her intention to pursue legal action. Further discussion followed.

Atty. Anastasi suggested that they table voting on the item at this time. He noted that the agenda, as posted, is restrictive. He suggested waiting till next week's meeting for referral to the ordinance committee, including the precinct clients and polling places.

Council Member Boyd joined the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Council Member Newton suggested that they call a special meeting the day following the referral. He wanted to handle the item before July.

Atty. Anastasi said that they likely could not do it that quickly and were obligated to hold a public hearing, which could be scheduled for next Monday night.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON RESCENDED HIS MOTION.**

Further discussion followed regarding when to schedule a meeting and what needed to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

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