



City of Pensacola

Districting Commission

Agenda - Final

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 4:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-00832](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Attachments: [Draft: Districting Commission Meeting Minutes Dated 9/22/21](#)

PRESENTATIONS

2. [21-00892](#) LEGAL BRIEFING FROM MEREDITH CRAWFORD

Recommendation: That the Districting Commission receive a presentation from Meredith Crawford.

Sponsors: Diane Mack

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [21-00893](#) CONDUCTING THE DISTRICTING PROCESS

Sponsors: Diane Mack

OPEN FORUM

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

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City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00832

Districting Commission

10/13/2021

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2021



City of Pensacola

DISTRICTING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021

4:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mack at 4:04 P.M. She advised the remainder of Districting Commission meetings will be held in City Council Chambers. Further she noted the attendance of the Commission’s legal counselor Meredith Crawford of Clark Partington law firm.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

Members Absent: Samuel Mathews

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6	Diane Mack, John Jerrals, William Brancati, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jarah Jacquay, Eric Stevenson
No: 0	None

PRESENTATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEM

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

Chairperson Mack read the Summary portion of the memorandum provided in the agenda materials which explains the process beginning with today’s meeting. She also referred to hand-out materials (hardcopies provided and on file): 1) *Districting Plan Criteria – Checklist*; and 2) *District 5 Proposed Redistricting Goal 2021* which she read both into the record and provided an explanation as to the application of the information in assessing the data being presented.

Discussion ensued among Commissioners with Supervisor of Elections Stafford and Deputy Supervisor of Elections Heaney presenting census block data via computer software on overhead screens (and provided on individual USB drives for each Commission Member to obtain and utilize individually outside of meetings). SOE Stafford and Council Executive Kraher assisted with facilitation of data and map assessment, as well as fielding comments and questions throughout the free flow of discussion in analyzing voting population data. Additional (static) maps were also provided and referred to for assisting in the discussion: 1) *2021 City Council Districts* (enlarged copy presented on easel); 2) *Eastside CRA*; 3) *Eastside Improvement Association*; and 4) *Eastside Comparison* (hardcopies provided and on file).

DISCUSSION ITEM (CONT'D.)

The main objective discussed and the consensus among Commission Members was the adjustment of voting age population (VAP) from districts adjacent to Districts 5 and District 7 to obtain a Black VAP of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) for those districts, while maintaining five percent (5%) total population (plus or minus) within each district. Further, in working towards that objective for the next meeting on 10/13 SOE Stafford will pull census block data for possible adjustment, looking at all City Districts holistically.

Additional discussion took place. **SOE Stafford confirmed the information he will obtain and forward to Council Executive Kraher to be distributed to Commission Members in advance of the next meeting on 10/13.** Legal Counselor Crawford reminded Commission Members of Sunshine and Public Records laws are applicable to the process of receiving information outside of noticed meetings.

OPEN FORUM

Clifford Stokes: Reminded the Commission of concerns for maintaining majority minority voting age population within Districts 5 and 7 (referring to the loss of District 6 in the 2011 redistricting process) and be mindful of rapid demographic changes and gentrification due to residential redevelopment currently taking place.

NEXT MEETING

October 13th, 4:00 P.M., City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

5:18 P.M.

Approved: _____



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File #: 21-00892

Districting Commission

10/13/2021

PRESENTATION ITEM

FROM: Diane Mack

SUBJECT:

LEGAL BRIEFING FROM MEREDITH CRAWFORD

REQUEST:

That the Districting Commission receive a presentation from Meredith Crawford.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this presentation is to allow the Commission to receive a legal briefing from Commission Attorney Meredith Crawford. This briefing will be in relation to the maintenance of current district formats as well as any legal challenges that might be encountered during the Commission's process.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) None

PRESENTATION: Yes



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File #: 21-00893

Districting Commission

10/13/2021

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 continues that process.

PRIOR ACTION:

May 13, 2021 - City Council appointed a Districting Commission

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) None

PRESENTATION: No