

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Dividing Precincts 4 and 18; and Moving Several Polling Locations

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend Precinct 4, Maplewood Manor, be divided into Precinct 4A and 4B with voters from 4A voting at Central Fire Station; and that Precinct 18, Rosien Towers, be divided into 18A and 18B with voters from 18B voting at Butman-Fish Library.

I further recommend the following polling location changes: Precinct 6, which formerly voted at the Audra Francis Recreation Center be permanently moved to Saginaw High School, 3100 Webber, and become Saginaw High School A; Precinct 7, currently voting at Webber Elementary, be moved to Webber Middle School, 2600 Prescott; Precinct 9, currently voting at Jesse Rouse School, be moved to the YMCA, 1915 Fordney; Precinct 11, currently voting at Handley School and then temporarily moved to Arthur Hill High School, be moved back to 3021 Court Street, the new Thompson Middle School; Precinct 14, currently voting at Faith Harvest Church, be moved to the Saginaw Art Museum, 1126 N. Michigan Avenue; and Precinct 16, Staff Development Center, be moved to South Middle School, 224 N. Elm.

Justification:

In 2003, the Precinct Consolidation Committee reduced the number of City precincts from 42 to 20. Following the 2004 Presidential Election, the Precinct Consolidation Committee reorganized to once again review the City's precincts. After several meetings, the Committee recommended that two (2) precincts be reestablished. This would require dividing two (2) of the existing precincts, Precinct 4, Maplewood Manor, 535 S. Warren and Precinct 18, Rosien Towers, 310 S. Harrison. In addition, Election law (MCL 168.661(1)) states, "When the registration in a precinct using voting machines exceeds 2,999, the precinct shall be divided or rearranged." Precinct 4 currently has 2,894 registered voters and Precinct #18 has 2,746 registered voters. As a result, both of these precincts have difficulty accommodating the number of voters with regard to room space and parking.

With the assistance of the City's Geographical Information system, Precinct 4 was divided into Precinct 4A and 4B, with Janes and E. Genesee Avenue as the

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bisecting line and Precinct 18 was divided into Precinct 18A and 18B, with Court Street as the bisecting line. These divisions split the registered voters as equally as possible (4A-1,549 and 4B-1,344 registered voters; and Precinct 18A-1,464 and 18B-1,281 registered voters). On January 7, 2008, the Election Commission (established by City Charter) met and adopted a resolution formally dividing Precinct 4 into Precincts 4A and 4B and dividing Precinct 18 into Precincts 18A and 18B. Central Fire Station, 801 Federal, has been selected as Precinct 4A's polling location and Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock, was selected at the site for Precinct 18B. Both these locations were originally part of the City's 42 precincts.

In addition to the above, all polling locations were reviewed under the Help America Vote Act, which requires polling locations to meet certain standards to accommodate voters with disabilities. Several precincts were found to be in noncompliance under the Act and could not be brought up to specifications without expending thousands of dollars. In addition, the City Clerk met with the School District to make some adjustments to other polling locations due to school changes.

Given the foregoing, the following lists the proposed precincts and polling locations:

#	PRECINCT	ADDRESS
1	ST. JOSEPH EDUCATION CENTER	936 N. Sixth
2	ARTHUR EDDY ACADEMY	1000 Cathay
3	HEAVENRICH SCHOOL	2435 Perkins
4A	CENTRAL FIRE STATION (Formerly voters from Maplewood Manor)	801 Federal
4B	MAPLEWOOD MANOR	535 S. Warren
5	CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	1010 Hoyt
6	SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL A (Formerly Audra Francis Center. This will be a permanent move.)	3100 Webber
7	WEBBER MIDDLE SCHOOL (Formerly Webber Elementary. Move due to school closing.)	2600 Prescott
8	SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL B	3100 Webber
9	YMCA (Formerly Jesse Rouse School. Needed to move due to HAVA.)	1915 Fordney
10	NEW MOUNT CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	3610 Russell

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11	THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (Formerly Handley School which was temporarily relocated to Arthur Hill High School)	3021 Court
12	KEMPTON SCHOOL	3040 Davenport
13	SAGINAW CAREER COMPLEX	2101 Weiss
14	SAGINAW ART MUSEUM (Formerly Faith Harvest Church. Needed to move due to HAVA)	1126 N. Michigan
15	HERIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Formerly St. Paul's Lutheran School. This move was made in 2007.)	1905 Houghton
16	SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL (Formerly Staff Development Center. Moving to better accommodate voters with room space and parking.)	224 N. Elm
17	ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL	1300 Malzahn
18A	ROSIEN TOWNERS	310 S. Harrison
18B	BUTMAN-FISH LIBRARY (Formerly voters from Rosien Towers.)	1716 Hancock
19	JEROME SCHOOL	1515 Sweet
20	MERRILL PARK SCHOOL	1800 Grout

These changes are being made in accordance with Election Law and as required, proper notices will be posted and all voters will receive new voter registration cards.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation from the City Manager be approved.