



YORK COUNTY

COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES • OCTOBER 25, 2021

FINAL



Special Called Meeting

**York County Government Center
6 South Congress Street
York, SC 29745**

6:00 PM

District 1 Tom Audette: Present, District 2 Allison Love: Present, Vice-Chairman Robert Winkler: Present, District 4 William "Bump" Roddey: Present, Chairwoman Christi Cox: Present, District 6 Brandon Guffey: Present, District 7 Joel Hamilton: Absent.

Notice of Meeting

Notice of the meeting was forwarded to members of Council, the news media, to staff, to the York County Library and all branches, to citizens requesting notification and posted to the county's web page.

New Business

1. Receipt of Information regarding the Redistricting and Plan Adoption Process from the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, including an opportunity for Council discussion regarding the Redistricting and Plan Adoption Process with questions for the representatives from the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(6:00pm) Frank Rainwater from the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office presented to Council the 2020 Redistricting Benchmark Report for York County. Mr. Rainwater explained that in developing a preliminary plan, RFA recommends following constitutional and statutory provisions as follows:

- The requirement of "one person, one vote" under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and accepted variances.
- The Voting Rights Act, primarily Section 2, which protects the interests of the racial minority population.
- Other applicable court decisions and federal and state law.

Mr. Rainwater also recommended the following set of traditional redistricting principles be considered:

- Districts will be drawn contiguously, so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
- Districts will be drawn to minimize the division of voting precincts.
- Districts will be geographically compact to the extent practicable, such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for a more distant population.
- Districts will be drawn, when feasible, with respect to existing districts and communities of interests, which will require input from Council and the citizens.

- Districts will be drawn to comply with other applicable court decisions and federal and state laws.

Mr. Rainwater also explained that the population of York County has increased 24.78% from 226,073 to 282,090. This resulted in a district change from 32,296 to 40,299.

The following table shows which district are (under-) or over-populated indicating potential adjustments needed to be within the allowable deviation range.

District	2020 Census	Goal	Over/(Under)	% Deviation
1	54,982	40,299	14,683	36.44%
2	44,297	40,299	3,998	9.92%
3	34,277	40,299	(6,022)	-14.94%
4	34,849	40,299	(5,450)	-13.52%
5	41,540	40,299	1,241	3.08%
6	36,331	40,299	(3,968)	-9.85%
7	35,814	40,299	(4,485)	-11.13%
Lowest	-14.94%			
Highest	36.44%			
Range	51.38%			

Mr. Rainwater reported that the preliminary results indicate there does not appear to be racially polarized voting in York County but more time is needed prior to making a recommendation.

Finally, Mr. Rainwater suggested that Council conduct a public hearing to discuss this report and solicit feedback from the public, adopt a resolution accepting the traditional redistricting principles and for Council to give careful consideration to minority districts for compliance with Section 2 criteria of the Voting Rights Act.

2. Opportunity for interested citizens to pose questions/comments regarding the Redistricting and Plan Adoption Process for York County.

A formal public hearing process will be noticed and held by York County Council during the Redistricting Plan adoption process.

(6:18pm) James Gable, Shiloh Farms, Highway 49, York, South Carolina stated that breaking communities up would have to be done in order to have a fair election.

(6:19pm) Demond Nichols, addressed Council regarding his concern with balancing the explosive growth in District 1 and District 2 and making sure that African Americans are represented properly throughout the County.

(6:20pm) Billy Hagner, 1901 Voyager Road, York, South Carolina requested that Council present the proposed plan prior to the public hearing so that citizens have plenty of time to review and comment.

(6:25pm) Name Unknown, Allison Creek Peninsula asked for clarification on what redistricting actually means and how it would affect the citizens, school districts, etc. Mr. Rainwater explained that this will only change Council voting districts and will have no effect on school districts, etc.

(6:26pm) Name Unknown, Allison Creek Peninsula stated that some communities would be very concerned if this affects anything other than County Council voting.

(6:29pm) Leslie Mitchell, 2142 Lomeda Road, York, South Carolina, asked Council when are the census numbers going to be provided? How does redistricting affect citizens?

3. Council to Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the Criteria by which to Redistrict the York County Council Districts.

(6:32pm)

APPROVED [Unanimous]

MOVANT: William "Bump" Roddey

SECOND: Robert Winkler

AYES: Audette, Love, Winkler, Roddey, Cox, Guffey

ABSENT: Joel Hamilton

4. Council to Consider retaining Joseph Oppermann, of Oppermann Law Firm, LLC to assist York County in its Redistricting Process.

(6:33pm)

APPROVED [Unanimous]

MOVANT: Allison Love
SECOND: Robert Winkler
AYES: Audette, Love, Winkler, Roddey, Cox, Guffey
ABSENT: Joel Hamilton

5. Council to Provide Second Reading of AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE COUNTY CONTRACT REGULATING THE PARTICIPATION OF NON-PROFIT EMS PROVIDERS OPERATING WITHIN THE YORK COUNTY 9-1-1 DISPATCH SYSTEM; IN PARTICULAR, ADDRESSING THE MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR BASIC-LIFE-SUPPORT PERSONNEL AS MAY BE APPLICABLE TO PRIORITY 1 AND PRIORITY 2 CALLS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT WITH PARTICIPATING EMS PROVIDERS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

(6:48pm)

APPROVED [Unanimous]

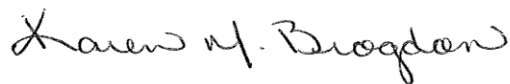
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ABSENT: Joel Hamilton

Executive Session

Matters for Consideration Following Executive Session

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.



Karen M. Brogdon, Clerk to Council