



City of Pensacola

Districting Commission

Agenda

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 4:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-00806](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Attachments: [Draft: Districting Commission Meeting Dated 9/1/21](#)

PRESENTATIONS

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [21-00808](#) CONDUCTING THE DISTRICTING PROCESS

Sponsors: Diane Mack

Attachments: [2020 Pensacola Census Summary](#)

OPEN FORUM

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

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City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00806

Districting Commission

9/22/2021

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2021



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:_____



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9/22/2021

DISCUSSION ITEM

SPONSOR: Diane Mack, Chair

SUBJECT:

CONDUCTING THE DISTRICTING PROCESS

SUMMARY:

In accordance with City Charter Section 6.08. Districting, "...the commission shall consult the City Council and the Supervisor of Elections and shall prepare a plan for dividing the City into districts for the election of Council Members."

On May 13, 2021, City Council appointed a Districting Commission; after consultation with the Supervisor of Elections, the 2020 Census numbers have come in and the Commission is ready to begin the process of preparing a plan for Council consideration.

This discussion item begins that process.

PRIOR ACTION:

May 13, 2021 - City Council appointed a Districting Commission

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) 2020 Pensacola Census Summary

PRESENTATION: No



2020 Census Data - Pensacola, FL

Total City Population:	54,312
Ideal District Population:	7,759

City District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Total Population	7,674	8,112	7,415	7,890	7,369	8,184	7,668
White	6,054	5,381	6,314	6,795	3,469	4,579	3,343
Hispanic or Latino	415	497	381	395	398	428	324
Black or African American	554	1,472	263	280	3,113	2,833	3,654
American Indian and Alaska Native	38	27	33	34	37	26	38
Asian	282	411	215	140	96	121	78
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	10	10	2	2	10	5	10
Some other race	101	171	85	86	117	113	83
2 or More *	635	640	503	553	527	507	462

Voting Age Population (VAP)	6,254	6,879	6,250	6,480	5,886	6,840	5,994
VAP White	5,059	4,748	5,410	5,627	2,972	4,066	2,894
VAP Hispanic	284	395	287	271	282	292	208
VAP Black	435	1,159	212	238	2,339	2,220	2,623
VAP Black + 1 or More **	484	1,235	243	286	2,422	2,319	2,718

% VAP White	80.89%	69.02%	86.56%	86.84%	50.49%	59.44%	48.28%
% VAP Hispanic	4.54%	5.74%	4.59%	4.18%	4.79%	4.27%	3.47%
% VAP Black	6.96%	16.85%	3.39%	3.67%	39.74%	32.46%	43.76%
% VAP Black + 1 or More	7.74%	17.95%	3.89%	4.41%	41.15%	33.90%	45.35%

Average +/- of Ideal DP	-85	+353	-344	+131	-390	+425	-91
% Average +/- of Ideal DP	-1.10%	+4.55%	-4.43%	+1.69%	-5.03%	+5.48%	-1.17%

* Includes all population of those who listed two or more races

** Includes all who identified Black or African American as one of their races