

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FAST CONFERENCE ROOM, 505 WINSLOW STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, NC
AUGUST 18, 2021
5:40 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2) (via zoom); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3) (via zoom); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8) (via zoom); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jay Toland, Assistant City Manager
Rebecca Jackson, Chief of Staff
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Caroline Mackie, Poyner Spruill, LLP
Blake Esselstyn, Mapfigure Consulting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Davis.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Kinston moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)

4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4.01 City of Fayetteville Redistricting Presentation

Ms. Caroline Mackie, Redistricting Consultant, presented this item and stated the City of Fayetteville uses true election districts and the districts are outside the permissible deviation range; per the results of the 2020 Census. Ms. Mackie displayed a map that showed the North Carolina population change since 2010 by tract, and stated the ideal district population is 23,167, with a range of 22,009 to 24,326. A chart was displayed showing the population of each of the nine districts. Ms. Mackie stated the governing body of the local government is responsible for enacting new districting plans every ten years. However, the General Assembly retains the power to redistrict for the board by local act. Race cannot be the predominant factor in redistricting unless the use of race is narrowly tailored to a compelling governmental interest. Ms. Mackie provided an overview of the redistricting process and the timeline for Fayetteville.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated all questions from City Council are to be sent to the City Clerk. The next meeting to discuss redistricting will be held on August 30, 2021.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.