

CITY COUNCIL REAPPORTIOMENT COMMITTEE

Summary Minutes

November 30, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room #1

ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Harris, Council President

Rev. Ricky Burgess, Council Member

District 1	Barbara Burns
District 2	Gabe Mazefsky
District 3	Ken Wolfe
District 4	Ashleigh Deemer
District 5	Kevin Acklin
District 6	Daniel Wood
District 7	Jon Pushinsky
District 8	Matt Merriman-Preston
District 9	Marita Bradley

Support Staff:

Lorraine Mackler, Law Dept.

Mike Homa, City Planning Dept.

Linda Johnson Wasler City Clerk's Office

Mary Beth Doheny, City Clerk's Office

ORDER OF BUSINESS

AGENDA - Attached

DISCUSSION:

Lorraine Mackler gave an overview of the goals and procedures of the Committee, based on the PA Constitution as highlighted in the Final Report from the 2002 Re-Apportionment. Lorraine committed to providing the Committee with more specific detail on the (+) (-) percentages required to reach an "Equal" population and the focus of "minority" districts. She also planned to review case law relating to City Council Re-apportionments. Questions were raised regarding Sunshine law provisions and attorney client privileges. Questions were also raised on the specific timeline based on ensuing election cycles.

Mike Homa, City Planning, gave an overview on utilization of census numbers using PAGIS software as well as the specialized software which will be purchased and accessible to the Committee (and general public) for repaginating the Council District Lines. Mike was requested to provide Maps and data highlighting the population and district lines from the previous census --versus the current census.

Linda Johnson-Wasler and Mary Beth Doheny gave an overview of the City Clerk's role in providing summary minutes, notification of meetings, advertisements of public hearings, etc. Information was provided on the projected timeline for the Committee and Council process. The last Re-apportionment process took approximately one year from start to finish. It was noted that the Committee is required to conduct four to seven public hearings in the community, based on the proposed plan or plans. The Committee can revise based on public input, and the final recommendation shall be submitted to City Council. The City Clerk prepares legislation, and Members can adopt or amend the recommended plan.

General discussion also took place regarding meeting room space, the utilization of technology, meeting dates, times and locations, parking, etc. all subject to change. It was also noted that the Committee will need to elect a Chairperson at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday, January 12, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.
200 Ross Street – 1st floor