



City of Pensacola

DISTRICTING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Hagler/Mason Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mack at 4:02 P.M. and referred to speaker cards to be filled out by individuals wishing to address the Commission.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Diane Mack, John Jerralds, William Brancati, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jarah Jacquay, Samuel Mathews, Eric Stevenson

Members Absent: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-00728 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION DATED AUGUST 4, 2021](#)

A motion to approve was made by Commission Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Commission Member Jerralds.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Diane Mack, John Jerralds, William Brancati, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jarah Jacquay, Samuel Mathews, Eric Stevenson
No: 0	None

PRESENTATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Mack provided an overview summarizing the process that took place to bring the following item forward for consideration.

2. [21-00746 SELECTION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION](#)

Recommendation: That the City of Pensacola Districting Commission select the firm of Clark Partington of Pensacola in partnership with the Pittman Law Group of Tallahassee to provide legal representation for the Commission. Further that the Commission authorize the Chair to take all actions necessary to engage these firms.

A motion to approve was made by Commission Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Commission Member Jerralds.

Chairperson Mack responded accordingly to questions from Commission Member Mathews regarding the experience and expertise of the recommended legal team.

The following members of the legal team were present and were provided an opportunity to address the Commission:

Meredith Crawford, Clark Partington of Pensacola
 Sean Pittman, Pittman Law Group of Tallahassee
 Sharmin Hibbert, Pittman Law Group of Tallahassee

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion (to approve Item 2, 21-00746) carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Diane Mack, John Jerralds, William Brancati, Jewel Cannada-Wynn,
 Jarah Jacquay, Samuel Mathews, Eric Stevenson
No: 0 None

DISCUSSION ITEMS**3. [21-00745 PRELIMINARY CENSUS NUMBERS](#)**

Supervisor of Elections Stafford addressed the Commission referencing *Preliminary 2020 Pensacola Census Data* (attachment 1 of related memo and hardcopies provided) along with an additional hand-out *2020 Census Data – Pensacola, FL* (placed on file with background materials). Discussion took place regarding the data as broken down by district and demographics and looking at which districts may need to have boundaries redrawn. Also provided via email and hardcopies, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), *Guidance under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. 10301, for redistricting and methods of electing government bodies (published 9/1/21)*. SOE Stafford and Chairperson Mack fielded comments and questions throughout discussion.

Chairperson Mack suggested the next step be for SOE Stafford to review and bring back to the Commission data from districts adjacent to District 5 and which census blocks have the densest Black (or African American) voting age population (VAP) and demonstrate (via data software) how that would impact those other districts. No objection from Commission Members or SOE Stafford.

Brief discussion also took place between Chairperson Mack and SOE Stafford referencing data software utilized by the Supervisor of Elections Office versus GIS software utilized by the City and use by the Commission to assist in analyzing data.

OPEN FORUM

There were not any individuals from the public wishing to address the Commission.

Chairperson Mack suggested the remaining course of meetings be scheduled. Discussion ensued and consensus was reached to schedule the remaining meetings beginning at 4:00 P.M. on the following dates:

**September 22nd Council Chambers
October 13th location TBD
October 20th location TBD
October 27th location TBD
November 3rd location TBD**

OPEN FORUM (CONT'D.)

Commission Member Cannada-Wynn requested City GIS provide **a map identifying the location of neighborhood associations**; and Chairperson Mack requested **a district map be available and presented at all Districting Commission meetings for reference.**

NEXT MEETING

September 22nd beginning at 4:00 P.M., in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

4:51 P.M.

Approved: September 23, 2021