

NORMAN REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

July 28, 2011

The Reapportionment Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma met in the South Conference Room of the Norman Municipal Building at 201-A West Gray Street on Monday, July 28, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201-A West Gray at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Item No. 1, being:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cheryl Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Item No. 2, being:

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Sheffield
Phoebe Schmitz
Jonathan Leavey
Lea Greenleaf
Ted Metscher
Cheryl Clayton
Karl Jahnke (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Morgan
Chadwick Cox

A quorum was present.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Doug Koscinski, Manager of Current
Planning
Joyce Green, GIS Services Manager
Susan Connors, Planning Director
Wayne Stenis, Planner II
Roné Tromble, Administrative Technician

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Item No. 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2011 MEETING

Ted Metscher moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting, as submitted. Jonathan Leavey seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting, as submitted, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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Item No. 4, being:

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL POPULATION FIGURES AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE CITY'S WARD SYSTEM

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

1. Ward Populations/Deviations for July 20 Proposal and Staff Alternative 1
2. July 20 Proposal Map
3. July 20 Proposal Map with Current Plat Activity
4. Staff Alternative Map
5. Staff Alternative Map with Current Plat Activity

DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION

1. Mr. Koscinski reviewed the three plans before the Commission: the July 20 proposal the Commission prepared; the Staff Alternative presented at the July 20 meeting; and a new Staff Alternative 2 which combined the two prior plans.

2. Mr. Metscher asked which of the plans has the fewest split precincts. Ms. Green indicated she has not looked at that. Mr. Koscinski said the Staff Alternative 2 appears to have four split precincts, but the precinct lines are also going to change if they are split by legislative district or county commissioner districts, or if they have too many registered voters. Under this proposal, the difference is 7.30%. The high is Ward 4 with 475 over and the low is Ward 7 with 550 under. Ward 7 has one major subdivision that could grow quite rapidly. We want Ward 4 over to compensate for the lack of growth opportunity.

3. Ms. Clayton commented that Staff Alternative 2 looks really good. Ms. Schmitz agreed that it is much better than the two alternatives the Commission was looking at during the previous meeting. Ms. Clayton added that it is a good percentage to start the next decade. Mr. Koscinski pointed out that the one "ugly" line is in the area of Westwood Golf Course, which has the potential to move up to Robinson as the population of Ward 2 needs to increase in the future. Ward 4 also has potential to move up to Robinson Street in the northwest corner as the need arises.

Lea Greenleaf moved to accept Staff Alternative 2. Ted Metscher seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

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Item No. 5, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Lea Greenleaf moved to set the Public Hearing for August 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Jonathan Leavey seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The meeting to take action after the public hearing was scheduled on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the South Conference Room of Building A. If no changes are made at that meeting, it will be sent to the City Council for first reading on September 13 and second reading on September 27.

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Item No. 6, being:

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further discussion and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Norman Reapportionment Commission