



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

October 14, 2024

4:30 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 4:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Kelly Mothershead, Councilwoman Matt Murphy, and Councilman Peter Altman. Councilman Bertell Butler, IV arrived just after 4:30 p.m. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Fire Chief Chris Fitch and Police Chief Robert Kochen.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Resolution No. 2025-05: Extending Local State of Emergency for Hurricane Milton - Page 3

City Manager Manns read the proposed resolution by title only. She stated the purpose of this agenda item was to extend the local state of emergency in response to Hurricane Milton. She stated that on October 7, 2024 City Council declared a local state of emergency due to impending Hurricane Milton. The local state of emergency went into effect as of 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 and remained in effect for seven days. As the City is still in its recovery efforts, staff is requesting that City Council extend the local state of emergency another seven days until Monday, October 21, 2024 as outlined in the provisions of Section 252.38(3)(a)(5). Councilman Butler asked about the debris pickup and City Manager Manns stated the map from Public Works would be available on the website. City Manager Manns stated we are prioritizing the hardest areas hit first and we have subcontracted out for additional services. She stated as of today we have had to terminate our contract with our emergency services provider due to failure to perform. She stated it will be difficult to get another contractor as other areas are offering a higher amount for hauling. Mayor Davis stated not to put trash out with the storm debris. Councilman Butler requested a map regarding power outages. City Manager Manns stated there was an additional 59 residences that were affected from Hurricane Milton. Councilman Butler stated in the Disaster Plan it stated there would be a lineman from Duke on a strike team and City Manager Manns stated there is one and he is in the County's EOC. Councilman Altman stated commercially owned properties and privately owned areas may not have debris picked up by us. He stated that each area have a different way of running things and one answer does not work for everyone. He stated he doesn't know what can be done when it is someone else's responsibility. City

Manager Manns stated there are a couple of ways that we have approached areas around the city that are private. She stated we will not leave any of the city undone. She stated if we get permission from the owner we can go in under certain conditions and then get reimbursement for it. She stated she has spoken to the manager of Harborview but not the owners. She stated the park will be cited as a nuisance and will be assessed for the collection and removal. She stated that since this message has been sent she will be hearing from the owners. Councilman Murphy thanked staff for all of their hard work especially with back to back storms. City Manager Manns stated there were employees who volunteered to assist in cleanup in the parks last Saturday. Mayor Davis stated he is thrilled to see neighbors helping neighbors. It is something we see at the local levels and not the higher levels. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Kelly Mothershead and seconded by Bertell Butler. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Butler, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy

5 Communications

Councilman Altman spoke regarding a damage inventory and the economic hit to the city. City Manager Manns stated that our solid waste disposal is estimated to be \$1.5m and will have an updated map on Friday. City Manager Manns stated there is a time lapse in getting the FEMA funds.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____