



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 28, 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 and Councilwoman Matt Murphy. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Fire Chief Chris Fitch and Police Chief Robert Kochen. Councilman Peter Altman arrived at 4:32 p.m. Councilman Bertell Butler, IV was excused.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Resolution No. 2025-07: Extending Local State of Emergency for Hurricane Milton - Page 3

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. 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. On October 14, 2024 and October 21, 2024, City Council approved extensions for additional 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, November 4, 2024 as outlined in the provisions of Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes. She stated it is the intent to keep the local state of emergency in effect until the pickup of debris is complete. Upon opening the floor for 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 Kelly Mothershead and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Butler

5 Communications

Councilman Altman spoke regarding an incident earlier today in The Wilds and he stated he would get a status. He also spoke about the debris behind Starbucks. City Manager Manns stated the city will

pickup in The Wilds but not Leisure Lane/Van Doren due to Helen occurring before October 1st and the County understands it is their responsibility to collect the debris. Mayor Davis stated he saw on the news that there were a lot of looters in Pinellas and hopes it does not occur here. City Manager Manns stated Chief Kochen has been very attentive.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____