



Roll Call Number

11-1494

Agenda Item Number

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Date August 29, 2011

RESOLUTION CLOSING HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CITY PRECINCT AND WARD BOUNDARIES AND APPROVING SAME,
AND APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH POLK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF
NORWALK FOR COMBINED PRECINCTS

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines is required to amend the City precinct and ward boundaries using the population data from the 2010 federal decennial census to bring those boundaries into conformance with the requirements of Iowa Code §49.7; and,

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-1370, the City Council directed that a public hearing be held on August 29, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, to consider adoption of an ordinance amending the City precinct and ward boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, notice of such hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on August 18, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed new precinct and ward boundaries were submitted to the Commissioner of Elections for Polk and Warren Counties for review and comment as required by law, and the only amendments requested or required by the Commissioners were the amendments identified below; and,

WHEREAS, the boundaries of Precincts 1, 29 and 72 as originally proposed were expanded at the request of the Polk County Commissioner of Elections to create combined city/township precincts which include portions of adjoining rights-of-way to make the precinct boundaries easier for the Commissioner to administer; and,

WHEREAS, Precinct 5 as originally proposed was split into new Precincts 5 and 5A, with Precinct 5A being expanded to create a combined city/township precinct (also known as Saylor 2) at the direction of the Polk County Commissioner of Elections to create a contiguous precinct (part of Precinct 5A would otherwise be separated by the intervening unincorporated Interstate 80/35 right-of-way); and,

WHEREAS, the boundaries of Precinct 82 as originally proposed were expanded to create a combined Norwalk/Des Moines precinct which include the adjoining portion of the City of Norwalk located in Polk County at the direction of the State Commissioner of Elections for the reason that the portion located in Norwalk is part of a larger Census block that extends into Precinct 82; and,

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2. The Agreements with Polk and Warren Counties, and with the City of Norwalk to allow the combined precincts as described above, are hereby approved. The Mayor is hereby directed and authorized to sign the Agreements on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor's signature on such documents.
3. The proposed new precinct and ward boundaries as shown by Exhibits "1" and "2" and more specifically described in the accompanying ordinance are hereby approved, subject to final passage of the ordinance.

(Council Communication No. 11- 580)

MOVED by Coleman to adopt; refer to the City Manager to explore the possibility of combining municipal elections with other elections.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown

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Assistant City Attorney

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Exhibits:

"1" - Precinct Boundary Map

"2" - Ward Boundary Map

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED				

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Diane Rauh

City Clerk