

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

12:30 pm

This Commission Meeting was conducted utilizing Communications Media Technology in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order. Some Elected Officials and Staff members were present in the Commission Chambers while others were present via the Zoom application to respect the social distancing guidelines.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tambra Varnadore, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 2
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1 (Not Present)
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1 (Not Present)

STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Jim Freeman, City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the November 11, 2020 Special Meeting Agenda.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

2. **RESOLUTION 2020-26 STATE OF EMERGENCY HURRICANE ETA (M.BARNEBEY)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN SHALL BE INSTITUTED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Scott Tyler, Chief of Police, presented the latest update on Eta Tropical Storm. He informed the Board that Manatee County was under a voluntary evacuation, and potential flooding was anticipated. Chief Tyler stated that Manatee High School and Virgil Mills are offering shelter to those who are in need. He expressed that after gathering information with Mayor Bryant, it was recommended to declare a Local State of Emergency.

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney, thanked Jim Freeman, City Clerk, for preparing Resolution 2020-26 State of Emergency. He declared that the resolution covers what the City of Palmetto needs to accomplish the emergency preparations, and welcomed questions from the Board. There were no questions from the Board.

Motion: Commissioner Williams moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution 2020-26.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes approved: December 21, 2020

JAMES R. FREEMAN

James R. Freeman, City Clerk