

MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 30, 2019

An Emergency City Council Meeting was held on Friday, August 30, 2019, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Deputy Chief Lamm provided the invocation and Councilmember Goins led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Brenda Warner	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember (attended via phone)
	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

ABSENT:	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Katie Ennis, Deputy Utilities Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Mike Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer; Charlene Neuterman, Deputy Community Services Director; Dennis Bunt, Code Enforcement Manager; Mitch Lawyer, Tech Services Supervisor; and Robert Beach, Chief Technology Officer.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warner, to approve the agenda for the Emergency City Council Meeting of August 30, 2019.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

II. CITY BUSINESS:

- 1. **Approval of Resolution No. 2019-081: Declaring a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Dorian.**

City Manager Titkanich read the Resolution into the record by title only as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO IMPENDING DISASTER CONDITIONS AND THE POTENTIAL OF HURRICANE DORIAN TO CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF COCOA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

He noted that this resolution was consistent with the Florida Statute that gives authority to do such.

He further explained what the resolution entailed and that this would be in effect for seven days.

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warner, to approve Resolution No. 2019-081.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

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- 2. **Discussion of Hurricane Dorian Preparations**

Chief Prince stated that the storm keeps changing. He noted that staff and members of the EOC were waiting to see what would be done and when people would be brought in. Police and Fire will be notified when to come and both Utility and Public Works crews are on standby. All stormwater inlets have been cleaned out and Chief Cantaloupe has provided rakes to all officers so that they can help keep storm drains cleaned out during the storm. All other items such as water tanks, fuel, generators, etc. are all being topped off and will continue to be checked on, and the initial food order has been placed.

He assured Council that they were working closely with the County and State and have two meetings today. The policy group will be meeting at the EOC on Sunday at 6 p.m. and a conference call will be held with Council at that time for a preliminary update.

Decisions will be made once the initial meeting is done and after they have more updated information. They will activate as soon as the winds have passed.

City Manager Titkanich advised that a report was provided to all Council via the Assistant City Manager and this report would be updated periodically. He requested that all comments and questions be funneled through him or the Assistant City Manager so that personnel can handle their other responsibilities.

Councilmember Koss asked about the capacity of Bracco Pond and the Assistant City Manager stated that was being looked into now.

She further asked about the wastewater system and if it has reached capacity during the rainy season. She asked how the system under the park worked.

Mr. Wegerif explained how that system works and noted that it was in the Stormwater Master Plan.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for the updates and announced that the Governor stated that there should be plenty of gas and water.

City Manager Titkanich added other examples of ways that a person can get water.

Chief Prince encouraged everyone to follow the City's social media pages and website as it updated continuously. Customer Service representatives will also be on site taking phone calls if needed. Phones will be answered twenty-four hours per day while the EOC is operating.

Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Senger for all of the updates on social media, as well as Public Works, Fire, and Police.

Councilmember Koss asked about an update on Ms. Kettner's situation in the Village and Assistant City Manager Fuhrer assured her and Council that they have a solution and he would be verifying things were in place before he leaves for the day.

City Manager Titkanich added that the police department would be providing flyers in Spanish for those in mobile and manufactured homes advising them of safety concerns.

Councilmember Koss asked if the homeless population would be encouraged to seek shelters. Chief Cantaloupe assured Council that they would do the same with them as soon as possible to let them know their options as well.

The County has not announced its shelters yet but will do so as soon as they are staffed and ready.

Discussion was held about Waste Management and picking up of green waste.

Ms. Senger stated they would continue to put out messages for citizens to stop putting out green waste.

Deputy Mayor Warner asked if there was a way for those without social media to get information. In response, Chief Prince advised they can contact the main number of 433-8800. Contact numbers will be added as the EOC is updated.

Mayor Williams thanked Councilmember Goins for sharing the information relating to sandbags and for assisting with the filling of sandbags for residents.

Councilmember Goins asked if they would get more sand at the Railroad location when it runs out. Mr. Wegerif noted it would be early Tuesday morning, but there was not a delivery scheduled for this weekend. He noted they would keep an eye on the pile. He pointed out that there was an alternate pile on Plaza Pkwy.

City Manager Titkanich thanked all of the staff who would be operating at the EOC and thanked departments and employees who have worked hard to keep all of this going and to put plans in motion. There is a potential for this storm to have a big impact on the City.

Mayor Williams asked for clarification as to why the Customer Service department stopped taking cash at 11:30 a.m. In response, Ms. Howell advised that she was not aware that they had stopped at that time but knows that they have to secure and balance out cash before they can leave. Staff found out last minute that we would be closing at Noon so they could not plan otherwise.

Ms. Howell further announced that they would not be shutting anyone off and crews were out now trying to get peoples water on or off if it was requested. They will probably have to estimate beach side and will start reading Merritt Island on Tuesday. They have had to do a total change of workflow. No one was cut off yesterday or today for non-payment.

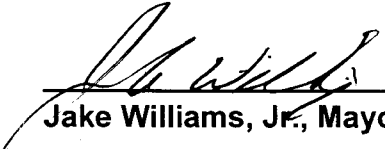
III. ADJOURNMENT.

- * MOTION by Deputy Mayor Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Goins, to adjourn the Emergency City Council Meeting on August 30, 2019.

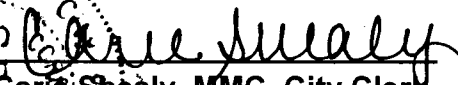
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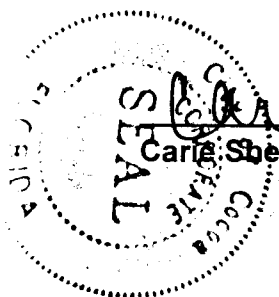
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.


Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Carrie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk



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