



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

4:30 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

EMERGENCY MEETING

**NOTE: This is a draft copy of the minutes of the September 6, 2017
Commission Special Emergency Meeting, has not been approved by the
Commission and is subject to change.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The North Port Commission Special Meeting was called to order in the City Chambers at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Yates.

Present: Mayor Yates; Vice Mayor Carusone; Commissioners Luke, Hanks and McDowell; City Manager Lear; City Clerk Adkins; Recording Secretary Hale and Police Chief Vespia.

Absent: Interim City Attorney Slayton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE CALLING OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF NORTH PORT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carusone to approve the calling of an emergency meeting for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of North Port. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

4. READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-33, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ADOPTION THEREOF.

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance No. 2017-33 into the record in its entirety. Thereafter, City Manager Lear stated the County and other Cities will be adopting their Emergency Ordinances on September 7, 2017 and it was recommended that the City Commission pass Ordinance 2017-33 with an effective date of September 7, 2017. The adoption of this Ordinance provides the ability to procure the supplies needed in an emergency situation and prepare for Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) reimbursement.

Discussion ensued; (1) it was stated that there is nothing that states this Ordinance cannot be adopted prior to the other entities adopting their emergency Ordinances; (2) it was noted that the date for the adoption of this Ordinance will have no effect on the time frame for reimbursement from FEMA for citizens experiencing loss from Hurricane Irma, but will allow the City to start filling out the appropriate FEMA forms and have key personal on hand as needed; (3) it was clarified that when this Ordinance is adopted, staff will start completing forms to track hours of employees working during the emergency and doing the work to prepare to enable reimbursement from FEMA.

Fire Chief Taaffe provided clarification on the process for FEMA reimbursement for work prior to, during and following an emergency event.

Commissioners expressed thoughts regarding the safety and welfare of our first responders, families and citizens during the Hurricane Irma emergency event.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Luke, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-33 Emergency Ordinance of the State of Local Emergency effective today. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Yates, Vice-Mayor Carusone, Commissioner Hanks, Commissioner Luke and Commissioner McDowell

5. UPDATE ON HURRICANE IRMA

Fire Chief Taaffe provided a PowerPoint presentation and Hurrevac interactive map regarding an update and storm information for Hurricane Irma and the progress of Tropical Storms Katia and Jose. A list of the available shelters was provided for those shelters which will be open if needed.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was noted that Lamarque Elementary School would be open only for special needs if necessary; (2) the City events that have been cancelled or will be cancelled if necessary was provided; (3) the shelters that are proposed to be open if necessary are under the control of Sarasota County with Red Cross and school staff assisting at the shelters; (4) the process for citizens to update their Code Red notification system was provided; (5) it was noted that the more efficient way for citizens to be provided updates on the progress of Hurricane Irma is to check with the National Weather Service for bulletins and emergency alerts; (6) addressing a question, City Manager Lear reported that the site for emergency traffic information is FL511.com; (7) it was reported that Governor Scott held a conference call with all the Mayors in Florida and provided contact information for any assistance which may be needed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no Commission Communications.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

There were no Administrative and Legal Reports.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Special Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

Attest: _____
Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the City Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2017