

PORT ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
OCTOBER 10, 2016

THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Green at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Invocation

PRESENT: Councilman Bob Ford
Councilman Donald Burnette
Councilman Scott Stiltner
Vice Mayor Drew Bastian
Mayor Allen Green

ALSO PRESENT: Jake Johansson, City Manager
Matthew Jones, Deputy City Attorney
Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Post Hurricane Matthew Update, Permit Fees & Repairs

Mayor Green read Resolution No. 16-70.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR REPAIRS RELATING TO STORM DAMAGE; RATIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1, DATED OCTOBER 9, 2016; PROVIDING FOR A CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF THE TEMPORARY PERMIT FEE WAIVER FOR STORM RELATED REPAIRS AND TREE REMOVAL PERMITS UNTIL DECEMBER 9, 2016 AT 11:59 PM; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY PERMIT FEE WAIVER PERIOD; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-70
was made by Vice Mayor Bastian, and
Seconded by Councilman Burnette.

Matthew Jones, Deputy City Attorney, read Resolution No. 16-70 in its entirety.

Council supported the fee waiver to avoid fees being the cause of road blocks for citizens. Council would also like the permit process to be expedited; however, the proper documents still need to be submitted.

Councilman Burnette asked if the permit fee can also be waived for sign permits. Councilman Ford agreed that the fee waiver should extend to sign permits for commercial properties. Mayor Green suggested extended hours and/or working a few Saturdays to process the permits as quickly as possible. Mr. Johansson will work with the Community Development Director to ensure the proper hours and schedule are maintained to meet the needs of the community.

Motion amended to include the waiver of
sign permit fees for commercial
properties was made by Vice Mayor
Bastian, and Seconded by Councilman
Burnette.

Mr. Johansson asked if there were any other issues that Council would like to include. There were none.

Mr. Jones advised that Section 2 states "Other repairs requiring a permit caused by Hurricane Matthew" which could cover the sign permits but it can also be specifically stated in the Resolution. Council would like it to be specifically stated.

Motion to amend carried 4-1 by roll call
vote with Mayor Green voting no.

Amended Motion carried unanimously
by roll call vote.

Mr. Johansson provided details regarding strengths and weaknesses throughout the storm.

Alan Rosen, Assistant City Manager, provided an update as to the recovery efforts, as well as pre hurricane preparation, actions during the hurricane, and future post-storm actions.

Lynn Stevens, Public Utilities Director, provided information regarding changes made to the utilities systems to help prevent flooding, specifically with the Halifax Canal and Dunlawton Pond. She thanked Staff for their work controlling the system. Water service

was not interrupted at any time during the storm. Mayor Green thanked utilities Staff for their work.

Larry Volenec, FPL Representative, provided information relating to power outages and lessons learned by FPL. He thanked Staff for their work. Council thanked FPL for the quick response from their workers.

Debris removal was discussed by Ralph Dahlgren of AshBritt. Anne Cabrera, TetraTech Representative, said her role is to monitor and document everything for maximum FEMA reimbursement. AshBritt expects to deploy within a few days and believes it will take approximately a month to fully clean up the debris throughout the City. There are a lot of residents who have not cleaned their yards yet.

Ken DeForest, Waste Pro Representative, explained the issues with garbage pick-up on Thursday which included early closures due to high winds. Regular Monday pick-ups were completed today. Waste Pro will pick up yard waste in bags and containers on Wednesday.

Mr. Johansson thanked City Staff for their hard work, as did all of Council.

Ted Nofall, citizen, asked questions and discussed his concerns regarding debris cleanup and equipment to be used.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:36 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin L. Fenwick, CMC, City Clerk