



# CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

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**Council Meeting Room**

**Special Called Workshop**

**5:00 PM**

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**7224 GA HIGHWAY 21  
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Redistricting Presentation-Georgia Joint Reapportionment Office
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**



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**SUBMITTED**

Meeting: 11/01/22 05:00 PM  
Department: All  
Category: Presentation  
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**AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2755)**

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## **Redistricting Presentation-Georgia Joint Reapportionment Office**

**Issue/Item:** Redistricting-The Mayor has scheduled a Special Called Workshop.

**Background:** “Redistricting, or “reapportionment” is the redrawing of the boundaries of an elective political district. The overriding legal principle that triggers the necessity for reapportionment is referred to as “one person, one vote.” If the census data demonstrates that a city has grown in population or that population within the city has shifted among elective districts, the city will need to reapportion the population. Another crucial factor that must be considered in determining whether a city needs to reapportion is the voting strength of minority populations.” If an examination of the census “data reveals a total deviation greater than 10%, the city probably needs to redistrict.” GMA Redistricting Guide 2022

**Facts and Findings:** The City Charter and State Law gives the City Council the authority to redistrict per home rule. Port Wentworth is one of the fastest growing cities in Georgia nearly doubling in population since the 2010 census. The data reveals a deviation of 89% between the most populated district and the least populated as demonstrated below.

**Current Population by district**

District 1 - 4,058

District 2 - 2,558

District 3 - 2,625

District 4 - 1,637

Total Population 2020 Census - 10,878

**New Ideal District Population - 2,720**

**Presentation:** Gina Wright the Executive Director at the Georgia Joint Reapportionment Office