DISCUSSION CALENDAR

DELEGATION OF SHAREHOLDER PROXY AUTHORITY - MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES
Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Fierro to (1) approve and confirm the shareholder proxy authority for: (a) Gage Canal Company with Todd M. Corbin as voting representative and Michael Plinski as alternate; (b) Jurupa Ditch Water Company with Todd M. Corbin as voting representative and Michael Plinski as alternate: (c) Riverside Highland Water Co. with Oscar Khoury as voting representative and Michael Plinski as alternate; (d) Trujillo Water Company with David Crohn as voting representative and Nancy Melendez as alternate; and (e)Meeks & Daley Water Company with Todd M. Corbin as voting representative and Michael Plinski as alternate; (2) authorize the assignment of shares for each mutual water company owned by the City to the specified Board of Public Utilities members, City Council members, Utilities General Manager, and staff members with one share assigned to each as listed: (a) Gage Canal Water Company City-owned shares to Todd Corbin, Michael Plinski, Board of Public Utilities Members Sanchez-Monville, Oceguera, Crohn, Wohlgemuth, Melendez, Heru, Cherney, Montgomery, and Goldware, and Councilmembers Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Conder, Plascencia, Perry, and Hemenway; (b) Meeks & Daley Water Company City-owned shares to Todd Corbin and Michael Plinski; and (c) Trujillo Water Company City-owned shares to Board of Public Utilities Members Sanchez-Monville, Oceguera, Crohn, Wohlgemuth, Melendez, Heru, Cherney, Montgomery, and Goldware; (3) rescind any and all prior assigned shares owned by the City to the Gage Canal, Jurupa Ditch Water, Riverside Highland Water, Trujillo Water, Meeks & Daley Water Companies; and (4) delegate authority to any designated representative or alternate to vote the City's shares as the City's proxy at all meetings of the respective mutual water companies from the date of this action until amended, consistent with the City's adopted policies and strategic plan. The motion carried with Councilmembers Edwards, Fierro, Perry and Councilwoman Plascencia voting aye and Councilmember Conder voting no.

REDISTRICTING PROCESS OVERSIGHT AND TIMELINE - CONTINUED
Following discussion, it was moved by Councilwoman Plascencia and seconded by Councilmember Cervantes to continue to January 11, 2022, the discussion to (1) determine whether the City Council will oversee the redistricting process; defer the process to a Standing Committee; or establish a Resident-led Advisory Redistricting Commission, as set forth in Elections Code sections 23002; (2) approve the proposed

redistricting timeline for the City's Redistricting plan; and (3) provide further direction as the City Council deems appropriate for the establishment of the City's Redistricting Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSIONS

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to closed sessions at 3:18 p.m. pursuant to Government Code (1) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive from legal counsel concerning Ronel Newton v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No.(s): 180152; 210057; ADJ 12116625; ADJ 13549778 (2) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning William Cardenas v. City of Riverside, WCAB Claim No: 180245; (3) §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning Marcher v. Air & Liquid, et al. Case No. 21STCV42171; (4) §54956.9(d)(2) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning significant exposure to litigation - one case; (4) §54956.9(d)(4) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning the City Council deciding whether to initiate litigation - two cases; and (5) §54957.6 to review the City Council's position and instruct designated representatives regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of all Executive Management employees including the City Attorney and City Clerk, all Management and Confidential employees as defined by PERS, Fire Management Unit, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Riverside Police Officers Association (Police and Police Supervisory Units), Service Employees International Union #721, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #47, and Riverside Police Administrators Association.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened at 3:31 p.m. with Mayor Lock Dawson presiding and all Councilmembers present.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS

City Attorney Norton announced there were no reportable actions on closed sessions.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.

The City Council adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JANUARY 4, 2022**

FROM: CITY CLERK **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: REVIEW THE REDISTRICTING PLAN AND APPROVE REDISTRICTING CRITERIA AND TIMELINE

ISSUE:

Riverside City Charter, Section 402 requires a review of Ward boundaries at least every ten years upon completing the federal decennial census data. City Council shall determine the proposed steps, timing, criteria, and public outreach for the City's 2022/2023 redistricting process. The City must adopt its ward boundaries no later than August 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Determine whether the City Council will oversee the redistricting process; defer the process to a Standing Committee; or establish a Resident-led Advisory Redistricting Commission, as set forth in Elections Code sections 23002.

2. Approve the proposed redistricting timeline for the City's Redistricting plan.

3. Provide further direction as the City Council deems appropriate for the establishment of the City's Redistricting Plan.

BACKGROUND:

On October 12 and November 16, 2021, the City Council met and conferred on the procedural requirements for the Redistricting process. During the presentation, the City Council was advised on the City's proposed plan for community engagement, a tentative timeline for establishing the ward boundaries, a comprehensive report on the California Voting Rights Act and the three redistricting commission methods.

Riverside City Charter Section 402 requires City Council, by an ordinance, to divide the city boundaries into seven wards, review the boundaries of those wards every ten years, and adjust, by ordinance, those boundaries to provide for a substantially equal number of residents in each ward. The resulting redistricting ordinance becomes effective thirty days after it is adopted, and the existing ward boundaries are to be used until that redistricting ordinance establishes new ward

boundaries. Under California Election Code Division 21, Chapter 7, Article 2, new wards established generally may not be changed until after the next decennial census in 2031. However, Riverside City Charter states that ward boundary adjustments may occur more frequently as determined necessary upon receipt of official census data. As discussed below, the City must adopt its ward boundaries no later than August 2023.

The substantive requirements of the Fair Maps Act for drawing ward boundaries are outlined in the California Elections Code §21621. To the greatest extent practicable, the City is required to adopt district boundaries using the criteria in the following order of priority:

1. Equal population of residents (+/- 10%) in each ward based on census data.
2. Comply with the United States and California Constitutions, including the Federal and California Voting Rights Acts (FVRA and CVRA).
3. Council wards shall be geographically contiguous.
4. The geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest should be respected and included within a single ward for its effective and fair representation in a manner that minimizes its division.
5. Council wards should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents.
6. Council wards shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
7. Council ward boundaries shall not be established for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

Riverside City Charter Section 402 sets forth an additional criterion that Council ward boundary adjustments during a Councilmember's term shall not result in disqualification for membership on the Council during such term.

DISCUSSION:

On November 16, 2021, City Council continued this item to consider selecting the redistricting format of a City Council-led advisory committee or a Resident-led Advisory Commission for developing the new city ward boundaries.

Redistricting Format Options:

Method 1: City Council-Led

The City Council has complete discretion in leading the redistricting process without any format of a redistricting commission. Proceeding with this method, City Council may direct staff (with the assistance of an expert demographer) to lead community outreach efforts and workshops. City Council conducts of all the required public hearings, receives public input, receives draft maps, instructs the demographer to make revisions (if necessary), and approves the final map.

Method 2: Standing/Advisory Committee – City Council Partially Led

Alternatively, like the City's 2012 redistricting efforts, the City Council may refer the redistricting process to one of its standing committees (such as the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee), which comprise three City Council members.

The Standing Committee functions as a City Council Advisory Committee (CCARC), overseeing community outreach efforts and workshops. The Committee shall host at least one public hearing

before draft maps are drawn, receives public input, receive draft maps, instructs the demographer to make revisions (if necessary), and refer alternative maps to the City Council for consideration.

At which time, City Council would conduct the remaining three public hearings, receive public input, receive the referred maps by CCARC, instructs the demographer to make revisions (if necessary), and approve the final map.

Method 3: Advisory Redistricting Commission – Resident Led

City Council has the option of establishing a resident-led Redistricting Commission. Contrasting the other two methods above, the California Election Code section 23002 sets forth the statutory authority for an Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC). However, the City Council maintains control over the establishment and process for selecting and appointing its members.

The ARC functions like other local boards and commissions, overseeing the community outreach efforts and workshops. The ARC must have at least one public hearing before draft maps are drawn, receives public input, receives draft maps, instructs the demographer to make revisions (if necessary), and refers alternative maps to the City Council for consideration.

Any other meetings and workshops held by the ARC will be in addition to the three public hearings City Council is required to oversee, reminiscent of the CCARC process.

The ARC will recommend one or more district boundary maps to the City Council; however, the Council retains the discretion to approve the final map.

ARC Appointment Process:

City Council may prescribe how members are appointed to the Commission, the number of members and grant them powers and duties consistent with provisions of state law and the city charter. A person who is an elected official, or family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of elected officials of the city is not eligible to serve on the Commission.

City Council may impose additional requirements and restrictions on members of the Commission other than those prescribed by law.

City Council Rules of Procedure and Order of Business Resolution 23618 prescribes that City Council shall select one of the following options for appointments to resident ad-hoc committees (commissions):

1. The Mayor's Nominating Screening Committee shall review the applications submitted and identify applicants for an interview with the Mayor and City Council. If desired, the Mayor and City Council may add additional applicants for interviews. The Mayor and City Council shall interview, make appointments, and select a Chair.

2. By formal motion, the City Council can authorize each member of the City Council to select a member from their Ward and the Mayor select two at-large members. The Commission shall elect a Chair from among its members; or

3. By formal motion, any other method of appointment as desired by the City Council.

Redistricting Timeline

California Election code section 21622(a)(3) states, "*redistricting occurring before 2031 and where a city does not have a regular election occurring after January 1, 2022, and before July 1, 2022, the boundaries of the Council wards shall be adopted by the Council not later than 205 days before the city's next regular election occurring on or after July 1, 2022.*"

The City's next regular election to elect the odd-numbered wards is in March 2024. Therefore, the City must adopt its ward boundaries no later than August 2023.

Staff recommends City Council approve the tentative timeline set forth below for the City's Redistricting Plan:

January 2022 - May 2022

- City Council adopts the redistricting format (i.e., the establishment of Redistricting Commission)
- Staff prepares and issues the RFP to identify and acquire Demography Services
- Staff prepare a community outreach strategy
- A Redistricting website will go live containing the City's initial timelines and plans

June 2022 – September 2022

- Orientation meetings for the ARC members will be held (Tentative)
- City Council/CCARC/ARC conducts at least one public hearing to review overall redistricting criteria, receive public input, and instruct demographers on draft maps.
- Host a series of workshops throughout the City (at least seven, one in every ward) providing overall redistricting criteria, receive public input, begin instructing the demographer on draft maps, and training for the City's online interactive tools.

October 2022 – December 2022

- City Council/CCARC/ARC host several workshops/public hearings to receive public input, receive draft maps, instruct the demographer to make revisions (if necessary),
- The CCARC/ARC approves the final draft map recommendations to City Council and concludes their work/service (if applicable).

January 2023 – March 2023

- During this period, City Council conducts at least three public hearings to receive public input, draw and refine maps, and adopt the final redistricting ordinance (plan):
    - 1st Public Hearing: Receive public input; receive and review the draft maps recommended by the CCARC/ARC and public members; and instruct the demographer on possible revisions.
    - 2nd Public Hearing: Receive public input; review revised plans; approve a plan or propose further modifications; and
    - 3rd Public Hearing (if necessary): receive public input, review revised plans, and adopt the final plan/ordinance.

Redistricting Deadline: The City must adopt its Redistricting Ordinance 205 days before its next regular municipal election, March 2024. The City's deadline to adopt the ordinance is August 2023.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The City's Redistricting Plan contributes to the City Council's Envision 2025 Strategic Plan Priority and Goals:

Community Well-Being – Ensuring safe and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive with the following goal:

> Goal 2.4 Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust: and,

High Performing Government – Providing world-class public service that is efficient, accessible, and responsible to all, with the following goals:

> **Goal 5.2** - Utilize technology, data, and process improvement strategies to increase efficiencies, guide decision making, and ensure services are accessible and distributed equitably throughout all geographic areas of the City.
>
> **Goal 5.3** - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

The proposed Redistricting format, public outreach, and marketing strategy align with the Envision 2025 Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The establishment of a redistricting format and the outreach strategy that includes workshops in every ward to draft new ward boundaries are resident-led participation and public input, creating sound policy, inclusive of community engagement in the decision-making process.

2. **Equity** – Community members will utilize interactive tools. Some may participate in a redistricting commission to ensure that newly established ward boundaries comply with federal and state laws that encourage equity for all stakeholders.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources while providing quality public services to all. The City Clerk's Office is committed to exploring services provided internally instead of consultants and looking for creative ways to reduce the redistricting program's fiscal impact and outreach efforts.

4. **Innovation** –. Riverside's Redistricting Framework includes a marketing strategy that will consist of non-English languages, including American Sign Language. The redistricting website will host interactive tools promoting collaborative public partnerships with redrawing ward boundaries.

5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Riverside is committed to meeting the present needs without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to persevere, adapt and grow during fluctuating times alike. Reviewing the ward boundaries every ten years is essential to maintain sustainable and resilient representation for a more sustainable future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is not yet determined.

Prepared by: Donesia Gause, City Clerk

Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. City of Riverside Redistricting Framework Presentation

REDISTRICTING FRAMEWORK

City Clerk Department

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January 4, 2022

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BACKGROUND

Procedural Requirements
(Fair Maps Act)

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REDISTRICTING COMMISSION METHODS

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City Council

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Standing/Advisory Committee
City Council Partially Led

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Redistricting Commission
Resident Led

Advisory Redistricting Commission

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PROCESS FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS

Appointment by Council

City Council selects one of the following options:

1. The Mayor's Nominating Screening Committee selects applicants for interview with the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council interviews, make appointments, and select a Chair; or
2. Authorize each member of the City Council select a member from their Ward and the Mayor select two at-large members; or
3. Authorize any other method of appointment as desired by the City Council.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. A person who is an **elected official** of the City
2. A **family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff** of an elected official of the City
3. City Council may impose additional requirements

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REDISTRICTING TIMELINE

JAN 2022 – MAY 2022	JUNE 2022 – SEPT 2022	OCT 2022 – DEC 2022	JAN 2023 – MAR 2023
CC ADOPTS REDISTRICTING FORMAT	ORIENTATION MEETINGS FOR REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (TENTATIVE)	CC/CCARC/ARC HOST ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS	CITY COUNCIL CONDUCTS **THREE** PUBLIC HEARINGS
STAFF ADMINISTERS THE RFP PROCESS TO OBTAIN A DEMOGRAPHER	CC/CCARC/ARC CONDUCT AT LEAST **ONE** PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO DRAWING OF MAPS	CCARC/ARC COMMISSION APPROVE FINAL MAP RECOMMENDATIONS	REVIEW PERIOD FOR PUBLIC INPUT
STAFF PREPARES REDISTRICTING PLAN AND CREATES WEBSITE	HOST A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS IN EVERY WARD	CCARC/ARC COMMISSION COMPLETES WORK	ADOPT FINAL ORDINANCE
*SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE ARC COMMISSION			

*If City Council establishes an ARC

CC = City Council
CCARC = City Council Advisory Committee
ARC = Resident led Advisory Redistricting Commission

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ENVISION 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- COMMUNITY WELL-BEING 2.4
- HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNMENT 5.2 AND 5.3

CROSS CUTTING THREADS

1. INCLUSIVITY EFFORTS
2. INTERACTIVE TOOLS FOR INPUT
3. USE OF INTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE COST
4. MARKETING STRATEGY
5. 10-YEAR REVIEW

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REDISTRICTING RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council:

1. Determine whether the City Council will oversee the redistricting process; defer the process to a Standing Committee; or establish a Resident-Led Redistricting Advisory Commission

2. Approve the Proposed Redistricting Timeline for the City's Redistricting Plan

3. Provide further direction as the City Council deems appropriate for the establishment of the City's Redistricting Plan

QUESTIONS

Date: 1-4-22
Item No.: 21

From: Maribel Nunez <maribel@inlandequitypartnership.org>
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Subject: [External] public comment: Agenda #21 Redistricting Commission

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Riverside City Council:

This is Maribel Nunez, Riverside Ward 1 resident and part of Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance. I am here to speak about Riverside City council meeting Agenda #21 Riverside Redistricting Commission. We ask once again if you can reconsider either an independent commission or hybrid commission. Its the only commission that can be resident led without influence of electeds.

Support some of the principles that Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes billl**AB-1307** County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission that requires an independent commission for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Method 1: City Council-Led The City Council . Method 2: Standing/Advisory Committee – City Council Partially Led Alternatively Method 3: Advisory Redistricting Commission – Resident Led are resident led. Even if you choose Method 3 Advisory Redistricting Commission Resident Led, the commissioners will be appointed by city council. That doesn't symbolize autonomy.

As for the type of Riverside city redistricting commission, we as Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance recommend that both Independent and Hybrid Commission is the way to have an independent, community driven process for redistricting.

1. The Independent Commission conducts all the public hearings and makes the final decision on the map. The City Council has no approval authority.

2. Hybrid Commission conducts some of the public hearings and makes recommendations on one to two maps. The City Council can only adopt one of the recommended maps.

Process for appointing members:
Random draw and commission appointment but Must fit the citys recommend qualifications

Public hearings feedback:
-more public hearings versus just 4 and have throughout the city and add a Spanish one (Victorville did it))

Support some of the principles that Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes bill

AB-1307 County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission that requires an independent commission for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Best regards,
Maribel Nunez

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
ACMs