



MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MEETING AUGUST 28, 2023 7:00 P.M.

The City of Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners held a state of local emergency meeting due to Tropical Storm Idalia at 7:00 p.m. on August 28, 2023, in the Patricia Shontz Commission Chambers at City Hall, located at 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James “Jim” Rostek, Mayor
David Tagliarini, Commissioner District 1
Eddie McGeehen, Commissioner District 3

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Kerr, Vice Mayor/Commissioner District 2
Anne-Marie Brooks, Commissioner District 4

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Robin Gomez, City Manager
Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk
Thomas Trask, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rostek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan called the roll. Vice Mayor Kerr and Commissioner Brooks were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2023-10, Declaring a State of Local Emergency for Madeira Beach due to Tropical Storm Idalia

City Attorney Tom Trask read Resolution 2023-10 by title only.

RESOLUTION 2023-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR MADEIRA BEACH DUE TO TROPICAL STORM IDALIA AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE PEOPLE AND PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Mayor Rostek opened to public comment.

The City Manager said they have been working throughout the day preparing for the storm. Pinellas County issued an evacuation order effective at 7:00 p.m. today. A few hundred calls have been received today regarding sandbags and re-entry passes, which they have been providing. City Hall will be open tomorrow from 7:30 a.m. to noon. For anybody still searching for sandbags, sand is available at the City's marina public works yard just off 150th before crossing onto the bridge. They will be providing re-entry passes at City Hall to residents and businesses. They are not sure if access to the Island will be restricted. It will be up to the Sheriff and the county if and when they should decide to restrict the access and if there is any order for remaining personnel on the Island to be evacuated from the Island. They will know more when the storm approaches tomorrow and they are prepared for its arrival the best they can.

Commissioner Tagliarini motioned to pass Resolution 2023-10, Declaring a State of Local Emergency for Madeira Beach due to Tropical Storm Idalia. Commissioner McGeehen seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Tagliarini	“YES”
Commissioner McGeehen	“YES”
Mayor Rostek	“YES”

Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Rostek urged everyone to please watch the weather forecast and heed the warnings from their professionals. There may come a time when it is unsafe to send emergency responders out to anyone that elected not to evacuate the City although they are under that evacuation order. When evacuating, be sure to take your medicines, and enough food and water because depending on where you go, those areas may also be affected.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rostek adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Clara VanBlargan, MMC, MSM, City Clerk


James “Jim” Rostek, Mayor

