

**CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of BARNWELL CITY COUNCIL  
April 17, 2023 – 5:30 pm**

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

Barnwell City Council met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw presiding.

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

**Council Members Absent:** Mayor Marcus Rivera

**Others Present:** City Administrator Lynn McEwen, and City Attorney Thomas Boulware

Jonathan Vickery of The People Sentinel and one member of the public, Debra Coleman were present.

**CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER**

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw called the meeting to order. Councilmember Bragg led in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & CIVILITY PLEDGE**

Councilmember Still led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Council and public then recited the Civility Pledge.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Moody to accept the agenda for the special called meeting. It was seconded by Council Member Still and unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR: OVERVIEW OF THE REDISTRICTING  
PROCESS, THE ROLE OF THE RFA AND A SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL  
PROCEEDINGS TO DATE AND THE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD**

City Administrator Lynn S. McEwen gave a presentation on the Redistricting process so far in Barnwell. The Power Point Presentation and Outline from this presentation is attached to these minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REDISTRICTING- LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES, QUESTIONS DIRECTED  
TO THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The only person in the audience other than the press was Debra Coleman. Ms. Coleman stated she did not have any comment or questions.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR OR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Pro Tem Kinlaw asked if there were any comments from the Council Members. Council Member Alicia Davis said she had a comment. Ms. Davis stated that she was still not satisfied with the map that was voted upon due to the splitting up of a key part of a neighborhood over on Camelia Street. She feels that the map introduced as Draft 6, where the deviation was at 7.87% was a better split of the neighborhoods than Draft 1, where the deviation was at 2.45%. Mayor Pro Temp Kinlaw stated that not only were the numbers lower in Draft 1, but also, in almost every district, you find where the lines are drawn, they split up neighborhoods. It is just the way it happens. She also talked about the time it will take the Election Commission to prepare new cards for those who are changing to a different district. The white portion of the voter registration card has very important information on it about that voter's districts that they reside in. Don't tear off the white portion because of this important information.

**ADJOURN**

There was no further business. A motion was made by Council Member Davis to adjourn and seconded by Council Member Bragg. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

  
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Lynn S. McEwen, Administrator