

**CITY OF NORWALK  
REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:** Kenneth D'Arinzo, Chair; Diane Cece, Khea Gibbs, Jody Proct, Stuart Wells

**OTHERS:** Priti Mathur, ARCBridge; Sam Mathur, ARCBridge; Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, First Taxing District

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. D'Arinzo called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. D'Arinzo called the roll. A quorum was present.

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**• Regular Meeting August 8, 2024**

**\*\* MS. PROCT MOVED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2024.**

**\*\* MS. CECE SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2024 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one who wished to speak to the Committee at this time.

**V. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING OPTIONS**

Ms. Priti Mathur then displayed the PowerPoint slides showing the three options along with the proposed solution from Mr. Wells from the previous meeting and gave a brief overview of the potential changes, along with the pros and cons. At the conclusion of her remarks, she recommended Option 3 which would incorporate many of Mr. Wells' suggestions but also recognized the census blocks.

Ms. Cece said that she had hoped to see the pros and cons for the voters and potential changes for the polling locations. She said that she had concerns about the impact these changes might have on the Town Clerk and the Common Council.

Mr. Wells said that he would prefer nice clean district lines along major roads, but noted that the Taxing Districts were created by a Special Act of the State Legislature.

Mr. D'Arinzo invited anyone at the meeting to address the Committee. Ms. Elsa Peterson Obuchowski said that she was the Chair for the First Taxing District. She said that if Option 2 was adopted, she would end up being voted out of her District. Mr. Wells explained that Ms. Obuchowski's Taxing District would remain the same even if the voting districts change. Ms. Obuchowski said that the Charter defines District as A1 and A2, but it would require adjustments in the Charter wording. She stated that she felt most comfortable with Option 3. Discussion followed.

#### **VI. NEXT STEPS**

Mr. D'Arinzo said that the next steps would require approval by the Ordinance Committee and the full Common Council on the revisions. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September. By then, they should have a designee from the Republican Registrar.

Mr. D'Arinzo said that he personally preferred Option 3. Ms. Cece said that she did not have any strong preference for any of them. She then said that she would be interested in know what the upcoming dates. She also asked how the Town Clerk might be affected. Mr. Wells said that the Town Clerk handles the absentee ballots for the City, so there would be no change.

Mr. D'Arinzo recommended August 29th for the next meeting.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. D'ARINZO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**  
**\*\* MS. GIBBS SECONDED.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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