

SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Wednesday,
September 6, 2017, at 8:30 AM in the Town Hall Commission Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pugh at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Stevens led the roll call, which was answered by the following:

	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Tardy:</u>
Commissioner Aaskov	x		
Vice Mayor Bonfiglio	x		
Commissioner Coz		x	
Commissioner MaGruder	x		
Mayor Pugh	x		

Let the record show that Commissioner Coz is absent with notice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution No. 2017-11: Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Declaring a State of Emergency Within the Town of Ocean Ridge.

Town Manager Titcomb advised that Governor Scott issued an emergency declaration for the State of Florida due to the impending Hurricane Irma. The resolution before the Commission today will allow staff to secure emergency supplies and prepare for the hurricane along with other emergency management agencies. He stated that we may need to cancel the regular Town Commission and First Public Hearing on the FY18 budget on Monday, and the Department of Revenue will be updating us on procedures regarding the timelines for advertising, etc.

Vice Mayor Bonfiglio moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-11 Declaring an Emergency, Authorizing the Town Manager and Police Chief to carry out their respective emergency duties and employee assignments as set forth in item #1 on the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Aaskov.

Chief Hutchins updated the Commission on the storm track and emergency procedures. He stated that Palm Beach County schools will be closed as of tomorrow to plan for emergency shelters opening on Friday morning which will be located at Park Vista High School, Boynton Beach High School, and Atlantic High School. He stated that he anticipates that we will be in full activation on Saturday through Monday. He noted that police personnel will attempt to remain in the Town Hall building throughout the storm, however there are alternate plans in place in the event of an emergency due to extreme storm surge or storm tide. He encouraged everyone to seek shelter at a higher ground, however he does not recommend staying in a hotel or fleeing to Orlando. He stated that emergency personnel will respond to emergency calls until they aren't able to due to safety reasons, and will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

Commissioner MaGruder asked about re-entry into Ocean Ridge after the storm, and Chief Hutchins responded that emergency personnel will be mostly concerned with the procedures for re-entry such as securing power lines and roads first. Once the area is secured, residents will be allowed back onto the island with proper identification.

Commissioner Bonfiglio noted his concern regarding the temporary power poles along Ocean Avenue due to the recent pole replacement by Florida Power and Light (FPL). Chief Hutchins stated that he monitored

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the area today, and we have contacted FPL to ask them to place the lines on something more secure, but he is not sure that it will happen before the storm. He stated that FPL is not responding to normal services at this time, as they are preparing for the storm.

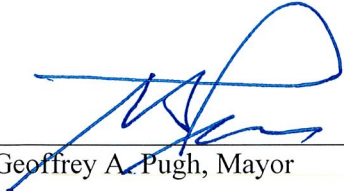
Vice Mayor Bonfiglio mentioned that we have a Town Commission meeting and budget public hearing scheduled for Monday and asked if it would be appropriate to pass a motion to change the date from September 11th due to the storm contingent on direction from the State on the availability to change the date, as he is concerned regarding our publishing deadlines for the budget. Town Clerk Stevens indicated that she spoke with the Department of Revenue yesterday in anticipation of this, and they indicated that if we need to change the meeting date due to the hurricane, we would post notice on our website if possible and at Town Hall to re-notice the meeting. The advertising requirements would still be in effect for the second hearing and that timeframe will be critical. Town Manager Titcomb asked the Commission to contact Town Clerk Stevens with available dates in case we need to re-schedule the meeting.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Clerk Stevens, and adopted by the Town Commission on September 19, 2017.



Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tracey L. Stevens, CMC, Town Clerk