

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 23, 2023 – 4:00 pm**

**MEETING LOCATION:  
130 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812**

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Rivera presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Marcus Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Kinlaw and Councilmembers Ryan Bragg, Alicia Davis, James Moody and Ron Still

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** City Administrator Lynn McEwen, Clerk & Treasurer Kim Vargo, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

The press was notified but no members were present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rivera called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

**PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM BY THE SC REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS  
OFFICE**

Mr. Adam DeMars and his staff from the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (SFA) gave a presentation on redistricting and presented a 2020 redistricting report. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of districts from which public officials are elected. It affects all jurisdictions that have single member elections and takes place after each census. He explained the recommendation and procedures on how the lines should be redrawn. Only federal data from the 2020 census can be used to redraw lines. The population of the City has decreased 2.1%. As a result, the ideal target population in a district changed from 791 to 775. The maximum deviation rate is 10% but SFA recommends 5%. He presented a report that showed the current statistics and a suggested plan that would realign the districts to meet the requirements. He explained that the SFA's role is to provide state and local governments with services performed in accordance with redistricting laws and principles. They are a neutral party. They can present changes to the maps based on Council input.

**Barnwell City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2022**

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE CENSUS INFORMATION AND OPTIONS TO  
UPDATE THE DIRSTRICK LINES**

Council reviewed and had a discussion based on the information provided. They decided to look over the information and make suggestions and come up with other possible options. Council decided to have a special called meeting on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, to discuss further.

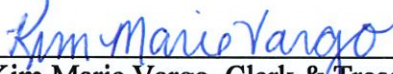
**APPROVAL OF OPTION TO TAKE TO THE PUBLIC (IF ANY)**

No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Moody made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw and unanimously approved.

Submitted by:

  
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Kim Marie Vargo, Clerk & Treasurer