

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in special session at the Waveland City Hall Boardroom, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS on May 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the proposal for redistricting as presented by Slaughter and Associates.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING (EXHIBIT A)**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Garcia noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Stahler, Geoffrey, Lafontaine, and Kidd along with City Clerk Lisa Planchard and City Attorney Gary Yarborough.

**(Tape of meeting for listening available via records request)**

**REDISTRICTING/SLAUGHTER AND ASSOCIATES**

**Re: Ms. Meg Crockett (Slaughter & Associates) was present to discuss the Redistricting Proposal re: ward lines... a requirement in advance of the 2014 election**

Ms. Meg Crockett with Slaughter and Associates presented a second redistricting plan providing the Aldermen with their Ward data via map and in detail. She was able to change ward lines (via computer- census blocks) by pulling up population numbers if the Board members wanted to review any changes real-time. Ms. Crockett did say that they use the most recent decennial census for population numbers, which is currently 2010. She said that the goal of redistricting is to have each ward have relatively the same number of people. She told board members that overall there must be a deviation less than 10% (the difference in the total population and the ideal population) to be considered by the Dept. of Justice. She then began to review the proposal in detail and Aldermen suggested different ward line move scenarios and how that would affect population changes by ward and overall. Alderman Kidd expressed concern that a larger land area and road miles were in the proposal for Ward 4. Alderman Stahler said she favored the original proposal and reminded Board members that we don't redistrict according to land mass, we redistrict according to population. Mayor Garcia also said, "Actually, the original proposal works out". Alderman Stahler asked Aldermen Geoffrey and Lafontaine if they were satisfied with the current redistricting. Alderman Lafontaine said he is trying to help Alderman Kidd as much as possible, but could not see changing the map of ward 3 by 50% of his population base. Alderman Kidd asked whether the Board is going to spend more money on paving in the annexed area; he expressed frustration about the added responsibility for more road miles and ditches/drainage issues in his proposed ward. Alderman Lafontaine noted that this problem is a citywide issue and the Board will all work together on this. Alderman Stahler said, "These people are experts at doing this and this plan does even out the population with a minimum of change; you get more, I get less, mainly." Alderman Lafontaine said, "The presented proposal has one change onto each ward." Alderman Stahler said she thought this plan was the most equitable. Alderman Kidd said he did not feel that way. Mayor Garcia said he understands what Alderman Kidd is saying, but the Board as a whole will have to concentrate more on that area. Ms. Crockett said that basically the initial plan started with them first looking at which wards touched, and then noted ward 1 needed to lose population and ward 4 needed to gain so they swap with that one; ward 2 and 3 touch and they're opposite with the need to lose and gain so they look at where they can make changes there. Ms. Crockett said she can go back and look at different options and could mail large enough copies to see the roads (or email copies). She said the Board could discuss other scenarios/options over the phone and this may prevent the Board from requiring another public meeting. Mayor Garcia added that the current plan should stay on the table for further discussion, in addition to whatever Ms. Crockett may propose after this. The Board discussed a convenient time with Ms. Crockett and decided to meet back on June 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. if an option cannot be worked out before then. Ms.

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Crockett told Board members that it will take approximately 60 days to get a plan approved.

**ADJOURN**

**Re: Adjourn at 8:18 p.m.**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Kidd to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Lafontaine and Kidd

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Garcia on June 7, 2013.

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Lisa B. Planchard  
City Clerk

The Minutes of May 13, 2013 have been read and approved by me on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

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David A. Garcia  
Mayor

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