

REGULAR DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
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PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 25, 2021

THE REGULAR DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by City Clerk Robin Fenwick at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: John Junco
Lance Green
Newton White
Stan Schmidt
Bobby Ball
Ray Donadio
Kristine Cunningham
Tom Jordan
Debbie Connors
Marilyn Strout

Also Present: Carly Meek, Assistant City Attorney
Robin Fenwick, City Clerk
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk
Penelope Cruz, Planning Manager
Chris Carson, Senior Planner
Craig Cory, GIS Technician

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Election of Officers

Commissioner Schmidt volunteered for the Chair position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Connors to nominate Commissioner Schmidt to serve as Chairman and Seconded by Commissioner White. Commissioner Schmidt accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Commissioner Donadio to nominate Commissioner Green to serve as Vice Chairman and Seconded by Commissioner Connors. Commissioner Green accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Acceptance of Minutes
 - a. May 20, 2011 - Regular Meeting
 - b. May 31, 2011 - Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Green to accept the minutes from May 20, 2011 and May 31, 2011 and Seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Review of Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, & Ethics

Robin Fenwick, City Clerk, provided an overview of the Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, and Ethics. She asked all commissioners to use their City-issued email accounts for communications with citizens and staff and reminded them they are not to talk about redistricting outside of a properly noticed meeting of this Commission.

5. Principles of Redistricting

Carly Meek, Assistant City Attorney, gave a brief presentation on the Principles of Redistricting. Vice Chairman Green asked about the current zoning based on population and the potential future changes. Penelope Cruz, Planning Manager, discussed the options provided in 2011 and the changes at that time based on population and anticipated growth. She will provide options for the commissioners to review before the next meeting, but she does not believe there will be significant changes based on the work done in 2011.

6. Duties & Responsibilities of Commissioners

- a. Rules of Procedure

Mrs. Fenwick provided an overview of the Rules of Procedure and answered questions from Commissioners regarding upcoming elections.

Commissioners questioned whether they should ensure incumbent Council members stay in their current districts. Mrs. Meek discussed case law on this topic and advised Commissioners they are allowed to take this into consideration as one factor in their discussions and final decision.

- b. Meeting schedule

Discussion was held regarding the next meeting date. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The location will be determined by the Clerk's Office and notice will be provided as required. Should all of the census data not be received in time for Staff to work up different scenarios to provide, the meeting will be rescheduled.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinlagen, citizen, is interested in how our city size and number of districts relates to other cities as he believes the number of districts currently fits our population size. He does not recall seeing language in the City's Charter about protecting incumbents.

Sarah Jones, citizen, is also concerned about the idea of protecting incumbents. Mrs. Meek responded there is case law that upholds this principle of redistricting and reiterated this is just one of many factors for the Commissioners to consider during this process.

D. ADJOURNMENT – 6:40 p.m.



Chairman Stan Schmidt