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*Services Personnel for Efforts During and After Hurricane Irene.* Motion seconded by Council Member Peace-Jenkins and APPROVED by the following vote: YES: Inscoc, Peace-Jenkins, Daeke, Daye, Kearney, and Coffey. NO: None. ABSENT: Davis and Rainey. (See Resolution Book 2, p 197)

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Amending Voting Ward Boundary Maps and Descriptions Pursuant to 2010 Federal Decennial Census Redistricting Requirements.** (Reference: CAF 11—B—101; Ordinance 11—47)

City Manager Ray Griffin asked Planning Director to update Council. Ms. Dunston informed that maps were prepared showing the current Wards, proposed Wards and changes within each Ward. She stated these maps have been on display in City Hall and on the web page since 20 July 2011 and said no questions or comments had been received by either herself, the City Clerk or City Manager.

Then City Attorney John Zollicoffer reviewed the basics for everyone present. Attorney Zollicoffer stated when the 2010 census was received it indicated a decrease in population for the City of Henderson and also a population shift. After reviewing the information, Attorney Zollicoffer stated Ward 4 was 16% short of the obligatory population norm, which is approximately 3,842 individuals in each Ward. Therefore, to bring the Wards into compliance sections of Ward 2 were moved into Ward 1 and Ward 3. Then a portion of Ward 3 was moved to Ward 4. The result brought each Ward within 1% of the needed norm. Below are two (2) charts: one showing the Existing Ward Populations, and one showing the Proposed Ward Populations. These proposed changes created no major changes in racial balance.

Existing Ward Populations								
	White	% of Ward	Black	% of Ward	Other	% of Ward	Total Population	% Variance to Norm
Ward 1	439	12.070	3,075	84.548	123	3.382	3,637	(5.336)
Ward 2	2,493	59.146	1,513	35.896	209	4.958	4,215	9.708
Ward 3	1,314	30.558	2,624	61.023	362	8.419	4,300	11.921
Ward 4	365	11.350	2,630	81.779	221	6.872	3,216	(16.294)
Total	4,611		9,842		915		15,368	

Proposed Ward Populations								
	White	% of Ward	Black	% of Ward	Other	% of Ward	Total Population	% Variance to Norm
Ward 1	485	12.716	3,174	83.220	155	4.064	3,814	(0.729)
Ward 2	2,364	61.756	1,275	33.307	189	4.937	3,828	(0.364)
Ward 3	1,141	29.644	2,475	64.302	233	6.054	3,849	0.182
Ward 4	621	16.018	2,918	75.264	338	8.718	3,877	0.911
Total	4,611		9,842		915		15,368	

Attorney Zollicoffer went on to say that after this Public Hearing, the Ordinance amending the

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Ward Boundaries will be brought before Council at the 26 September meeting and if approved, Attorney Zollicoffer will then submit the changes to the Department of Justice (DOJ). The anticipated receipt of approval from the DOJ is early January 2012. That will give time for the filing period for the May Primary/Municipal elections which is in February with the Primary elections in May and if needed, a runoff election in June, with the newly elected Mayor and Council seated in July.

There was no discussion.

Mayor O'Geary then opened the Public Hearing by asking anyone who wished to speak in favor of the proposed redistricting to come forward.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor O'Geary then asked for those who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed redistricting.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor O'Geary then closed the Public Hearing and asked if Council has any questions. No questions were raised.

City Manager Ray Griffin then stated Ordinance 11—47 will be brought forward to the 26 September Short Meeting for consideration.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No one wished to address Council on agenda items.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Award of Audit Contract with William L. Stark for FY Ending 30 June 2011.** (*Reference: CAF 11—13, Resolution 11—06*)

City Manager Griffin reminded Council that last year was the first year the City bifurcated the audit process on the recommendation of Phillips, Dorsey, Thomas, Waters and Brafford, P.A., who performed the basic audit with the firm of William L. Stark and Company helping to finalize the audit. The system worked well and it is recommended that the same system be used for the 30 Jun 2011 audit. At a previous meeting, Council approved Phillips, Dorsey, Thomas, Waters and Brafford, P.A., and this Resolution awards William L. Stark and Company's portion of the audit.

Mayor O'Geary asked if Council had any questions. No questions were raised and Mayor O'Geary asked for the pleasure of Council.

Council Member Kearney moved approval of Resolution 11—06, *Award of Audit Contract with William L. Stark for FY Ending 30 June 2011*. Motion seconded by Council Member Coffey and

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