



**Thursday, October 18, 2018**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Palm Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Moon on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Moon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Christy Holstege, Geoff Kors, Lisa Middleton; Mayor Pro Tem J.R. Roberts; and Mayor Robert Moon.

**Absent:** None.

**City Staff**

**Present:** David H. Ready, City Manager; Edward Z. Kotkin, City Attorney; and Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk, were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

David Freedman, recommended that the City Council select his proposed map, noting that it addresses federally-required communities of interest and keeps organized neighborhoods intact; recommended that the City Council merge the Miller and Heinbaugh Maps with the Smoke Tree Map.

Tony Aguilar, voiced opposition to eliminating the at-large mayoral position; advised that citizens are raising money to move forward with the filing of an injunction.

Norm King, submitted written comments; opined that a four-district electoral system is a legal option; asserted that there is a marginal difference in minority voting power between a four-district and five-district electoral system.

Don Barrett, pointed out that his proposed map is focused on the different housing compositions throughout the City which also reflects economic and cultural communities of interest.

Bruce Hoban, voiced concern that certain maps create a wealthy district which would result in expensive elections in the future.

Les Young, pointed out that certain maps propose to split organized neighborhoods which are also under a single Homeowners Association (HOA) such as Four Seasons; urged the City Council to keep organized neighborhoods and HOAs intact.

Dieter Crawford recommended that the Desert Highland/Gateway neighborhood, Lawrence Crossley neighborhood, Golden Sands Mobile Home Park, and Demuth Park neighborhood be in the same district, citing shared communities of interest.

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING DRAFT MAPS FOR VOTING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR A CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT-BASED ELECTORAL SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10010:**

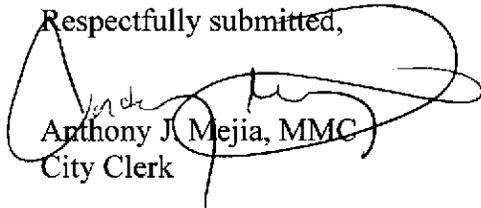
Kathy Weremuik, Ed Dube, and Grace Garner narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "CVRA Working Group Map Recommendations." The Working Group recommended that the City Council select NDC Agave Map, NDC Smoke Tree Map, Prell Map 1, and Dieter Crawford Map 1 as the preferred district boundary maps for further consideration.

During the course of discussion, the City Council agreed to move forward the Working Groups recommended District Boundary Maps as well as Dube Map 2, noting that it is significantly different than the other maps and should be included for community input.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:36 p.m., the City Council adjourned to a Regular Meeting of the City Council to be held on October 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony J. Mejia, MMC  
City Clerk