



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Redistricting Committee

Chairperson Ryan O'Malley

Craig Spadafora

Barbara Murphy

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:00 PM

Large Board Room # 105

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Roll Call

Councillor O'Malley participated remotely.

Also in attendance, City Solicitor Kate Fallon, Councillors Winslow, DeMaria, Linehan, Crowe, Condon, Steve Farma, Registrar of Voters Chairman Jean Voltaire, Karen Anderson, Carol Ann Desiderio.

The meeting started at 6:05 P.M.

Present: 3 - Chairperson Ryan O'Malley, Craig Spadafora and Barbara Murphy

Minutes to be Approved

Business

[438-21](#)

Order: That the city Council adopt the precinct map (map #4) that has been

recommended by the redistricting subcommittee as presented and before the council.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Public Hearing Notice Redistricting 10.19.21](#)
[Ward and Precinct Draft 4 Census Map](#)

Clerk Lucey gave an overview of the redistricting of ward and precincts that needs to be done every 10 years. There were several maps that were looked at including the state map which was sent in September. The state map is what the committee worked off with some minor changes. The biggest increase in population were wards 4 and 8 with 8 pushing into ward 6 which shifted ward 6 into the new ward 5 and ward 7. The goal was to keep the ward lines in place as much as possible. Councillor O'Malley thanked the team for the work needed and said the idea would be to have a public hearing on map 4 which is the map being presented to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval at the council meeting of October 19th. The council will need to vote on the map at the October 19th meeting or no later than the October 26th council meeting. The Secretary of State's office has urged cities and towns to submit the maps as soon as possible for approval. There is a competing map approved by the state legislature for the state rep and senate districts that Clerk Lucey stated cannot work with Malden having to go to 3 precincts for every ward because of the increase of over 6,000 residents from the 2010 census.

Councillor Condon requested that Canal Street be drawn back into ward 1 from being changed in map 4 from ward 1 to ward 2. Ms. Anderson stated that can be done because there are no people in those blocks.

Councillor Linehan asked about Washington Street being divided where one side of the street is in 3 and the other is in 4. Councillor Linehan asked if the map 4 covers the racial balancing that is required. Councillor O'Malley said that it would because the original map and the one the committee worked off was drawn by the Secretary of State's Office. Clerk Lucey said that Alex Pratt will be giving a presentation to the council on the racial diversity results from the 2020 census.

Councillor Winslow asked about the area that was in ward 6 (Garden Street, parts of Columbia, Rockwell, Orchard) that has shifted from ward 6 to ward 5. Councillor Winslow also voiced his concern regarding the lack of a potential polling place for the third precinct in ward 6 and suggested Salemwood School a potential remedy.

Councillors Spadafora and Murphy both would like to see an overlay map that would show each councillor the changes in their ward. Mr. Fama indicated he could do that and would make the map for distribution.

Councillor Murphy made a motion to refer the paper for a public hearing for October 19th and to be discussed at the October 19 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Spadafora, that the Order be recommended for referral for a public hearing on October 19th and a vote by the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - O'Malley, Spadafora and Murphy

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Spadafora, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that this meeting be adjourned.. The motion carried by the following vote:

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Yea: 3 - O'Malley, Spadafora and Murphy