

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

*Meeting # 6 - April 21, 2022 - 7PM*

Chairman Safranek called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Present were Commission Members John Priola, Duane Perkins and Benjamin Chianese. Appointed Outside Counsel Joseph Mortelliti.

### 1. Review of Software

Tracy, Company Representative, Mapitude, presented a live demo of the Mapitude software for redistricting uses. She suggested starting with the current district boundaries to make modifications. The software program contains a large GIS library and integrates with other software programs. The map geography will show the street names for redistricting uses. She explained the universal system/equipment requirements to Chairman Safranek. The 24/7 learning portal has information regarding the system requirements; and the software is for desktop use only.

The City will need about 20 gigabytes to operate the software program. The data supplied is provided by the Census Bureau; however, the information is not certified (not a legal document). The data supplied through the software program will only be for the City of Danbury. She provided an overview of the population/demographic data per district. To note, the software does not provide political data.

Chairman Safranek expressed concern not being able to access political data through the software program. Councilman Chianese explained the goal is to balance the population, not the political party. Tracy spoke on the Commission including additional information and the pin mapping process. The Census Bureau does not collect voter registration data. Councilman Chianese suggested using the software to generate population data first and add demographic data last.

Tracy explained the software costs to Chairman Safranek. The license fee is an annual cost and training is an additional cost. The group license pricing for two licenses amounts to \$10,000 (three license \$14,000 and four licenses \$17,000) and \$1,000 per license after 1-year. She explained the metrics/starting points to create plans for redistricting. The software can print maps on any printer size.

Software training is provided, and customization is available to generate custom reports. She suggested the Commission purchase the redistricting package to generate reports/maps. Chairman Safranek expressed concern regarding the licensing fees. Councilman Perkins stated he is waiting to hear back from the State regarding their Esri software. Councilman Chianese discussed how the Committee can share one license. He suggested the City purchase the software and have one-person log in using the City's account. Furthermore, the IT Manager Frank should review the software. The software would be available to all City departments after the Commission is done utilizing the software program.

Attorney Mortelliti provided an overview of the City Charter regarding data usage. Councilman Priola stated the software program is very user friendly. Councilman Chianese suggested the Commission explore other software options. He explained how data changes overtime and suggested the Commission obtain a current census map.

### **MINUTES – Minutes of the R.A.C. meeting held on April 7, 2022**

**A motion was made by Councilman Chianese, and was seconded by Councilman Priola, to accept the Minutes, as copies were provided to Members prior to the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Safranek called for the next meeting to take place on April 28, 2022, at 7 pm.

**A motion was made by Councilman Priola, and seconded by Councilman Perkins, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Safranek, Chair  
John Priola  
Duane Perkins  
Benjamin Chianese