



**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**

**September 1, 2016**

**2:00 PM**

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA REGARDING TROPICAL  
STORM HERMINE**

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**ORDER OF  
BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order – Roll Call

The emergency special meeting was called to order by Mayor Marlowe at 2:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Phillips, Councilwoman Judy DeBella Thomas, Councilman Jeff Starkey and Councilman Chopper Davis. Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns and City Clerk Judy Meyers and Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Business Items

a. Waiver of Twenty-Four Hour Written Notice Provision for Special Meetings

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. Per the City's Charter, Council may waive the twenty-four hour written notice provision for a special meeting if the majority of Council agrees to waive the provision. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented and proceed with the remainder of the special meeting.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

b. Resolution 2016-24 Declaring a Local State of Emergency

City Manager Manns read the resolution by title and introduced the item to Council. Ms. Manns stated the purpose of the resolution was to declare a local state of emergency as a result of Tropical Storm Hermine. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Phillips requested that if any permanent employees were needed that Council would be notified. He also asked that the seven day expiration be announced. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Bill Phillips and seconded by Judy DeBella Thomas. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Davis, DeBella Thomas, Marlowe, Phillips, Starkey

5 Communications

Councilman Starkey and Councilwoman DeBella Thomas both thanked the other Council members for coming out in the weather for the meeting. Deputy Mayor Phillips stated that he would like reaffirm Council's authority to let the City Manager decide to let non-essential employees go home before 5:00 today. Mayor Marlowe thanked Councilman Davis for his comments that were printed in the newspaper recently.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, Interim City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_



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**TO:** City of New Port Richey City Council  
**FROM:** Debbie L. Manns, City Manager  
**DATE:** 9/1/2016  
**RE:** Waiver of Twenty-Four Hour Written Notice Provision for Special Meetings

**REQUEST:**

The request is for Council to waive the twenty-four hour written notice provision for special meetings and to conduct a special emergency meeting regarding Tropical Storm Hermine.

**DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to Section 3.01.00 of the City's Charter, an emergency meeting may be called by Council without complying with the twenty-four-hour written notice provision for special meetings subject, however, to the condition that the majority of the council members in attendance at such emergency meeting shall agree to waive the twenty-four-hour notice provision.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council approve the waiving of the twenty-four hour written notice provision for special meetings and to conduct a special emergency meeting regarding Tropical Storm Hermine.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
No Attachments Available	



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**TO:** City of New Port Richey City Council  
**FROM:** Debbie L. Manns, City Manager  
**DATE:** 9/1/2016  
**RE:** Resolution 2016-24 Declaring a Local State of Emergency

**REQUEST:**

The request is for Council to approve an emergency resolution declaring a local state of emergency as a result of impending Tropical Storm Hermine.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of New Port Richey has already begun to encounter emergency weather conditions, and a threat exists to the life, health, property, and the welfare of the public and the residents of the City of New Port Richey. Tropical Storm Hermine poses a severe threat to the City of New Port Richey and may cause extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, and commercial and residential buildings and areas. It is also possible that Tropical Storm Hermine may further strengthen to hurricane status and this tropical storm/hurricane requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the City, its critical infrastructure, and the general welfare of its residents. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the City and our residents for Council to declare a local state of emergency effective immediately.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests Council approve the resolution as submitted and to declare a local state of emergency.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

	Description	Type
D	<a href="#">Resolution 2016-24 Declaring a Local State of Emergency</a>	Backup Material

RESOLUTION NO: 2016-24

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO TROPICAL STORM HERMINE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2016, Florida Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order No. 16-205 declaring a state of emergency due to Tropical Depression #9, now upgraded to Tropical Storm Hermine; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 16-205 includes numerous counties within the storm's forecast cone including Pasco County; and

WHEREAS, in addition, as of 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2016, the National Hurricane Center issued a Hurricane Watch from the Anclote River to Indian Pass and anticipates tropical storm force winds and other conditions in this area over at least the next 24 to 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida has already begun to encounter emergency weather conditions, and a threat exists to the life, health, property, and the welfare of the public and the residents of the City of New Port Richey; and,

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Hermine poses a severe threat to the City of New Port Richey and may cause extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, and commercial and residential buildings and areas; and,

WHEREAS, it is also possible that Tropical Storm Hermine may further strengthen to hurricane status and this tropical storm/hurricane requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the City, its critical infrastructure, and the general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby authorizes the City through the implementation of the City Manager to enter into a state of emergency pursuant to its home rule authority; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and specifically Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of New Port Richey to declare a state of local emergency for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments, and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public works projects including taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- b. Entering into contracts;
- c. Incurring obligations;
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers;

- f. Rental of equipment;
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Port Richey that Tropical Storm Hermine poses a serious threat to public infrastructure and the life, health, property, and welfare of the City of New Port Richey and its residents, and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared effective at \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which time period may be extended as necessary in additional seven (7) day increments by subsequent resolution, and all territory within the legal incorporated boundaries of the City of New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida shall be embraced by the provision of this emergency resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby exercises its home rule and statutory authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby designates the City Manager as the declaring official for all purposes necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution including but not limited to expenditure of funds and implementation of an emergency curfew.

All public officials and employees of the City of New Port Richey are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives, both state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency/disaster service forces in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers.

DATED THIS 1st day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

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Judy Meyers, City Clerk

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Rob Marlowe