

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**August 19, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber – City Hall**

A Council work session was held to discuss the proposed new City Council Districts.

Attending: Mayor Bill McMurray and Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Madison Davis, PJ Kovac, Russell Moore, Brian Myers, Marty Novak, Kent O'Dell and Gary Roach.

Bryan Carter, City Manager; Lisa Robertson, City Attorney; Clint Thompson, Planning & Community Development Director; Chris Connally, Police Chief; Kenny Cordonnier, Interim Fire Chief; Zack Martin, City Planner; Mary Robertson, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relation Manager; Ed Schilling, Multimedia Planner; and Paula Heyde, City Clerk.

Mayor Bill McMurray called the meeting to order.

Clint Thompson, Planning & Community Development Director, gave a recap on the issue and said unfortunately the information provided by the Census Bureau last week (on August 12) only included information on census tracts and not the smaller census blocks. As a result, City staff was not able to drill down to the detail to revise the map as requested by the City Council at the City Council meeting last week. He reviewed two proposed redistricting maps developed by City staff based on the census information (attached). One proposal, is similar to the previous Proposal 2 (quadrant) and the second proposal, requested by Mayor McMurray, is similar to the previous Proposal 3 (river to river). The new Proposal 3 provides the least deviation between districts of 5.3%.

City staff was asked to prepare transparencies of the proposals to lay over the current district map.

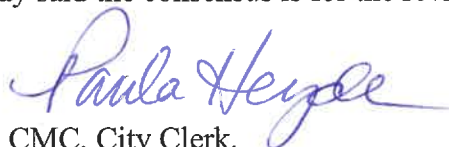
Tom Fanning, 1920 St. Joseph Ave., and Kenny Reeder, 4000 River Road, commented on the two new proposals.

Zack Martin, City Planner, explained how he developed the two new proposals.

Mr. Carter said if the Council chooses one of the two new proposals at this meeting, an ordinance will be filed at Monday's (August 23) City Council meeting to place it on for first reading again and it will be on the September 7 Council meeting agenda for passage. Also, on September 7 will be the ordinance that was postponed at the August 9 City Council meeting (adopting original Proposal 3). One of those ordinances would need to be approved and the other one withdrawn or voted down.

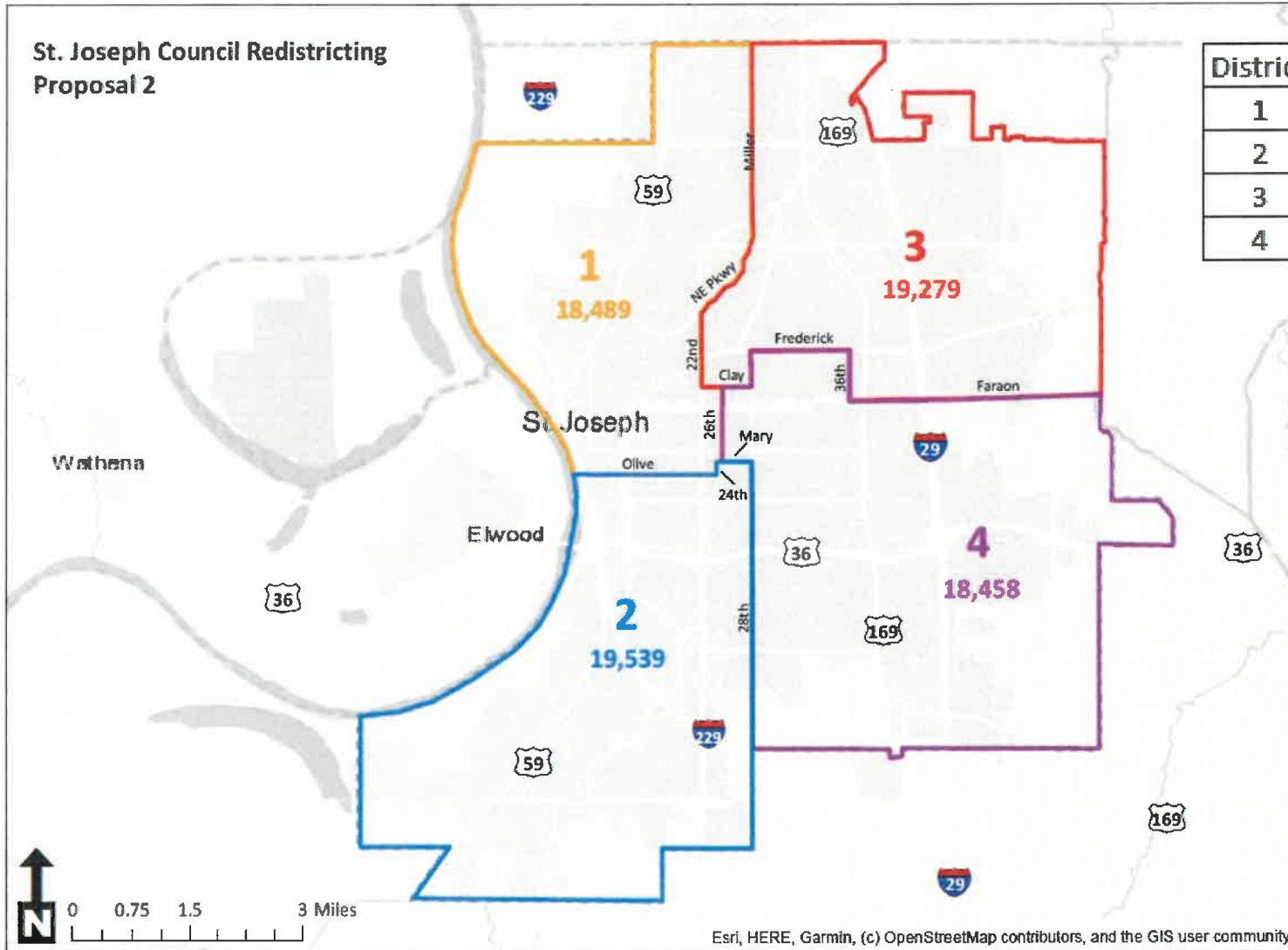
After discussion, Mayor McMurray and Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Madison Davis, Brian Myers and Marty Novak voted for the revised Proposal 3 ("river to river" or "west to east" model); Councilmembers PJ Kovac, Russell Moore, Kent O'Dell and Gary Roach voted for the revised Proposal 2 (quadrant model). Mayor McMurray said the consensus is for the revised Proposal 3 (west to east).

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



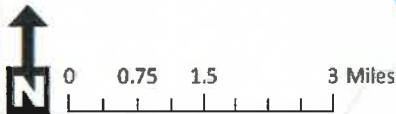
Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.

**St. Joseph Council Redistricting Proposal 2**



District	Population	Ratio	Deviation
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		1.4%	5.7%

- More even population distribution.
- Based more on estimates and roof counts.

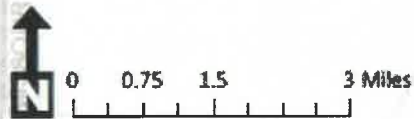
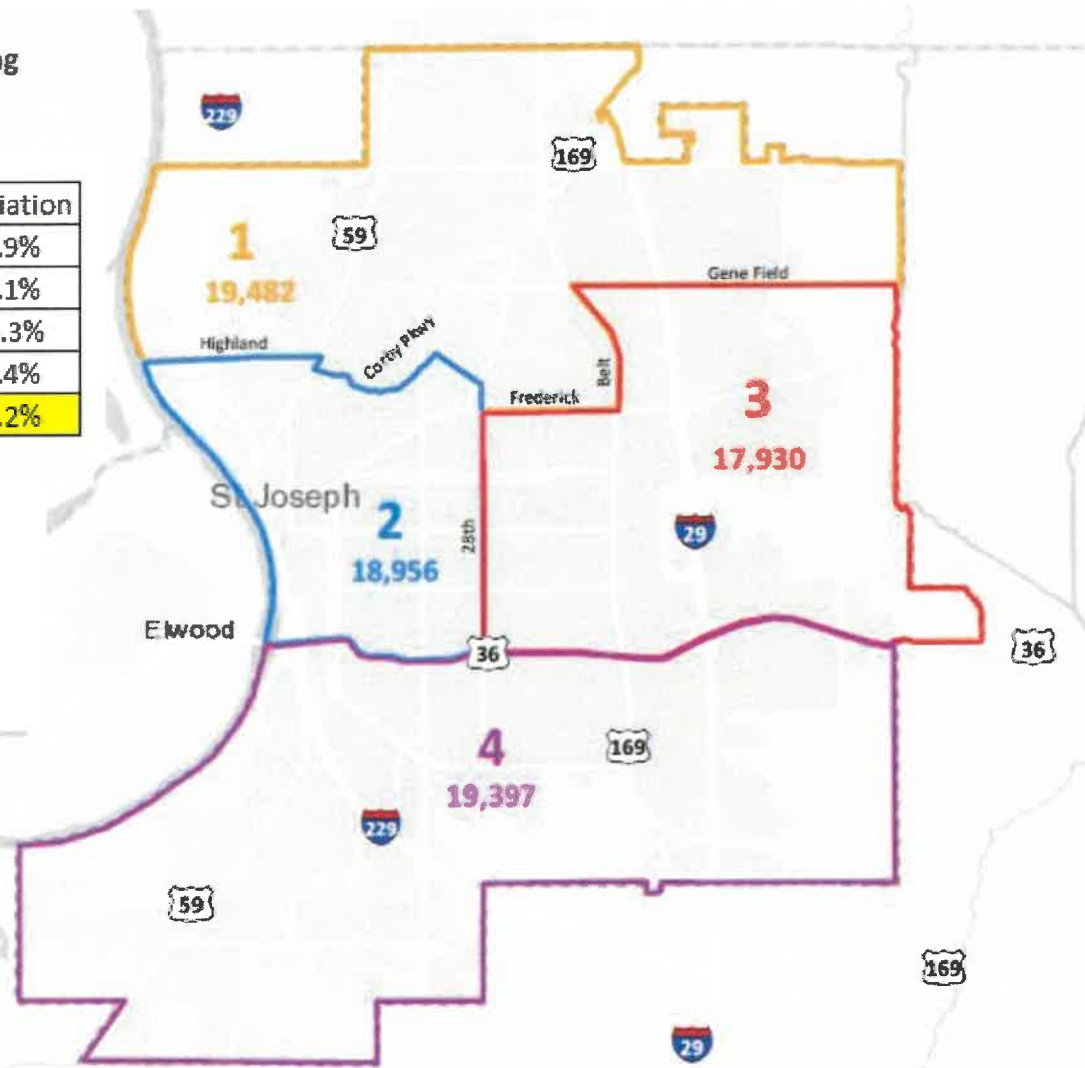


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### St. Joseph Council Redistricting Proposal 3

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3	17930	23.7%	-5.3%
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- Less even population distribution.
- Based more on ACS data rather than roof count estimations.



2010 District Map Calculations

District	Population	Ratio	Deviation
1	15757	20.5%	2.6%
2	15384	20.0%	0.2%
3	14746	19.2%	-4.0%
4	14694	19.1%	-4.3%
5	16199	21.1%	5.5%
		2.0%	9.8%

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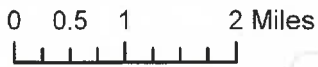
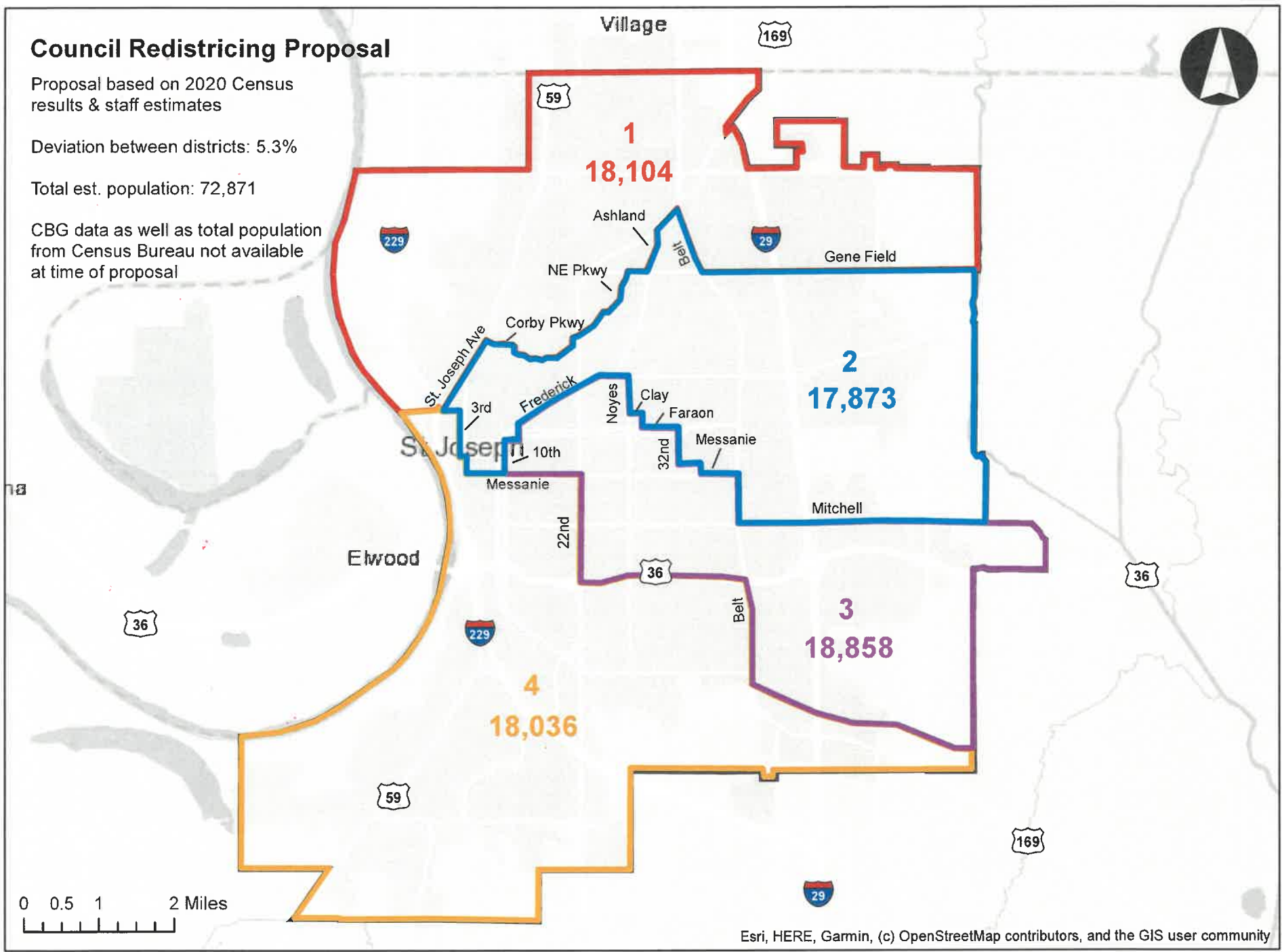
### Council Redistricting Proposal

Proposal based on 2020 Census results & staff estimates

Deviation between districts: 5.3%

Total est. population: 72,871

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