

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**LAFAYETTE ROOM**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

**4:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne

Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Bobby Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6)(arrived 4:40 p.m.); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Absent: Council Member Darrell J. Haire (District 4)

Others Present: Dale E. Iman, City Manager

Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney

Michael Crowell, UNC School of Government

Candice H. White, City Clerk

Members of the Press

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and introduced Michael Crowell, UNC School of Government.

Mr. Crowell stated the annexation of Ft. Bragg would add approximately 27,000 people to the City of Fayetteville according to the 2000 census, which would bring the total population to approximately 202,000. Mr. Crowell stated if all districts were equal, they would contain approximately 22,450 people and allowing for a variation of 5% above or below that number, districts should have approximately 21,300 to 23,575 people. Mr. Crowell stated Council should keep in mind that the actual numbers are different than those reflected in the 2000 census.

Mr. Crowell provided maps 13A and 13B for Council consideration and stated the maps were drawn on the legislative computer utilizing census block lines and there were places where city boundaries did not follow census block lines. Mr. Crowell provided an overview of both maps and stated in map 13A three districts hit part of Ft. Bragg and in map 13B four districts hit part of Ft. Bragg. Mr. Crowell provided a brief overview of the charts accompanying each of the two maps.

Mr. Crowell advised Council the plan they adopt will only be utilized in the 2009 election because district lines would have to be redrawn following the 2010 census.

Mr. Crowell responded to questions regarding criteria used to establish the district boundaries and whether precincts, neighborhoods or major highways were taken into consideration, and which map had the best chance for preclearance by the Justice Department.

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney, inquired whether Gates Four could be added to District 6 without changing the maps until after the 2010 census. Mr. Crowell responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Chavonne inquired about the next steps. Mr. Crowell responded Council would select a map and adopt by resolution. Mr. Crowell stated Council could hold a public hearing although there was no requirement to do so.

Following a brief discussion, consensus was to convene a follow-up meeting on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. wherein Council would review larger more detailed maps to determine if any changes should be made.

Mr. Crowell stated following passage by Council, the Justice Department would have sixty days for preclearance. Mr. Crowell stated the districts would have to be precleared before filing could occur for the 2009 election.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.