



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10 - 19, 2018

The Kure Beach Town Council held an emergency meeting on Monday, September 10 at 8:05 pm. The Town Attorney was present and there was a quorum of Council members present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery
Building Inspector – John Batson
Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer

Mayor Bloszinsky called the emergency meeting to order stating the purpose was to discuss plans and management of the impending storm/hurricane Florence. Notice was posted at Town Hall on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 1 pm and notification provided to the Sunshine List, thus meeting Public Meetings laws.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Mayor Pro Tem Heglar reviewed the following actions by New Hanover County and the Town of Kure Beach:

- Declared State of Emergency effective September 10 at 11 am and asked that all towns make theirs retroactive to this date and time
- Emergency Operations Center will open Tuesday, September 11 at noon
- County offices closing Tuesday, September 11 at noon
- Recommending voluntary evacuation with everyone to be in safe location by Wednesday, September 12 at 8 pm
- Will open pet friendly shelter at Trask Middle School on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- Town of Carolina Beach is holding a Council meeting tonight to declare State Of Emergency retroactive to 11 am Monday, September 10 with mandatory evacuation beginning at 8 am Tuesday, September 11, 2018 to no later than Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 8:00 pm
- Carolina Beach Town Hall will be open Tuesday but closed Wednesday



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MPT Heglar recommended the Town follow the above actions taken by the Town of Carolina Beach.

Council reviewed the draft Declaration of State of Emergency with the following points:

- Mandatory evacuation effective 8 am Tuesday, September 11, 2018 to be completed by 8 pm September 12, 2018
- Curfew is expected to be enacted as required and will be communicated with at least 12 hours' notice
- Shelters to be provided by county
- Town offices serving the public will close at 3 pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 until the State of Emergency is lifted
- No Sale of Alcoholic Beverages expected to be enacted as required and will be communicated with at least 12 hours' notice
- Shelters to be provided by county
- Town emergency essential personnel to remain on duty and available during the duration of the State of Emergency
- Execution of Town of Kure Beach Emergency Operations Plan is effective immediately with all persons, businesses and emergency management personnel within the Town limits ordered to comply with the plan
- All Kure Beach officials are to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this Declaration

MOTION – MPT Heglar made the motion to adopt the State of Emergency effective retroactively to 11 am on Monday, September 11, 2018

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous

MPT Heglar said there will be a 9 am meeting with Department Heads Tuesday morning.

MOTION – MPT Heglar motioned at 8:30 pm to continue this meeting to 9 am Tuesday, September 11, 2018

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous



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CONTINUED MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AT 9:00 AM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery
Building Inspector – John Batson
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Mayor Bloszinsky called the continued emergency meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Emergency Manager Heglar stated:

- Assume this is a category 4 hurricane arriving this Thursday morning
- The center moved north but we are well within the cone
- Tropical Storm force winds will begin Thursday morning
- Storm surge estimated at 4 – 6 feet which puts the wash line in the middle of the 2nd or 3rd row to Third Avenue
- Property owners on the 1st or 2nd row should not stay
- Expect 7 ½ inches of rain
- Will close beaches to swimming
- Recycling will not be picked up today due to impending storm

Department Heads reported:

- Town Clerk Avery reported town documents are being packed and relocated to off- site secure storage
- Building Inspector Batson made contact with damage assessment team to ensure all are ready
- Police Chief Bowden says 95% of officers are staying at Carolina Beach Police Department and two will remain on site in Kure
- Fire Chief Kennedy stated all lifeguard towers are off the beach and everything has been moved out of the storage shack



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- Public Works Director Mesimer said they will begin turning off water to the front row homes at two pm on Wednesday and the businesses on Thursday morning and they are ahead of schedule on all other prep
- Recreation Director Keely said all events have been cancelled and she has been helping Town Hall staff

Commissioner Oliver reported that he had spoken with the contractor for the facility construction project about securing the site and roofing today.

MOTION – At 9:45 am, Commissioner Oliver made the motion to continue the emergency meeting to Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9 am

SECOND – MPT Heglar

VOTE - Unanimous

CONTINUED EMERGENCY MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 9 AM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
 Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
 Commissioner Joseph Whitley
 Commissioner Allen Oliver
 Commissioner John Ellen (via telephone)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery
 Building Inspector – John Batson
 Police Chief – Mike Bowden
 Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
 Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
 Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
 Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer

Mayor Bloszinsky called the continued emergency meeting to order at 9 am.

Mayor Pro Tem Heglar stated:

- Hurricane/Tropical Storm Florence is moving very slowly and breaking to the right
- Expect Tropical Storm force winds Thursday - Saturday
- Citizens will need to be prepared to be in and stay in their homes by 8 pm tonight and stay on their property for the duration of the storm
- Expect landfall around 2 am on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from due east at possibly high tide



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MOTION – MPT Heglar made a motion to reschedule the regular Council meeting from Tuesday, September 18 to Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6 pm.

SECOND – Commissioner Oliver

VOTE – Unanimous

MOTION – MPT Heglar motioned to change the price of the decal at the bridge from \$15 to \$20

SECOND – Commissioner Oliver

VOTE – Unanimous

MOTION – MPT Heglar motioned to establish a curfew effective 9 pm tonight, Wednesday, September 12, 2018, unless evacuating

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous

MOTION – MPT Heglar motioned at 9:27 pm to continue this emergency Council meeting to Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 3 pm at the Fire Hall

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous

CONTINUED MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 AT 3 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen (via telephone)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery (via telephone)

Mayor Bloszinsky called the continued emergency meeting to order at 3 pm and requested Emergency Manager Heglar provide an updated status of Hurricane Florence, which follows:

- Still under 24 hour curfew
- Only 10% of the town has electricity
- Water levels are not increasing
- Water system has been depressurized so there is no boil advisory in effect
- The National Guard is coming to assist with the curfew
- The Town of Carolina Beach has significant water issues to manage
- The City of Wilmington is isolated



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- The County is concerned about the number of citizens that need food and shelter provisions
- There has been no looting in Kure Beach and Carolina Beach reports the same
- There are multiple properties with minimal damage
- There are three properties with significant damage
- The Town has executed manual gas pumping with cooperation of local business owner, so emergency personnel have necessary gas
- The Town has enough food and drink rations to feed emergency personnel
- Duke Energy is on site fixing power lines
- Public Works is doing excellent job managing storm water as well as can be expected with volume of water
- No places are open for returning citizens to get food or drink, so must emphasis that they have to bring it with them. There has been no power for three days, so any food will be spoiled.
- The Town facility construction site appears from the outside to have no damage

MOTION – MPT Heglar made the motion to continue the meeting to Monday, September 17, 2018 at 3 pm.

SECOND – Commissioner Oliver

VOTE - Unanimous

CONTINUED MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 3 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
 Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
 Commissioner Joseph Whitley
 Commissioner Allen Oliver
 Commissioner John Ellen (via telephone)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery (via telephone)

Mayor Bloszinsky called the continued emergency meeting to order at 3 pm and asked Emergency Manager Heglar for an update, which follows:

- Bridge was opened today at noon to allow citizens to go to their homes
- There will be a meeting with Town of Carolina Beach at 6 pm today to decide tomorrow’s plan of action
- Curfew is now from 8 pm to 6 am only
- Not all homes have power
- State of Emergency to continue



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MOTION – Commissioner Oliver motioned to continue the emergency meeting to 3 pm on Tuesday, September 18, 2018

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous

CONTINUED MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 3 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky

Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar

Commissioner Joseph Whitley

Commissioner Allen Oliver

Commissioner John Ellen (via telephone)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery (via telephone)

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

Commissioner Whitley stated:

- He and Building Inspector Batson rode the beach at low tide
- There are 6 – 8 foot drop offs
- A lot of outfalls were damaged
- Three buildings at Ocean Dunes were damaged
- One beach access near Ocean Front Park has stairs missing and has a 10 – 15 foot drop
- The beach took a battering
- Garbage will be picked up beginning Wednesday
- There is no internet
- Not many folks are in town

Mayor Bloszinsky said:

- Town Hall will open for full service on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 9 am
- The curfew in Kure Beach is lifted but the Town and Police will honor the curfew in New Hanover County of 8 pm to 6 am

MOTION - Commissioner Ellen motioned to end the State of Emergency effective 8 pm tonight, September 18, 2018

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous



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MOTION – Commissioner Oliver motioned to continue this emergency meeting to Thursday, September 19, 2018 at 3 pm

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous

CONTINUED EMERGENCY MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner John Ellen

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery (via telephone)

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

MOTION – Commissioner Whitley made the motion to excuse Commissioner Ellen from the meeting

SECOND – Commissioner Oliver

VOTE – Unanimous

Mayor Bloszinsky stated:

The Town and Police will continue to enforce the county curfew of 10 pm to 6 am
He will announce in the emergency alert that the Town lifted the State of Emergency and tell people to watch for county alerts

MOTION – Commissioner Whitley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 pm

SECOND – Mayor Pro Tem Heglar

VOTE - Unanimous

ATTEST:


Nancy Avery, Town Clerk


Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town’s website under government>council.