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**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.

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## 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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PAMELA J. MEGILL  
City Clerk

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Mayor

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