

LONGWOOD CITY COMMISSION
Longwood City Commission Chambers
175 West Warren Avenue
Longwood, Florida

EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2019
4:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Matt Morgan
Deputy Mayor Brian D. Sackett
Commissioner Abby Shoemaker
Commissioner Richard Drummond
Commissioner Ben Paris
J. D. Cox, City Manager
Michelle Longo, City Clerk
David P. Dowda, Police Chief
Mike Peters, Fire Chief
Craig Dunn, Information Technology Director
Mike Aiken, Deputy Fire Chief

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**
 - A. **City Manager recommends the City Commission read by title only and adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 19-2167 declaring an emergency and adopting emergency regulations to address preparation for and the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 19-2167 by title only. He stated since this is an Emergency Ordinance it only requires one reading and cannot last more than 60 days.

Deputy Mayor Sackett moved to approve Ordinance No. 19-2167 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker.

Fire Chief Peters gave an overview of the preparations for Hurricane Dorian. He said based on the current modeling, the City will activate the City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) approximately Monday morning on September 2, 2019. At that

time additional staff will be added. City offices are scheduled to be closed for the Labor Day Holiday and will remain closed through Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Public information will be disseminated through social media and emergency banner on the City website.

Questions from the Commission regarding a point of contact in the EOC for updates were answered.

Rescheduling the Tuesday, September 4, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting was discussed. At this point, a decision regarding canceling the meeting will be made on Monday to allow additional time to determine the storm's path. Language was added to the Ordinance to state the Mayor or City Manager may cancel and reschedule the September 4, 2019 City Commission meeting if deemed in the best interest of the public.

Deputy Mayor Sackett amended his motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-2167 to included language for the Mayor or City Manager to cancel and reschedule the September 4, 2019 City Commission meeting if deemed in the best interest of the public. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker.

Fire Chief Peters addressed questions about flooding if there will be a lot of rain with this storm. He noted county-wide we have received a lot of rainfall. He explained how the City would address roads that become flooded during the incident.

Police Chief Dowda addressed questions regarding long lines at various gas stations. He also explained storm debris will be housed over off of Dog Track Road near Northland Church.

Mr. Cox addressed debris pickup citywide. He noted that adding additional pickups from private neighborhoods will require special approval from FEMA in order to get reimbursed.

Ms. Longo said she will be working with the Police Department on updating the social media pages and the City website with storm related updates.

Mr. Cox said he would get vehicle stickers/signs out to the Commissioners by Monday.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. ADJOURN. Mayor Morgan adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 11-04-2019

 /S/
Matt Morgan, Mayor

ATTEST:

 /S/
Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

The Official signed minutes are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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