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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REDISTRICTING

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**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY
Santa Fe, New Mexico
June 15, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, was called to order by Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, Acting Chair, on June 15, 2011, at approximately 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the New Mexico Flag and Invocation, roll call indicated the presence of a quorum, as follows:

Members Present

Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez, Acting Chair
Councilor Patti J. Bushee
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Miguel Chavez,
Councilor Rosemary Romero
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

Members Excused

Mayor David Coss
Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger, Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz

Others Attending

Robert Romero, City Manager
Marcos Martinez, Assistant City Attorney
Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk
Melessia Helberg, Council Stenographer

NOTE: All items in the Council packet for all agenda items are incorporated herewith by reference. The original Council packet is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. SALUTE TO THE NEW MEXICO FLAG**
- 4. INVOCATION**

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the Agenda as published.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote with Councilors Calvert, Chavez, Dominguez, Romero and Trujillo voting for the motion, none against, and Councilor Bushee absent for the vote.

Councilor Bushee arrived at the meeting

7. REDISTRICTING:

A copy of the power point presentation, *City of Santa Fe Redistricting, Redistricting Plans*, presented by Brian Sanderoff, President, Research & Polling, Inc., is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

A copy of *City of Santa Fe City Council Redistricting*, prepared by Research & Polling, Inc., dated June 15, 2011, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

a) OVERVIEW OF REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Brian Sanderoff presented information via power point. Please see Exhibit "1" for specifics of this presentation.

The Governing Body commented and asked questions as follows: .

- Councilor Chavez said, "Now that we're on District 3 and you talk about the deviation of 29%, history tells us that District #3 usually trumps, in a way trumps redistricting, because it always has the highest number population-wide, so that is consistent over the last 10-20 years." He would like to talk about the issue of compactness and shape as it relates to what we see on the map in District 3 in the current Districts and as we go through.
- Councilor Dominguez said there will be a discussion about annexation and how that was considered, and asked Mr. Sanderhoff if he can roll some of that into the presentation.
- Councilor Chavez believes that will be a factor.
- Mr. Sanderoff said he will address that as he goes forward.

b) PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF INITIAL MAP PROPOSALS

Brian Sanderoff presented information from Exhibit "2," explaining proposals A, B, C and D, and reviewing the demographics of the current Districts, and the demographics of the Districts under proposed Plans A, B, C, and D from pages 1 through 10 of Exhibit "2." He said he will be speaking about VAP [Voting Age Population] age 18 and above. Please see Exhibit "2" for specifics of this presentation.

Councilor Dominguez said Mr. Sanderoff notes the deviation changes as the proposed District boundaries change on the page following each Plan.

Responding to Mr. Sanderoff, Councilor Dominguez said he would like Mr. Sanderoff to present all Plans – A through D – and then open for questions.

Mr. Sanderoff said Plan A and Plan B are the two most "status quo" Plans, noting this is the closest they could come and still comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act and the 2010 Federal Census population.

Mr. Sanderoff noted that the City Clerk has indicated there are real problems in splitting precincts in any of the Plans, noting Plan B splits one precinct.

Mr. Sanderoff reiterated Plans A and B are status quo oriented, the defining difference being what happens in Tierra Contenta and the impact that has on District 3.

Mr. Sanderoff said the Council always wants to see something different, so here it is. He said there are two major conceptual changes in Plan C. The first is that there is more of a "south of Airport Road concept," and Tierra Contenta moves and includes all neighborhoods south of Rodeo Road, and District 4 picks up Precincts 49, 50 and 76 north of Rodeo Road and west of Yucca. The other major difference is in District 1 which picks up precinct 48, so there are socio-economic commonalities in combining the north with the east side – density, income levels and such, although it is a large district. District 2 picks up Precincts 41, 51 and 77. District 4 now becomes "out and out majority Hispanic at 51.4%, and District 3 becomes a "little less packed in terms of percent Hispanic." This would be the first time the City would have 2 majority Hispanic, voting age population Districts. He said because District 1 includes almost all of the east side on the other side Old Santa Fe Trail, District 2 becomes very compact. He said District 3 also becomes more compact, and hugs Cerrillos Road on both sides from Airport Road to St. Frances, and north of St. Michaels, it is only on the west side of Cerrillos.

Mr. Sanderoff said Plan D is not status quo and is somewhat similar to Plan C. He said in Plan D, District 4 now is "a pure south of Airport south of Rodeo Road District," and it does not go north of Rodeo Road to pick up the Precincts which were picked up in Plan C. He said District 4 keeps the Las Acequias area and the Tierra Linda neighborhoods, and the jutting outs that you see that are caused by the odd

municipal boundaries of Santa Fe. District 1 picks up Precincts 33, 36 and 47. District 2 picks up Precincts 51 and 77, and District 3 is compact and straddles both sides of Cerrillos. He said this is a "pretty compact looking Plan."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "I just don't know what your reaction is going to be in seeing something very different as it relates to Tierra Contenta, rather than moving up Cerrillos and moving down Airport and Rodeo, and the impact of that. He said in Plan D we are able to keep the east side with the north, noting in Plan D, Councilor Wurzbarger is back in her District and has part of the east side.

Mr. Sanderoff said, with regard to the demographics of Plan D, District 4 reaches 56-57% voting age Hispanic, and in District 3 it gets to 60%, noting this will provide two Hispanic districts.

Mr. Sanderhoff said, "In conclusion, I gave you 4 plans, hope to get some feedback, we can revise them, find out what you like and don't like, and promote discussion and then come back at another meeting with some more ideas if necessary."

The Governing Body commented and asked questions as follows:

- Councilor Dominguez asked Ms. Vigil if she has a copy of Mr. Sanderoff's power point presentation, and Ms. Vigil said she does [Exhibit "1"].
- Councilor Dominguez wants that power point presentation to be available for all meetings [Exhibit "1"].
- Councilor Dominguez said it appears the deviations on Plan C are much more equal – consistent between districts, and Mr. Sanderoff said this is correct.
- Councilor Romero said then the two Plans with the most amenable deviations are Plans C and D.

Mr. Sanderoff said on Plan C, the range is lower, but they aren't going to the extremes and there are no deviations into the 4-5%. He said Plan D also has some low deviations.

- Councilor Romero said, "So Brian, when you're looking from direction from us, what are the bookends of that direction. Do we just say, oh, we just don't like it, or are we looking for... what is the direction you need that is going to be the most helpful."

Mr. Sanderhoff said he wants to know whether or not they like the plans, concepts. He said they should take them home and reflect on them, and let him know of any tweaks. He said they want to know if there is a concept you want to reject, or if you like the status quo more, or if you see problems with the status

quo or have new approaches which we can tweak. He said he wants a general overall reaction.

- Councilor Chavez said he has been struggling for some time with the shape, and every picture tells a story. He said, "Having said that, some of the principles that we're following are not going to fit our map because of the jagged edge along the Airport Road area. The one person, one vote theory, I don't know if that all necessarily plays out either, because I think in 3 and 4, you may have voting age, but maybe not legal status to vote, so you have recent immigrants that are undocumented, of age, but still not eligible. So there are some principles that just won't work, and we'll leave that, because there's nothing we can do about it. But, what I like about what you've done in C in D is that it does change the status quo, and I don't know what the impact of that is going to be on the population in those areas, or the incumbents that are representing those areas. But, I do like C & D because it is compact, and it, to some extent, changes that jagged edge, at least it addresses some of that along Rufina. And so, those are my preferences – in order, C one, D would be my second choice and then it goes back in order, and B would be the next preference. So those are just my observations, and I guess, what I was looking for in the work you were contracted to do. And so, I'll leave it at that, because I know the public needs to have some input as well, but that's kind of what I've been looking at, and so those are my comments."
- Councilor Dominguez said as Mr. Sanderoff was doing the map drawings, he was basically taking shape files which were available at the Census website, and Mr. Sanderoff said yes.
- Councilor Dominguez said he wants the public to know that these shape files are available to them. He asked Mr. Sanderhoff to talk about Shapefiles and how they are used by GIS to come up with these maps.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "Basically, the Census Bureau puts out different levels of geography. The lowest level of geography in the Census are the blocks and the block groups. And you can merge them, or aggregate them into what they call VTDs [Voter Tabulation Districts] which are the Precincts. Here, we are using the Precincts as the building blocks you can actually pull off the Census Bureau's Data Base, Precinct Level Data, and then they develop these Shapefiles, which basically are literally that. They are integrating the Census data to the TIGER files, and the shapes of these areas, and if you have some sort of a GIS system, and if you have packages like Mapitude or autoBound where you can integrate those files into some software, then you can aggregate districts, build populations, make sure they're contiguous and integrate census data with mapping and to it with redistricting."

- Councilor Dominguez asked Mr. Sanderoff if he did the data manipulation in-house, or did he get somebody else to do it.

Ms. Sanderoff said they do this in-house, noting this is where they discovered that the actual municipal boundaries of Santa Fe are slightly different from those which the Census Bureau has.

- Councilor Dominguez noted that earlier, Mr. Sanderoff mentioned that in one of the Congressional Districts he used block data to come up with some of those boundaries.

Mr. Sanderoff said it was used in other states.

- Councilor Dominguez said, then for these districting plans for the City, you used precinct boundaries as the principal in determining where you would cut-off the districts or manipulate the districts.

Mr. Sanderoff said, “Yes. We used the precincts as building blocks, because in New Mexico, we still vote at the precinct level. There are some states that have gotten off that approach and use higher technology. We only have one plan where we split one precinct.”

- Councilor Dominguez said the City Charter only discusses having four dual-member districts, and doesn’t talk about how precincts are established, and whether or not there is an opportunity to consider splitting precincts. He said the City does have that authority or ability if we need to do so, or if we chose to do so.

Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk, said the precincts can be split, but the City can’t change the boundaries of the precincts, because the City doesn’t have the authority to do that.

Mr. Sanderoff said this is correct, noting that only the County Commissioners can change the boundaries of the precincts. He said if this were the County Commission, we wouldn’t be splitting precincts, because the County Commissioners run at the same time as the Legislators in the General Election. The City is running an election at a unique time period where no other elections are occurring at the precinct level. He said the precincts can be split in redistricting, but that creates extra work and a big headache for the City Clerk.

- Councilor Chavez said he thought there was a legal issue involved in splitting precincts.

Mr. Sanderoff said, unless there is something in the City Charter, it is not unusual for municipalities and school boards to split precincts in redistricting. He said County Commissions and the Legislature won't split precincts.

- Councilor Dominguez said then we can manipulate the precinct, we just can't change the precinct.

Mr. Sanderoff said you can split precincts, and create a District boundary that splits a precinct, but the City can't change the precinct. He said you aren't changing precincts, you're just establishing a boundary that splits a precinct. He said we can only put the district boundary on a split precinct where there is a census block, so we can count how many people live on both side. So, they chose to block Jaguar so we can count people on each side of the precinct.

Mr. Sanderoff said he is working with the County Commissions in all 33 counties, but that issue will not affect the City.

- Councilor Dominguez asked if the County Commission were to change the precinct boundaries, how would that impact our process.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "I don't recall Santa Fe, if we've done it already, and if we are, it's probably just a split precinct, which then if we kept the 'whole mother and daughter' together, it wouldn't matter."

- Councilor Dominguez said annexation has been an issue for the City. He asked, "if the City were to honor the agreement we signed with the County, and I guess some of that is on the table at some level... what... when you gathered the data, you counted constituents who have been officially annexed into the City in the totality."

Mr. Sanderoff said they counted "anyone who was part of the census in April 2010, who lived in the City of Santa Fe, at the municipal boundaries that existed at that time."

- Councilor Dominguez asked Mr. Sanderoff how confident he is with the data from the census – did they recognize that we have annexed portions of the County.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "We carefully compared what the Census Bureau thinks your boundaries are to what your folks told us your boundaries are, and we found a discrepancy of only 200 people."

- Councilor Chavez said, "You gave us a number that said that in the area that was recently annexed, there is a deviation of 200 between what the census data is providing and what we're providing. What was the total number in that area."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "I didn't mean to imply that it was necessarily in the area where there was an annexation. There were some discrepancies in the boundaries between your boundary files and the census bureau's that occurred north of the Tierra Contenta area in that Lindo area and Las Acequias area. It was in that area where there was just differences of oftentimes 10 or 20 and we tried to count the houses and look at the differences."

- Councilor Chavez said then those aren't in recently-annexed areas.
- Councilor Dominguez said, "I guess I am... just in terms of process, and kind of how things could potential work out, right now we have to consider just the data we have within the City limits, and Mr. Sanderoff said this is correct.
- Councilor Dominguez said, "If, I don't know... let's just say on March 15th or so, we move forward with the agreement we have with the County, and we annex these large portions along the south and southwest part of the community, do you know what the deviations would be then."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "We looked at the maps of the different phases of possible annexation, and we ran the census data, to look at what kinds of population impacts we're looking at. Our best calculation is, in the area that you're considering annexing between Tierra Contenta and New Mexico 599, between Tierra Contenta and the bypass road, in that area, we are figuring there are 11,183 people who are living in that area who you are considering annexing."

- Councilor Dominguez said, "Again, what would the deviation be then."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "Well, then there's another area you're considering, we've been told, between Tierra Contenta and I-95, just between those two, and we're figuring there are 992 people there. So, there is a total of 12,175 in the areas that we've been told you are considering for annexation.

- Councilor Dominguez asked Mr. Sanderoff if there is any way for the City to be able to get the analytical data considering those potential annexations.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "The way the law reads and the case law, you redistrict off of what your current municipal boundaries are, not what you might do, or may or may not happen. Now, I have looked at the impact."

Councilor Dominguez said he is interested in the impact.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "First of all, it is complicated by which Plan you pass, because the different plans have different districts. But if that area between Tierra Contenta and NM 599 all ends up in one district, I did some quick math just this morning on that, and it looked like the deviation of that district is going to

be something like 40% over. If you recalculate the population by adding those 12,175 people into the population of the whole City, and you divide by 4, calculate the ideal, and you add those 12,175 people into one district, it was something like a 40% deviation if all of that population ended up in one of the Districts, I guess it would probably be if District 3 continued up Cerrillos."

- Councilor Dominguez said then annexation could have a big impact.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "Yes. And in the statutes, Councilor Dominguez and other Councilors, anticipating the question, I had looked back in the statutes today, and it's funny. When it comes to the municipal statutes it says 'Once after every decennial census, the City Council shall redistrict.' It uses the word once, but then there is a provision that allows the votes to go out and get a bunch of petition signatures, and then a City Council can redistrict again, even after the initial census."

- Councilor Dominguez asked what happens after, if we continue this process and annexation happens and we've already done redistricting. He said that annexation fixes a lot of that jagged line along the south and southwest part of the community. He said, "When we're looking at the shapes of our Districts, and compaction and everything else, that's something that is interesting. But, just to kind of keep going, if we don't, or if there is not a petition drive, or some sort of petition after, theoretically after an annexation happens, and a disproportionate population exists, don't we fall into some other legal ramification in terms of population."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "Councilor Dominguez, other Councilors, I mean, the thing about the American system is that anyone could bring a lawsuit at any time. Anyone could say, you know, we just annexed a ton of people, we ended up in one district, we feel like we are now under-represented and we would like you to redistrict. They could go to court on a one-person one-vote. But, usually, the Courts have accepted doing it once a decade, plus the fact that those citizens would have a remedy of getting a bunch of signatures to ask you to do it again, it would give something in the law to allow them to gain relief. And the number of signatures is equivalent to the number of votes cast in the last municipal election, in the City Council District that had the most votes cast."

- Councilor Bushee asked if there is a cost to the redistricting process that we can affix to this.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "If I understand your question, we're being paid to see through the whole redistricting process, all of the things we talked about, coming up with the different plans, going to the meetings and seeing through the process. If you were to deal with the annexation issue, I guess, is there any way you could annex in the next few weeks. That would be too fast. Because we

could get it under this election cycle and hold off on redistricting. You just have to have this...but if that's too much, then you have the issue of annexation, which annexation has its own set of costs are it relates to City services, and we wouldn't be a part of that, unless you hired us again to redistrict."

- Councilor Bushee said, "So you're saying one could conceivably put this redistricting off this go-round and wait for annexation."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "No. You can't put off this redistricting for your next election cycle. You have to have it done before your election calendar begins."

- Councilor Bushee said, "Our annexation schedule isn't solid. But overall, what are we talking about, \$40,000."

Mr. Sanderoff said the work we're doing is much less than that.

- Councilor Bushee said, "And it doesn't have to go out to an election if they get the signatures, it just forces another...."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "A petition drive just then empowers you to do it again."

- Councilor Bushee said, "And that provision is in what..."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "We found it pretty fast in municipal statutes today. I don't know the number off the top of my head. Your attorneys will find it very quickly."

- Councilor Bushee asked, "And that's in our Charter."

Mr. Sanderoff said it is in State law. He said State law allows municipalities to redistrict once every 10 years. And there's another provision saying you can do it again if enough citizens come to you and ask for it through petition signatures."

- Councilor Bushee said, "Then it's not addressed in our Charter."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "Whether it's in your Charter I don't know. That's the remedy in State law."

- Councilor Bushee said she would like to ask the City attorneys to research whether there is a conflict, or if it's not addressed, or what.

- Councilor Dominguez said, "Until this annexation happens, if it ever happens, if it will happen, whether we can afford it or not, we're going to continue to have this kind of interesting shape in our community, or our City limits are going to be an interesting shape, and maybe some, I guess I'll use the word conflicts, in our representation amongst people really in the community. And so, you know, I'm

just kind of... when you look at the demographic data and the Hispanic population and kind of the fact that we have this, there's a term 'cracking and packing,' there is some packing that could potentially be happening just because of the shape of our City and our City limits. And so, you know, that's kind of an interesting.... and how representation impacts that. So, it's kind of an interesting observation."

- Councilor Calvert's said, "And I heard all the comments that we can't factor-in annexation in this Plan. What I guess I will say though, is I think we might have to look at this in terms of what sense it will make if we do that. In other words, certain of these plans will make it radically different from going from whatever we choose to what we do with annexation. I'm just looking at Plan A, that sort of... the areas that are most likely to be annexation, and you almost... 2 is out of the picture for any annexation, and almost 4. I mean, I suppose you could make an argument that 4 could jump over the frontage road there, but it would be a hard argument to make for compactness and continuity. So you'd have to confine the annexation to 1, you know, 1 and 3, and then you'd really have to change the rest of their makeups to compensate for that. So, I mean, you know, we can't factor in what annexation is going to do, technically, but I think you can look ahead and say this is going to make, you know, going to make our work really difficult in the future if we choose this particular configuration."

Councilor Calvert continued, "Some of the others have the same problems, and I don't know, you know, when you get to boundaries and continuity and compactness, you know, some of the ones like C and D might have some of those same problems in terms of what ends up getting annexed and who you add it to, and then what has to get reshifted around. To a certain extent I think, Plans C and D versus A and B, you're shifting some of the... from A and B, the sort of longness of 3 gets shifted over to 4 if you do Plan C and D. So, it's sort of, you know, changing it from one district to another. But, I don't think, you know, Plan C... and I don't necessarily mind Plan C, but I think when you start cutting into District 2 like that and District 2 has no access to the newly-annexed territories, then you're just asking for trouble in the future in my opinion. But, anyway most of my comments are sort of around annexation, but I think it's just looking at what we do now, and much radically that might have to change if we do annexation and trying to avoid doing things drastically twice."

- Councilor Trujillo said, "Mr. Sanderoff I have to say it is interesting. Very interesting. Now I see why you get the big bucks on Channel 7 for the elections."

Mr. Sanderoff said, "I do that for free."

- Councilor Trujillo said, "Well, you know, I am looking at my District. I do represent District 4 and I do see a lot of Plan A, Plan B, and then I see Plan C. That would move me into District 3, as well as Plan D. What I'm seeing on Plan

C and D, it just looks like we've just flip-flopped District 3 and 4. To me, that's what it looks like. You made District 3 more compact, and now District 4 now, I think, just looks like District 3 on the south side. I do see that thing with the compacting as well, I mean 10,000 Hispanics, 5,000 whites in District 3 and District 4 would go to 10,000 Hispanics, and almost 5,000 white. Mr. Chair, I mean, you know, I want the public to weigh-in on this as well. So, I think once we start our meetings... I know we're going to have public comment, but we have meetings scheduled at different sites throughout the City, so it's going to be nice to hear what the public thinks about this. Thank you for all this work. It's good. I think there's going to be some tweaks on it."

- Councilor Dominguez commented that we will have a number of public meetings on redistricting as this moves forward, and this is an opportunity to "chime in."

c) PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Heldmeyer, 325 E. Berger, said, "I was just going to say, and you may have them in your packets, but there are some pieces of information I think you need to have, if you don't, and the public needs to have, because I know they don't. One is precinct-by-precinct numbers, both in terms of population and in terms of the ethnic breakdown. Because, if you're going to start playing around with the borders, you need that. Not just the total district, but precinct-by-precinct. And the other thing I think would help people is, for the current districts, if you could get what the numbers looked like 10 years ago when those were adopted, so people can see the rate of change and what occurred in those 4 Districts over 10 years. I think those would both be very helpful pieces of information."

The Public Comment was closed

d) DIRECTION TO STAFF AND CONTRACTOR REGARDING REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS

Councilor Dominguez said two things have been identified by members of the public. He would like to get the numbers precinct-by-precinct. He would like to see block-by-block, but is unsure how much data that would be, and Mr. Sanderoff said it would be a lot.

Councilor Dominguez asked if blocks are drawn along precinct lines.

Mr. Sanderoff said they worked with the county clerks to be sure that precinct boundaries are on census block boundaries, so we would be able to come up with accurate numbers at the precinct level, noting that was done last year working with the

Census Bureau. He said they have precinct level data, which is the sum of the blocks quite accurately.

Councilor Dominguez asked Mr. Sanderoff to provide the numbers precinct-by-precinct, as well as the numbers from 10 years ago.

Councilor Chavez asked for a list of the Redistricting meetings scheduled.

Ms. Vigil said the meetings are listed on the website and will be listed on the ticker on Channel 28, as follows:

Monday, June 20, 2011 – Finance Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m.;
Wednesday, June 22, 2011 – Genoveva Chavez Community Room at 5:30 p.m.;
Thursday, June 23, 2011, SF Public Schools Adm. Bldg. at 5:30 p.m.;
Monday, June 27, 2011 – Public Works Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m.;
Tuesday, June 28, 2011 – Southside Library Community Room at 5:30 p.m.; and
Thursday, June 30, 2011 – SF Public Library Community Room at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Romero suggested that Mr. Sanderoff come up with a fact sheet to hand out at the public meeting, with regard to redistricting, annexation and such.. She said for most of her life she lived in District 3, and in 2000 she ended up in District 4.

Councilor Dominguez would also like a copy of Mr. Sanderoff's power point presentation.

Councilor Bushee asked why the Council makes the decision with regard to redistricting, noting she thinks it would make more sense for a citizens group to do this, and asked if this can be done.

Mr. Sanderoff said, "The law is that you have the authority. There are some municipalities and counties that have formed citizens committees appointed by the Council to do a lot of the front-end work, and then make a recommendation to the Council, which the Council can either accept or reject. The City of Albuquerque and the City of Las Cruces have committees that do the front-end work then make a recommendation to the Council. However, the Council retains the authority."

Councilor Bushee asked when we will have the final vote on redistricting.

Ms. Vigil said she understands the final vote will be at the Council Meeting on July 27, 2011. She said Mr. Sanderoff will not be attending the meetings she just announced. However, Ms. Vigil will be there along with Marcos Martinez, and at times Geno Zamora.

Councilor Bushee would like a hard copy of the meeting list, as well as Mr. Sanderoff's power point presentation.

Ms. Vigil said the list was sent out electronically, and she will get a copy of the power point presentation for the Governing Body.

10. ADJOURN

The was no further business to come before the Governing Body, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

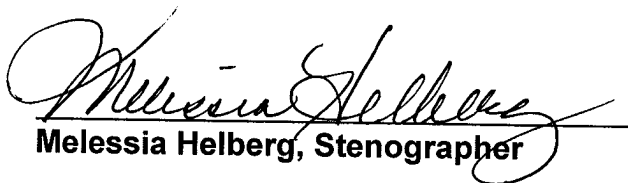
Approved by:

Mayor David Coss

ATTESTED TO:

Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted:



Melessia Helberg, Stenographer