

**MINUTES
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

PRESENT: Chair/City Clerk: Abrial J. Barrett
Commissioners: Marguerite Bowman
Eric Shepherd
Absent: Grace Descamps
Recording Secretary: Amy Anikewich

1. Call to Order

Ms. Barrett recessed the meeting until 11:30 a.m., and called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m., a quorum was present.

2. Approval of March 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Bowman, seconded by Commission Member Shepherd to approve the minutes of March 11, 2022 Meeting as presented.

Ayes: All – 3
Absent: Descamps

3. Permanent Precinct Boundary Alteration Recommendations from the City Clerk: County Commissioner District 9 & 13 – Precinct 2, 3, & 5 boundary line redrawn to split Marter Road from 8 Mile Road to Jefferson Avenue between odd and even addresses

Background: The recommendation was to approve the boundary lines for Precinct 2, 3, & 5 boundary line redrawn to split Marter Road from 8 Mile Road to Jefferson Avenue between odd and even addresses.

The finalized County Commissioner map has been redrawn, which divides the City into two separate County Commissioner Districts. Residents on the westside of Marter Road are now County Commissioner District 13. Residents on the eastside of Marter Road are now County Commissioner District 9.

Currently, Precinct 3 includes residents on both the west and eastside of Marter Road from 8 Mile Road to Jefferson Avenue. This creates a split in the new County Commissioner District between Districts 9 & 13. The City Clerk recommends redrawing the boundary line between Precincts 2, 3 & 5 down the center of Marter Road so that residents on the westside of Marter Road from 8 Mile to the northside of Maxine Street fall within their new County Commissioner District 13 and become a part of Precinct 2. Residents on the westside of Marter Road from the southside of Carolina Street to the where Marter Road ends at Jefferson Avenue will fall within their new County Commissioner District 13 and become a part of Precinct 5. All residents on the eastside of Marter Road from 8 Mile Road to Jefferson Avenue will remain in Precinct 3.

Ms. Barrett explained the new County Commissioner boundary line and how it created the issue of two ballot styles within Precinct 3.

Moved by Commission Member Shepherd, seconded by Member Bowman that the resolution recommendation from the City Manager and City Clerk be adopted as follows:

St. Clair Shores Election Commission
Permanent Precinct Boundary Changes Resolution

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to alter precinct boundary lines to avoid splitting a precinct which would result in multiple ballot styles; and

WHEREAS, the boundary line between precincts 2, 3 & 5 will be split down the center of Marter Road so that residents on the westside of Marter Road from 8 Mile to the northside of Maxine Street fall within their new County Commissioner District 13 and become a part of Precinct 2; and

WHEREAS, residents on the westside of Marter Road from the southside of Carolina Street to where Marter Road ends at Jefferson Avenue will fall within their new County Commissioner District 13 and become a part of Precinct 5. All residents on the eastside of Marter Road from 8 Mile Road to Jefferson Avenue will remain in Precinct 3; and

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WHEREAS, Michigan Election Law, section 168.661(3) states that City Election Commission shall divide precincts (establish precinct boundary changes), no later than 120 days before the August primary election following each federal census to ensure a precinct is not split between districts and does not exceed 2,999 registered voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Clair Shores Election Commission approves the redrawing of the boundary line between precincts 2, 3 & 5 down the center of Marter Road so that residents on the westside of Marter Road from 8 Mile to the northside of Maxine Street fall within their new County Commissioner District 13 and become a part of Precinct 2. Residents on the westside of Marter Road from the southside of Carolina Street to where Marter Road ends at Jefferson Avenue will fall within their new County Commissioner District 13 and become a part of Precinct 5. All residents on the eastside of Marter Road from 8 Mile Road to Jefferson Avenue will remain in Precinct 3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new precincts 2, 3, and 5 boundary descriptions, read as follows:

Precinct 2:

Beginning at Eight Mile Road and Harper, north on the east side of Harper to south side of Rosedale, east on Rosedale to Greater Mack; north on Greater Mack to north side of Maxine; East on Maxine to Marter; south on Marter to include the westside of Marter to Eight Mile Road; East on Eight Mile Road to Harper.

Polling Place: St. Joan of Arc Community Center
22415 Overlake

School District: South Lake

Precinct 3:

Beginning at the southeast boundary line between Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair Shores, following boundary east side of Marter; north on east side of Marter to 22900 Marter, continuing north, then east on even numbered side of Marter to Jefferson; north on east side of Jefferson to portion of Windwood Pointe Condominiums in South Lake School District; east in Windwood Pointe Condominium Complex in South Lake School District to Lake St. Clair; southeasterly along shoreline of Lake St. Clair to southeast boundary line.

Polling Place: Assumption Greek Church
21800 Marter Road

School District: South Lake

Precinct 5:

Beginning on the south side of Carolina and Greater Mack, proceeding north on east side of Greater Mack to the south side of Harper Lake; east on south side of Harper Lake to Jefferson; south on west side of Jefferson to Marter; west on Marter, continuing south on Marter to Carolina; west on Carolina Greater Mack.

Polling Place: St. Lucy Catholic Church
23401 Jefferson

School District: South Lake

Ayes: All – 3

Nays: 0

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Absent: Grace Descamps

Abstain: 0

I, Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Election Commission of the City of St. Clair Shores, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, at a special meeting held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk

Ayes: All – 3

Absent: Descamps

4. NEW BUSINESS: County Commissioner District 9 & 13 – Precinct 8 retain boundary line of both side of Blackburn Road between Greater Mack and Jefferson Avenue to retain voters within Lakeview School District

Ms. Barrett explained that the finalized County Commissioner map has been redrawn, which divides the City into two separate County Commissioner Districts. Residents on the southside of Blackburn Road, between Greater Mack and Jefferson Avenue are now County Commissioner District 13 and residents on the northside of Blackburn Road, between Greater Mack and Jefferson Avenue are now County Commissioner District 9. Dividing the street between odd and even numbers would create a split in the Lakeview School District line. The City Clerk recommends retaining the boundary line of Precinct 8 with the understanding that the new County Commissioner District would be split on the southside of Blackburn Road, between Greater Mack and Jefferson Avenue within Precinct 8. Precinct 8 voters on the southside of Blackburn Road, between Greater Mack and Jefferson Avenue would be County Commissioner District 13 and Lakeview School District. Precinct 8 voters on the northside of Blackburn Road would be County Commissioner District 9 and Lakeview School District.

5. Audience Participation – None

6. Adjournment

Motion by Commission Member Bowman, seconded by Commission Member Shepherd to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Ayes: All – 3

Absent: Descamps

Prepared by:
Amy Anikewich
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:
Abrial J. Barrett
Chair/City Clerk