

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FAST CONFERENCE ROOM, 505 WINSLOW STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, NC
OCTOBER 25, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1) (arrived at 5:08 p.m.); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2) (via zoom) (arrived at 5:39 p.m.); 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); 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
Caroline Mackie, Poyner Spruill, LLP
Blake Esselstyn, Mapfigure Consulting
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2.0 INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Council Member Davis.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Colvin.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wright moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Haire

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (9-0)

5.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 Review and Discussion of District Alternatives

Mr. Blake Esselstyn, Redistricting Consultant, presented an updated redistricting map labelled Option A2. The Option A2 map was created based on the agreed upon changes between Council members. Other requests were not completed due to lack of agreement between the affected districts. Mr. Esselstyn presented a document with the four significant requests.

Council Member Haire requested Holly Springs and Chestnut Hills be included in District 4. Council Member Haire requested District 4 not cross over Morganton Road.

Council Member Dawkins requested moving Skye Drive, Dundee Road, Windwood Drive, and Ellerslie Drive to District 5 from District 9. Council Member Kinston declined the request. Council Member Dawkins accepted Option A2.

Council Member Wright stated the new Hoke Loop Road Apartments were not counted in the census because they were not yet built, however, residents are beginning to move in. Council Members Wright and Banks-McLaughlin were in consensus for the apartments to be transferred from District 7 into District 8.

Council members participated in a breakout session to review and discuss the maps.

Discussion ensued regarding LaGrange, the Legacy Apartments at Carrington, Stewarts Creek, Glen Reilly, and Glenallen neighborhoods in District 4.

Council Member Ingram asked if there is no consensus to move forward, will the November 17, 2021, deadline be reached. Mr. Esselstyn responded as long as the blocks and area are identified, he could work on the alternate scenarios in preparation for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting.

Ms. Caroline Mackie, Redistricting Consultant, stated tonight is the last time the consultants are scheduled to meet with the Council. As long as a consensus can be reached on a plan, the consultants can create the resolution. There are only three and a half weeks until the deadline.

Discussion ensued.

5.2 Consensus on Adoption of Map Option A

MOTION: Council Member Ingram moved to adopt and move forward with Option A, no changes.
SECOND: Council Member Waddell
VOTE: FAILED by a vote of 4 in favor to 6 in opposition (Council Members Colvin, Davis, Dawkins, Wright, Jensen, and Haire)

5.3 Next Steps

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Jensen moved to have the redistricting consultants come back with additional options at the 7:00 p.m. meeting during Item 9.02.
SECOND: Council Member Davis
VOTE: PASSED by a vote of 6 in favor to 4 in opposition (Council Members Waddell, Ingram, Banks-McLaughlin, and Kinston)

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.