

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
VIA TELEPHONE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2018
5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Daniel Culliton (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8)

Absent: Council Member James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Rob Stone, Public Services Director
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Assistant Public Services Director
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Cindy Blot, Economic and Community Development Director
Elizabeth Somerindyke, Internal Audit Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
David Trego, PWC CEO/General Manager
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2.1 Updates on the Impact of Hurricane Florence on the City of Fayetteville

Situational Awareness

Mr. Ben Major, Fire Chief, stated the Cape Fear River is expected to crest on Monday morning, we also have potential for a tornado. We have received a lot of calls regarding fallen trees, damaged property, power lines down, medical calls and power outages.

Power Outages

Mr. Dave Trego, PWC CEO/General Manager, stated over 10,000 PWC customers are currently without power. We expect to encounter more falling trees and damaged power lines. PWC will not operate bucket trucks if the wind is travelling at 35 miles per hour or above. Assessment trucks will go out if the wind is less than 40 miles per hour. We have had no significant water main breaks; that could change if the roads begin to wash out. We also have contractor crews from other utilities.

Mr. Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager, stated South River Electric has 11,760 outages and Lumbee River Electric has 360 outages. Also, there will be no transit services operating on Saturday or Sunday.

Public Safety

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, stated a curfew has been implemented from dusk to dawn; this is for safety, to keep citizens off the dark and unlit roads.

Mr. Ben Major, Fire Chief, stated the National Weather Service is predicting 10 to 15 inches of rain and possibly up to 20 inches for our area. Sustained winds are expected to reach 40 to 50 miles per hour, gusting at 60 to 70 miles per hour. Impacts from Hurricane Florence are just now starting to be felt across the Coastal Plain and conditions will deteriorate rapidly today. Prolonged life-threatening inland flooding event from heavy rain is expected across much of southern and eastern North Carolina.

Discussion ensued following each update.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.