



## City of Freeport

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2022, 5:30 PM

Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilman Bud Day, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner and Councilman Tripp Hope

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Manager Mark Martin, City Clerk Kathie Gatewood, and Finance Officer Sara Bowers

*City Clerk's Note: Councilwoman Brannon was absent with notice.*

#### 1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

#### 2. Districting Maps Discussion

City Manager Martin explained the multiple districting map options presented to the Council. He described how he worked with the Walton County GIS department to formulate the best options possible using the required guidelines. City Attorney Adkinson discussed the different options and explained how the rapid growth of the city would play a role in the maps. There was a discussion surrounding at-large districts and the benefits. Councilwoman Haffner expressed how at-large districts would eliminate future problems that could be caused by rapid city growth. Walton County Supervisor of Elections Bobby Beasley and Elect-Supervisor of Elections Ryan Messer, both present, discussed different options with the Council.

Moved: Councilwoman Haffner

Seconded: Councilman Farris

Mayor Barley called for public comment and there was none.

*To approve one at-large districting map to be brought to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting for approval.*

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

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Councilman Farris: aye  
Councilwoman Haffner: aye  
Councilman Hope: aye  
Councilman Day aye

Carried.

*City Clerk's Note: A copy of the district map options discussed are available in the City Clerk's office.*

**3. Adjournment**

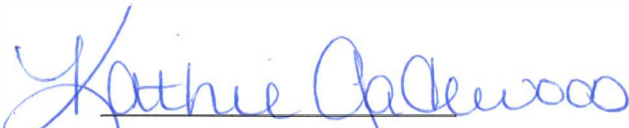
Mayor Barley motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Gatewood and approved by the City Council on January 10, 2023.



Russ Barley, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathie Gatewood, City Clerk