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**City Of Riviera Beach
Palm Beach County, Florida
Minutes Of The Special City Council Meeting
Held In The City Council Chambers
August 30, 2019 At 12:15 P.M.**

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Call To Order

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Chair Miller-Anderson: The City Council meeting, regular -- special City Council meeting August 30th, 2019. 12:15 p.m. Madam, roll call.

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I. Roll Call

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City Clerk Anthony: Mayor Ronnie Felder. Chairperson Ka'Shamba Miller-Anderson.

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Chair Miller-Anderson: Present.

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City Clerk Anthony: Chair Pro Tem Julia Botel. Councilperson Tradrick McCoy. Councilperson Shirley Lanier.

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Councilperson Lanier Here.

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City Clerk Anthony: Councilperson Douglas Lawson.

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Councilperson Lawson: Here.

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City Clerk Anthony: City Manager Jonathan Evans.

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City Manager Evans: Present.

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City Clerk Anthony: City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Dawn Wynn.

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City Attorney Wynn: Here.

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City Clerk Anthony: You may proceed.

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II. Invocation And Pledge Of Allegiance

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Chair Miller-Anderson: All right. We'll have a moment of silence and a Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Lawson.

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(Everyone stood for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson Lawson).

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Agenda Approval:

32 **Disclosures by Council**

33 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Any disclosures by Commission and staff? Let the record
34 reflect Councilman McCoy is at -- on the dais and Mayor Felder. Any disclosures?

35 **Adoption of Agenda**

36 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Um, have a motion to adopt the agenda?

37 **Councilperson McCoy:** So moved.

38 **Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

39 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Madam Clerk?

40 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson.

41 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

42 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier.

43 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

44 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy.

45 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

46 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chair Miller-Anderson.

47 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

48 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

49 **Comments From the Public on Consent Agenda (Three Minute Limitation)**

50 **Consent Agenda**

51 **All Matters Listed Under This Item Are Considered To Be Routine And Action Will**
52 **Be Taken By One Motion. There Will Be No Separate Discussion Of These Items**
53 **Unless A Councilperson So Requests, In Which Event, The Item Will Be Removed**
54 **From The General Order Of Business And Considered In Its Normal Sequence On**
55 **The Agenda.**

56 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. We don't have a consent agenda. Regular business,
57 item one.

58 **Minutes**

59 **Resolutions**

60 **Unfinished Business**

61 **End Of Consent Agenda**

62 **Petitions And Communications For Filing**

63 **Awards And Presentations**

64 **Public Hearings**

65 **Comments From The Public - 7:30 Pm Non-Agenda Item Speakers (Three Minute**
66 **Limitation)**

67 Public Comments should be restricted to issues, matters, or topics pertinent to the City of
68 Riviera Beach. Please be reminded that the City Council has adopted "Rules of Decorum
69 Governing Public Conduct during Official Meetings", which has been posted at the
70 entrance of the Council Chambers. In an effort to preserve order, if any of the rules are
71 not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker or attendee removed
72 from the podium, from the meeting and/or the building, if necessary. Please govern
73 yourselves accordingly.

74 Public Comments shall begin at 7:30 PM unless there is no further business of the City
75 Council, which in that event, it shall begin sooner. In addition, if an item is being
76 considered at 7:30 PM, then comments from the public shall begin immediately after the
77 item has been concluded. Any person who would like to speak during public comments,
78 please fill out a public comment card located on the table directly outside of the council
79 chambers and give it to the staff before the public comments section is announced.

80 **Items Tabled**

81 **Regular**

82 **1. A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Riviera Beach, Palm**
83 **Beach County, Florida, Declaring A Stat E Of Local Emergency, Waiving Procedures**
84 **And Formalities Otherwise Required By Ordinance Pertaining To Expenditures;**
85 **Empowering The City Manager To Compel Evacuation; Providing An Effective Dat**
86 **E And For Other Purposes Regarding Hurricane Dorian, Effective August 29, 2019.**

87 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Have a motion?

88 **Councilperson Lanier:** So moved.

89 **Councilperson Lawson:** Second.

90 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. Mr. Manager.

91 **Discussion And Deliberation**

92 **City Manager Evans:** Madam Chair and members of the Council, this item before you

93 is a procedural resolution to allow for the declaration of a local state of emergency. The
94 State of Florida has already executed an executive order and declared a state of
95 emergency for all 67 counties in the State of Florida. The County has also executed a
96 Declaration of Emergency and that occurred yesterday at noon. This allows for the City
97 to have flexibility to be able to acquire certain items and assets, um, outside of the
98 normal procurement procedures, and we have already ramped up. Our hurricane
99 response staff is out there clearing stormwater debris, um, making sure that there are
100 no obstructions that impede the flow of water. We can anticipate that we will see
101 hurricane force winds, a lot of rain and staff is, um, already set forth what the procedure
102 elements to be able to respond. There is communication that will go out to the
103 community but we're also encouraging folks to make sure that they have enough items
104 at home to be able to, if they do stay at home, to shelter in place for five to seven days.
105 So fill up vehicles, get batteries, visit banks to get cash 'cause ATMs do not work and
106 take the necessary safety precautions.

107 Uh, staff will be deployed at the Public Safety Building. Police and Fire will be at their
108 respective locations and there will be other City facilities that will be occupied during the
109 storm. As information becomes available through the County, through the State and
110 through the federal government, we will inform the Board as well as the community.
111 The White House has reached out to the City of Riviera Beach as well as other local
112 municipalities to ask for, uh, what steps are -- the City is taking to prepare for the
113 potentiality of the storm impacting us.

114 Uh, Chief Curd is here for any specific questions but at this time, staff recommends
115 approval of the resolution that's before you.

116 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. Do we have any public comment cards for this item?

117 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair.

118 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. Anyone have any questions or comments from the
119 Board?

120 **Councilperson McCoy:** Just one. Mr. Evans.

121 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir.

122 **Councilperson McCoy:** So the Public Safety Complex, is that something will be open
123 and perhaps accessible to the public?

124 **City Manager Evans:** Not at this particular moment. Um, that is gonna be the
125 emergency operations center for the City of Riviera Beach. As far as shelters or other
126 facilities, we're following the County's lead and they haven't provided us any information
127 as to what facilities would be open. Uh, post event, that is a discussion that we may
128 have about opening some other facilities to accommodate the public in the event that
129 there is homes that are destroyed as a result of the storm event and working on the
130 American Red Cross on -- on what facilities are utilized.

131 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you, Mr. Manager.

132 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir.

133 **Mayor Felder:** Madam Chair.

134 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

135 **Mayor Felder:** Um, Mr. Manager, have we thought about evacuating Singer Island or
136 that hasn't come into play yet?

137 **City Manager Evans:** Um, right now, we're still awaiting some information from the
138 National Weather Service that will provide the information to the County and the State
139 and then they will provide us information about any barrier islands being evacuated. So
140 there is not an evacuation order because we still need to find information on the, uh,
141 storm surge. But if the -- the storm continues to track this way we can anticipate a
142 pretty sizeable storm surge and some concerns for our barrier island so we're
143 continuously monitoring the situation. Once we receive information about the
144 potentiality of an evacuation, we will push that out to the community and to you, the
145 Board members, as well.

146 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Anyone else?

147 **Councilperson McCoy:** One last question. Mr. Manager, I understand that you
148 designated department heads, um, specific for certain duties such as plannings,
149 operations. Can you provide those contact information and who those persons are to
150 the members of the Board?

151 **City Manager Evans:** Absolutely. And also for the public we will have a hot line, a
152 number that will give the public, um, some information in real time of what the City of
153 Riviera Beach is experiencing as well as an opportunity for the employees that are not
154 going to be on-site to call in to know when it's safe for them to go ahead and return back
155 to work. So we will provide who is in charge of logistics, planning, finance, all the other
156 operations to the Board. Also, throughout the storm we will establish a line that we'll set
157 up conference call and regular updates to the Council as well as to what's going on and
158 the emergency operations team, uh, what activities and what areas in the community
159 we're focusing on, um, pre and post event.

160 **Councilperson McCoy:** Follow up.

161 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

162 **Councilperson McCoy:** Mr. Manager, will we be broadcasting from Channel 18 to, uh,
163 viewers at home?

164 **City Manager Evans:** Uh, yes, sir. That -- we're gonna utilize Channel 18 and all the
165 social media resources we have at our disposal to make sure that our residents are
166 informed and kept in a loop as to what's happening.

167 **Councilperson McCoy:** Thank you.

168 **City Manager Evans:** Yes, sir.

169 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** The Police Department, I know we had some issues with, um,
170 leaking in there. Has that all been fixed?

171 **City Manager Evans:** Uh, to my knowledge, some of the issues, um, have been
172 resolved but anticipating the type of weather that we're gonna get, we're gonna have,
173 um, water intrusion in probably every facility that, um, that the City has, even the Public
174 Safety facility. So we're taking the necessary steps to secure the facilities here as well
175 as the library, but, uh, I think staff is taking the necessary steps to secure computer
176 equipment to make sure that, uh, remove things from where our problematic areas are
177 that we've historically had to deal with.

178 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Okay. And then the other question is, um, have you been in
179 touch with Stonybrook? Because, you know -- as you know, the last time there was a
180 major issue but I know they've worked on a lot of those buildings. Do you know if
181 there's any update or are there concerns about the storm coming?

182 **City Manager Evans:** Uh, I -- I haven't spoken to the, uh, property manager at
183 Stonybrook. Um, I would have to speak with, uh, some of the executive staff. That was
184 a directive from yesterday but we can definitely make it a point. I'll personally make it a
185 point to reach out to see what, uh, areas, uh, of the, uh, of Stonybrook may need some
186 support or assistance and so they're aware that the weather is going to become
187 problematic later on on Sunday and well into Monday and potentially Tuesday.

188 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Okay. Anyone else?

189 **Councilperson Lawson:** Madam Chair.

190 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

191 **Councilperson Lawson:** Mr. Manger, do we have any additional resources we can
192 provide to the residents prior to the storm, i.e., securing their property, uh, preparation,
193 anything that we can provide as a City?

194 **City Manager Evans:** At -- at this particular moment, uh, we're taking the steps to
195 secure City facilities. Once the Board approves this declaration, it provides us a little bit
196 more flexibility but what we're trying to do is encourage the residents that if there is any
197 areas that are problematic in your neighborhoods that you see debris or there's
198 drainage issues, let us know so we can go out there proactively. As far as helping
199 residents shutter and -- and prepare for the storm, that's not something that traditionally
200 we have done 'cause we're limited on resources. But we can see if there are other
201 entities that can assist in those endeavors. But on public infrastructure, roadways,
202 parks any area throughout the community that causes a problem, we ask that the
203 residents communicate to us so we will have crews out all this weekend to be able to
204 address, uh, those concerns.

205 **Councilperson Lawson:** Follow up, Madam Chair.

206 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Go ahead.

207 **Councilperson Lawson:** And do we have a hot line or a number that they can call that
208 we can put out now for them?

209 **City Manager Evans:** We do have a hot line. We're working on the recorded message
210 and we anticipate the hot line being up if not later on this evening, the first thing in the
211 morning.

212 **Councilperson Lawson:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

213 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. Did anyone else have any questions? All right.
214 Madam Clerk.

215 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lawson.

216 **Councilperson Lawson:** Yes.

217 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson Lanier.

218 **Councilperson Lanier:** Yes.

219 **City Clerk Anthony:** Councilperson McCoy.

220 **Councilperson McCoy:** Yes.

221 **City Clerk Anthony:** Chairperson Miller-Anderson.

222 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Yes.

223 **City Clerk Anthony:** Unanimous vote.

224 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. Do we have any public comment cards?

225 **City Clerk Anthony:** No, Madam Chair.

226 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** All right. Any other comments from the Board, um, here or
227 manager. City attorney.

228 **City Attorney Wynn:** Mr. Manager, did you wanna talk about Thursday?

229 **City Manager Evans:** Oh. Um, we have received information from the State of Florida
230 that allows for us, because of the disaster declaration to postpone our meeting that's
231 scheduled for September 5th. We have suspended, um, that meeting until further
232 notice, um, because we can anticipate being in recovery efforts. Um, that also, uh, we
233 haven't heard from the County with regards to if they're gonna be doing the same thing,
234 but, uh, chances are, uh, we may follow -- we may find those other agencies followed

235 suit -- following suit, so, um, we have postponed the meeting on September 5th and will
236 be rescheduling that once we're back up to normal City operations.

237 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** What about our regular City meeting for the 4th? Oh --

238 **City Manager Evans:** That -- that --

239 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** -- we -- we were combining it, right?

240 **City Manager Evans:** Right, correct.

241 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Right. That's right. That's right. Okay.

242 **Adjournment**

243 **Chair Miller-Anderson:** Anyone else? All right. With that, we stand adjourned.

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248 **Ronnie L. Felder**
249 **Mayor**

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248 **Kashamba Miller-Anderson**
249 **Chairperson**

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252 **Attest:**

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255 **Claudene L. Anthony**
256 **Certified Municipal Clerk**
257 **City Clerk**

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255 **Julia A. Botel, Ed.D**
256 **Chair Pro Tem**

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259 **Tradrick Mccoy**
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262 **Shirley D. Lanier**
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266 **Douglas A. Lawson**
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274 **T. Mccoy** _____

275 **K. Miller-Anderson** _____

276 **S. Lanier** _____

277 **J. Botel** _____

278 **D. Lawson** _____

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280 **Date Approved:** October 22, 2019

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