

**CITY OF NORTHWEST  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022  
7:00 PM**

**ASSEMBLY**

The Northwest City Council held their special meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 7:00 PM at Brunswick Community College, 2045 Enterprise Drive NE, Leland, NC 28451.

Present: James Knox, Mayor; Councilmen: Charles Carroll, Michael Troy, Sylvester Ballard, and Councilwomen Sheila Grady and Alexis Clemmons

Also present: Donna Strickland, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION**

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard gave the invocation.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

**DISTRICTING**

Allen Serkin from the Cape Fear Council of Governments stated that last July we had met and divided the City into districts making sure that no area had more than five percent of the census population within the district. This should stand any legal challenges. He also stated that the City's Charter will have to be changed.

Mr. Serkin stated that there are two ways this can be done. He stated there is one by Resolution and Vote, the second through the General Assembly. He also stated either way we move forward, there must be equal representation.

Mr. Serkin stated that the Minority Representation in district two, three, four are almost all minority district, and one is forty percent minority. Age is ok throughout.

Mr. Serkin stated that if you choose to go through legislature then you are not obligated to change if you have an annexation.

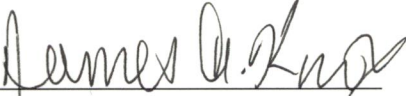
After discussion;

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to approve the districting map with two representatives in District 3 and to move forward with introducing a Bill to change the City Charter to have voting districts. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to approve Allen Serkin with Cape Fear Council of Governments to prepare the resolution and map that will be needed to send to Representative Iller, and Senator Rabon. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Charles Carroll **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

  
James A. Knox, Mayor

  
Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer