



**MINUTES  
WORKSESSION  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

**Present:** David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Carolyn B. Robinson, Dwayne Perry, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

**In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and fifty-three other individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

**2. INVOCATION**

Council Member Kinley led in the invocation.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Executive Session: Receive Legal Advice**

*At 6:22 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Marcharia, to go in executive session to receive legal advice. The motion carried unanimously.*

*At 6:48 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Robinson to come out of executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Chairman Ferguson reported the Council received legal advice.*

*6:49 P.M. {Council recessed}.*

*7:40 P.M. {Council returned from recess}.*

**B. Criteria For Developing Plans For The 2010 Redistricting Process**

Council began the redistricting discussion.

Mr. Gilbert made the following presentation and comments:

- Pulled up the plan that was discussed at the last meeting, which was about 80% completed.
- District 1 and District 7 need the most in terms of correcting the deviation.
- As of August 29, Plan 2 had: District 1 (+3.45%), District 2 (-.09%), District 3 (-.18%), District 4 (+2.48%); District 5 (+.06%), District 6 (-1.29%), District 7 (-4.38%).
- Plan 2: Showed census figures; overlay shows top number (total persons in the block); bottom number represents the number of African Americans in the block.
- For approximately two and one half hours, each member of Council asked questions and made comments about the figures in their respective districts. Mr. Gilbert explained the benchmark figures; worked one-on-one with each member of Council, answering their questions and making certain recommendations with them that would meet Justice Department approval.
- The Chairman commented that the School Board has asked that Council have a brief meeting with them before it is finalized. He solicited comments from the Council about the request.

- Suggestions: (a) if the Council comes up with an agreement tonight, ask Mr. Gilbert to run two (2) copies of the maps (by districts); take one set to the School District for each School Board member; if there are any drastic concerns, Council could scheduled another meeting; (b) give the maps to the School Board and indicate that they are nearly complete; (c) if the School Board comes back and say they still want to have a meeting, it would be incumbent upon Council to have a meeting with them; (c) to see the ORS staff move the territories around is so much more valuable than someone just given paper.
- At this point, Mr. Gilbert presented the map and statistics, by district, with the changes as discussed tonight:

	Population	Deviation	Minority %	Minority VAP
District 1	3,557	3.95%	56.82%	55.45%
District 2	3,307	-3.36%	33.02%	30.52%
District 3	3,334	-2.57%	68.57%	67.87%
District 4	3,507	2.48%	73.65%	71.48%
District 5	3,424	0.06%	66.85%	61.55%
District 6	3,419	-0.09%	60.19%	55.98%
District 7	3,408	-0.41%	55.96%	52.46%

- This plan has minimal retrogression and meets all the legal deviation requirements.
- *It was moved by Council Member Brown to accept Plan 2.*
- Chairman Ferguson pointed out that second reading will be held on September 12, 2011 and third and final reading and public hearing will be held on September 26, 2011.
- *Council Member Brown withdrew his motion.*

**4. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M., upon unanimous approval of County Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN