

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019 1:00 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Matthews, Prafke, Wein

COUNCILMEMBERS EXCUSED: Cummings

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Pam Davis, Jason Ciaschini, Police; Ray Briggs, Fire; Kristin Simeone, Finance; Rick Keeney, Public Works; City Manager Kunik; City Clerk Smith

Mayor Prafke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, approving the City of Punta Gorda Declared State of Emergency (D.S.E.) Reporting and Pay Policy as amended; providing for conflicts and severability; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title, explaining there was one change to the Pay Policy in Section 2, paragraph g, as it related to when the emergency pay plan went into effect.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the Resolution, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Wein.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, declaring a State of Local Emergency and providing for emergency governmental operations related to Hurricane Dorian if deemed necessary and in conjunction with Charlotte County providing for termination of emergency powers, providing for conflicts, and providing an effective date

City Manager Kunik read the ordinance by title, explaining the emergency ordinance would sunset after seven days.

Police Chief Davis noted the City had the ability to impose and lift its own curfew.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

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Fire Chief Briggs provided an update on Hurricane Dorian, noting the latest report was favorable for the City as the models indicated the path would take a northerly turn; however, the forecast was subject to change. He stated employees were in preparation mode and would continue to monitor the storm.

Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Wein inquired whether the City was in a position to offer assistance to

cities affected by the storm.

Chief Briggs replied in the affirmative, explaining many resources were strategically positioned throughout the State.

Police Chief Davis stated the Police Department was also prepared to deploy resources where needed.

Citizens' Comments

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk