

2022 DECENNIAL REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (R.A.C.)

Meeting # 7 - April 28, 2022 - 7PM

Chairman Safranek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Present were Commission Members Duane Perkins and Benjamin Chianese. Appointed Outside Counsel Joseph Mortelliti. Absent was John Priola, Commission member.

MINUTES - Minutes of the R.A.C. meeting held on April 21, 2022

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins, and was seconded by Councilman Chianese, to accept the Minutes, as copies were distributed to all Members. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Review of Software

Company Representatives Aaron & Carl presented a live demo of Esri software; and discussed utilizing the software for redistricting purposes. The software can be accessed from anywhere; and can be shared with individuals. Carl explained the licensing pricing to Councilman Perkins. For a one-year subscription, two licenses will cost \$9,000. The package add-on includes a support retainer package (20-hours) for \$6,700.

He responded to Councilman Chianese regarding census data availability for the following years: 2020, 2010 and 2000. The census data is available by default in the software program. He clarified the availability of ward data/street names with Chairman Safranek. The ward data/street names for Danbury are not provided by default; will require a reference file. Councilman Chianese noted the City Charter requires the Commission to only use total populations in their plan.

Carl commented the data can be exported in several different formats, such as Image and FixText. He clarified the file import process/manual assignment with Councilman Perkins. The software does not include an automatic assignment tool and political parties per district is not included (included with the enterprise offer). The reference tool will allow the Commission to buildout the districts. He provided an overview of the different print options available between the two packages (Zass tool limits printing options).

The software is very user friendly; transparent process and seamless integration. He recommended the Commission purchase two licenses with a one-year subscription (\$9,000 for two licenses). He explained how the Commission can utilize past census data and access quick training videos on YouTube.

Councilman Perkins thanked Aaron & Carl for their presentation. Councilman Chianese noted the pricing is great for the license costs. He suggested purchasing one license for the Commission to utilize. Chairman Safranek commented he will inquiry about how the previous map was produced. Councilman Chianese commented he will ask about the availability of funds for software purchases.

A motion was made by Councilman Perkins, and seconded by Councilman Chianese, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Safranek, Chair
Duane Perkins
Benjamin Chianese