



**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (RDC)**

PUBLIC MEETING

**City Council Chambers
City Hall**

**September 12th, 2022
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Kim Vogel
Darla Otey
Melissa Meshil
Joel B. Giles
Shameka Jones
Trevor Mallory
J.C. Pritchett
James Kidder
Tahisia Scantling

Staff Present: Brian Caper, Manager City Development Administration
Brett Pettigrew, Assistant City Attorney
Benjamin James, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Hernandez, Analyst Planning & Development Services
Anthony Chan, Economic Workforce Development
Kurt Spitzer, RDC Consultant (Via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., a quorum was present.

I. Welcome and Self Introductions

Introductions were made by each Commission Member and City Staff.

Chair Jones announced there would be change to the agenda where Item III would be addressed ahead of Item II.

II. Overview of Redistricting Process and Criteria

Brett Pettigrew presented a summary of the Redistricting Process and Criteria that needs to be followed by the Commission to stay in compliance.

III. Electronic Map Tutorial

Michael Hernandez presented an overview of the Electronic Map online for viewers to understand the platform. After the presentation, Michael answered questions from the commission.

IV. Discuss Proposed District Maps (information)

Kurt Spitzer did a summary of the purposed changes from the beginning of the process through the September 6th meeting concluding to the recent map presented in the public hearing.

V. Public Comment and Correspondence (3 minutes per speaker)

Corey Givens spoke as a resident of South St Petersburg expressed his concern of the integrity of the Commission because he believed Commissioner Pritchett had previously announced his future candidacy in the district he is currently representing. Further, Corey Givens recommends the process should be restarted with members who are neutral and unbiased.

VI. Discussion of Public Comment

Brett Pettigrew spoke on the legality of the process and the term “Declared Candidacy” vs intention to run for office which would not disqualify a commission member.

Commissioner Pritchett responded to the comment and announced his honor in serving the public and has no intention in running for office.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Adjourn

With no further items to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.