

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
VIA TELEPHONE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
12:30 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); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Absent: Council Member William J. L. Crisp (District 6)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager
Karen McDonald, City Attorney
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief
Ben Major, Fire Chief
Sheila Thomas-Abat, Assistant Public Services Director
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director
Dwayne Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director
Elizabeth Somerindyke, Internal Audit Director
Dave Trego, PWC, CEO/General Manager
Pamela Megill, City Clerk
Jennifer Ayre, Deputy City Clerk
Members of the Press

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

2.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

Ms. Karen McDonald, City Attorney, stated she had been in communication with Mr. Rick Moorefield, Cumberland County Attorney, to discuss the impending evacuation order; there is potential for catastrophic flooding, it is an imminent threat. We are expanding our scope of emergency; there will be mandatory evacuations for one mile from each bank of the Cape Fear River. If residents refuse to evacuate and comply with the order, it will be so at their own risk. Residents will have until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday to evacuate.

Mayor Colvin stated there will be a press conference at 2:00 p.m. today to announce the evacuation order.

Mr. Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director, stated the press release for the evacuation order will be going out shortly.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated the evacuation order could affect up to 2,800 households. The City has also asked for voluntary evacuations from citizens residing in low lying areas.

Mr. Dave Trego, PWC CEO/General Manager, stated all PWC substations with the exception of one are all back on-line. All outages are being addressed by the priorities listed by the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

Mr. Ben Major, Fire Chief, stated the Fire Department has received a large increase in phone calls. We responded to more toppling trees, and we had a fire to attend.

Ms. Gina Hawkins, Police Chief, stated there are many traffic hazards, with traffic lights out of service, and there has been an increase in alarm calls. We are getting the curfew message out to everyone.

Discussion ensued.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.