

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**LAFAYETTE ROOM**

**OCTOBER 20, 2008**

**5:30 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

David Nash, Planner II

Craig Hampton, Project Manager

Jackie Tuckey, Communications Manager/Public Information Officer

Members of the Press

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and introduced Michael Crowell, UNC School of Government.

Mr. Crowell began with a table comparing 2000 census population percentages and current 2008 voter registration percentages to the proposed new district percentages without the Ft. Bragg area for Districts 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8.

Mr. Crowell provided maps 13A, 13B, and 13C that incorporated areas within Ft. Bragg for Council consideration and stated the adjustment as requested to the Raeford Road boundary between Districts 6 and 7 was reflected in maps 13A and 13B. Mr. Crowell provided an overview of the three maps and stated in map 13A three districts were contiguous with part of Ft. Bragg and in maps 13B and 13C four districts were contiguous with part of Ft. Bragg. Mr. Crowell provided a brief overview of the population and voter percentage charts for each of the three maps.

Council Member Crisp inquired whether two Council Members were located in District 2 in plan 13B and if so, whether they should be located in separate districts. Mr. Crowell responded there were no appreciable differences in the minority percentages in any of the three plans. Mr. Crowell noted District 7 remained the same in all three plans.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Crowell responding to additional questions posed by Council Members. Mayor Chavonne asked the interest of Council. Council Member Haire stated he preferred 13.C. as it placed him in a different district than other Council Members. Council Member Evans inquired about the decrease in minority voting in 13.C. Council Member Massey posed questions about percentages in District 3. Council Members Meredith, Applewhite and Crisp were in agreement with their respective districts. Council Member Bates expressed a preference for 13.B. or 13.C. and Council Member Haire expressed a preference for 13.C. Mr. Crowell was asked to see about massaging lines to address precinct integrity if possible. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.