

CITY OF GLENDALE COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021

Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Glendale held in City Hall, 5909 North Milwaukee River Parkway, Glendale, Wisconsin and via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bryan Kennedy at 7:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bryan Kennedy, Ald. Tomika Vukovic, John Gelhard, Steve Schmelzling, and JoAnn Shaw. Absent: Jim Daugherty and Richard Wiese

Other Officials Present: Rachel Safstrom, City Administrator; and John Fuchs, City Attorney.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE.

Administrator Safstrom advised that in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the local news media was advised on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, of the date of this meeting; that the Agenda was posted on the official bulletin board of City Hall, the Glendale Police Department, and the North Shore Library; that copies of the Agenda were made available to the general public in the Municipal Building and the Police Department; and those persons who requested, were sent copies of the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS.

I. File No.

Approve an Aldermanic District Map and Ask the County to Make a Change to their County Supervisor Map to Accommodate Glendale's New Map.

Mayor Kennedy stated he and staff have been working with SEWRPC for the preparation of the map and supporting data for redistricting. Milwaukee County approved a tentative map for the redistricting of the supervisory districts.

Districts 6 and 2 lost population in the 2020 census, while the other districts all had some population gains. Our districts are all supposed to be roughly the same size, within about 100 people or so. Also, when moving areas between districts, entire census tracts have to be moved together. Lastly, districts are required by state statute to be as compact as possible (hence our desire to get rid of the "fingers").

In order to add population to District 6 and maintain some compactness to the district, we had to pull several census tracts from District 2. Then, to give District 2 more population, we had to pull some from Districts 1, 3 and 5 and move those census tracts into District 2.

Mayor Kennedy reviewed statutory requirements as written in the *Redistricting in Wisconsin 2020: The LRB Guidebook*:

- The number of districts must equal the number of supervisors. The number of supervisors a county may have depends on population.
- The districts must be substantially equal in population.
- Each district generally must consist of whole wards or municipalities. The county board may propose splitting municipalities in order to establish the creation of county supervisory districts of substantially equal population. Under the statutes, whenever possible, whole contiguous municipalities or contiguous parts of the same municipality must be placed within the same supervisory district.

- Territory within each district must be contiguous, except for island territory, i.e., territory that is surrounded by water or by the territory of another municipality
- In establishing wards, municipalities are required to follow the standards set forth in Wis. Stat. § 5.15. Specifically, wards must be composed of whole census blocks. Wards are constructed by aggregating whole census blocks so that the population of the ward falls within the prescribed statutory range. The census block is the smallest unit for which population is tabulated and is usually bounded by streets or other prominent physical features. Municipal and county lines may also serve as block boundaries. Blocks may be as small as a typical city block or as large as several square miles in rural areas. Census blocks normally contain fewer than 100 people.

The Districts should not cross County Supervisory District lines. The proposed changes would mean the City would request an amendment to add population to the tentative Supervisory District 2 and remove that same population from Supervisory District 1. This will accommodate the change necessary in Ward 12. The information provided from SEWRPC indicates the change is negligible. There was no possible way to equitably distribute population for City District 6 without this request.

Mayor Kennedy identified the proposed map for discussion was distributed to the Council this afternoon. He reviewed the changes identified to the various wards. Changes include removal of the split districts. The map is more concise than the previous two drafts distributed. The population distribution by City District is as follows:

District 1	2,237
District 2	2,259
District 3	2,263
District 4	2,206
District 5	2,254
District 6	2,138

This is the most equitable distribution of population.

The Council discussed the changes. Ald. Shaw questioned if Ward 5-11S would be possible to move to District 6 in lieu of the identified Change. Mayor Kennedy indicated the population would have overpopulated District 6.

Ald. Schmelzling questioned the loss of a small area from District 5 to District 2. Mayor Kennedy indicated the need to properly distribute population a portion had to be removed from District 5 as it had a significant population increase.

Ald. Gelhard requested clarification of what was being removed from Ward 3 to Ward 8. Administrator Safstrom stated this area was north of W. Fairfield Ct. north to W. Brentwood Ln. with N. Sunset Ln on the East and N Hyacinth Ln on the West.

Mayor Kennedy identified the goal for each District would be a population of 2,226. This map has the largest deviation over is 37 people and the largest deviation under is 88 people. We also worked to keep the neighborhoods intact.

State Senator Lena Taylor asked to speak regarding the proposed State of Wisconsin map for Senate and Assembly Districts. Mayor Kennedy shared the screen to show the proposed

map. The map as proposed would have all of the City of Glendale in Assembly District 10 and State Senate District 4.

Motion by Ald. Vukovic, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to adopt the Ward Map with census tracts as presented, authorize City staff to request the County move 3 census tracts from Supervisory District 1 to Supervisory District 2 per the document provided by SEWRPC, and direct staff to prepare a resolution and ordinance for Monday's Council meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Gelhard, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: Daugherty and Wiese None. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, motion was made by Ald. Vukovic, seconded by Ald. Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Ald. Vukovic, Daugherty, Gelhard, Wiese, Schmelzling, and Shaw. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried and adjournment of the Common Council was ordered at 8:16 p.m., until Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Rachel Safstrom
City Administrator

Recorded: November 4, 2021.