



## CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 09, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Commission Chambers – 105 S. 2ND Street, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Patti King, Chair Scot Spradley, Vice-Chair James Sherman, Commissioners Rick Belhumeur, Eric Cooley and Jane Mealy, City Attorney D. Andrew Smith, III, City Manager Dale L. Martin and City Clerk Penny Overstreet.

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Chair Spradley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to honor our Veterans, members of the Armed Forces and First Responders.** Commissioner Sherman led the pledge to the flag.
3. **General Business**

- a. **Emergency Preparedness:** Flagler County Emergency Management, Florida Department of Emergency Management, and Staff Safety and Preparation presentations.

Kevin Guthrie, Emergency Manager, Florida Department of Emergency Management, advised the Officials and residents to prepare in advance for the storm season. Mr. Guthrie stated it is predicted to be a busy season. He suggested compiling emergency kits and to make plans now as to where you will go in the event of an evacuation. Mr. Guthrie advised to keep your vehicle with at least half a tank of fuel at all times from this date through the end of the season. Lastly, Mr. Guthrie urged the city to keep communication open with the County Emergency Manager to advise what types of equipment the city may need in the event of a disaster.

Johnathan Lord, Flagler County Emergency Operations Director, advised he would speak to three (3) topics; "Get a Kit", "Be Informed", and "Make a Plan". Mr. Lord reported the next tax holiday is August 4<sup>th</sup> for a two-week period. Mr. Lord suggested residents pick up a copy of the Disaster Guide, for information on what items you should have to build your kit. Mr. Lord advised and discussion ensued on the following topics: evacuation orders, evacuation zones, bridge closures, Alert Flagler System, CERT Community Emergency Response Team, and government preparations.

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Cox reported the actions the department takes before, during and after an event, and reviewed the processes already in place to provide safety services to our residents.

Chief Matt Doughney spoke about the generator test and the stocking of non-perishable foods to keep the department moving in the event of a disaster, and reviewed the processes already in place to provide safety services to our residents.

Jen Crews, Public Works Supervisor, reviewed the actions her department takes to prepare for the season and the actions they will take after a storm.

John Laureano, Building Inspector, advised in the event a storm is approaching they will address each property with a permit to ensure the materials are stowed and/or strapped down.

Johnny Lynn, Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, reported how staff prepares at the plant when a storm is approaching.

Chair Spradley opened public comments. Comments were heard from: Dennis Bayer, Daniel Scone, Heather Hodavance, Charles Bullock, and Joseph Pozzouli. Chair Spradley closed public comments.

**4. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Scott Spradley, Chair

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Penny Overstreet, City Clerk