



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting - Emergency Preparations for Hurricane Irma

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels and Council Member Richard Cautero

Absent: 2 - Council Member Deborah Anderson and Council Member Fred Fraize

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Administrative Battalion Chief Frank Giddens, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Police Captain Mike Rose, Airport Property Administrator Heather LeDuc, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holic followed by an Invocation by Mr. Bramble.

I. HURRICANE IRMA EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS

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Staff Update

Mayor Holic commented on relaying information to residents.

Mr. Lavallee commented on coordinating with Sarasota County, public safety, emergency staff meeting, and Battalion Chief Giddens providing a storm update.

Battalion Chief Giddens provided an update on meeting with the county EOC, storm path and expectancy, sandbag distribution to residents, shelters, and Venice Regional Hospital.

Chief Carvey spoke regarding upcoming conference call with the county emergency operations center (EOC), opening shelters, storm direction,

school closures, city staff, state of emergency proclamation, storm prognosis, meeting with city staff, fleet vehicles and equipment, public works, sandbag distribution, public safety, the Venice Community Center (VCC), and traffic.

Mr. Lavalley noted city hall will be closed this Friday.

Mayor Holic stated the City of Venice will be in a state of emergency effective Friday, September 8, 2017 at 12:01 a.m., commented on employee pay scale, essential and non-essential personnel, city hall closure, traffic, school closures, and conference call with Governor Rick Scott. Mayor Holic noted requesting Governor Scott to issue an executive order suspending the sunshine law from any discussions council members may have regarding the state of emergency and recommended the city manager set a conference call line with a schedule time for council members to call in for updates.

Discussion took place on public safety, EOC facility at Fire Station 3, CodeRED notification, sandbag outreach, solid waste pickup status, backup generators, VCC roof status, Venice school shelters, storm surge, continuous updates from staff, and VCC supplies and staff.

Captain Rose noted the VCC is not being activated a primary shelter, but would be as an emergency shelter after the storm.

Discussion continued regarding the VCC being an active shelter, interstate traffic and alternate routes, cell and internet disruption, fire department response procedures, island bridges, procurement policy, and September 7, 2017 fire fee final resolution and public hearing.

Mr. Lavalley commented on the city's restoration of services.

Discussion continued regarding CodeRED, disruption of cell phone services, communication through portable radios, and the homeless population.

Chief Mattmuller commented on the homeless population, transportation services, and the mobile home community to include post storm assessments.

Discussion followed on the fire department's equipment and staging, tactical teams, police department building fixtures, and police vehicles staging area.

Ms. LeDuc responded to council questions regarding National Guard's

Black Hawks stationed at the airfield.

Discussion ensued on Venice Regional Hospital and parking garage area.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk