



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

August 28, 2023

4:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 4:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Matt Murphy, Councilman Mike Peters and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead. Councilman Peter Altman was excused. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Library Director Andi Figart, Technology Solutions Rob Greene, Development Director Dale Hall, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Economic Development Director Rod Kirk and Human Resources Director Jill Sassone.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Resolution No. 2023-25: Declaring a Local State of Emergency - Page 3

Fire Chief Chris Fitch provided an update on the current status of the storm. He stated landfall was projected to be near Horseshoe Beach near Cedar Key around 8AM Wednesday. Chief Fitch stated the City's EOC will be operational as of tomorrow afternoon. He then highlighted the current evacuation orders by Pasco County, sandbag locations and shelter locations. City Manager Manns then read the proposed resolution by title only. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was declare a local state of emergency due to Tropical Storm Idalia. The local state of emergency would become effective as of 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Davis, Mothershead, Murphy, Peters Absent: Altman

5 Communications

Councilman Peters asked about the plans for city employees for Tuesday and Wednesday. City Manager Manns stated all those who are not called to duty will be released at 2PM on Tuesday. No decision has been made yet for Wednesday. City Manager Manns stated she will make that decision

tomorrow. Councilman Peters then asked about stormwater and wastewater preparations and City Manager Manns replied that crews have been working on preparations the last 24 hours and are pumping down and setting pumps in place. Councilman Peters stated he wanted to acknowledge the hard work that Public Works crews did recently with the water main break.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____