
City of Grand Island

Item E4

Public Hearing on Proposed Modifications to City Council Ward Boundaries Resulting from Redistricting

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Every 10 years, in conjunction with the release of Census data, governing bodies are required to review the boundaries of their existing wards to address any population shifts that might result in a need to equalize population. In July, the City Council formed a Redistricting Committee to review the boundaries of the City Council wards, make recommendations relative to proposed ward boundary modifications and explore the idea of amending the make-up of the elected municipal body to allow for at-large representatives.

Census data provided to the Committee indicated that redrawing or balancing of the wards is required to more equitably equalize population and representation. According to the 2000 Census figures for overall city population, the approximate number of residents per ward should be 8,588. Current population figures are:

*Ward 1 9,307
Ward 2 9,164
Ward 3 8,980
Ward 4 7,683
Ward 5 7,807*

Reductions in population are needed in Wards 1 and 3 and increases in Wards 4 and 5.

Based on this information, the Committee requested staff develop a number of recommendations



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