

**TOWN OF ASTATULA
MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**



**EMERGENCY SESSION
AUGUST 29, 2023
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mack called the Emergency Session meeting to order at 5:36pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mitchell Mack, Mayor
Stephen Cross, Vice-Mayor
Gayle Sikkema
Zane Teeters

Absent:

Orita Issartel

Staff Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Wally Hoagland, Police Chief

Roll Call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

There were no questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2023-19 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF ASTATULA.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY BECAUSE OF HURRICANE IAN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO TAKE WHATEVER PRUDENT ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a) of the Florida Statutes, the Legislature has empowered the Town to declare a state of local emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:

- A. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- B. Entering into contracts;
- C. Incurring obligations;
- D. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- E. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- F. Rental of Equipment;

- G. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
- H. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to take whatever prudent actions that may be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and residents of the Town while the state of emergency exists, including but not limited to the following:

- A. To order evacuations;
- B. To declare curfews;
- C. To declare certain areas of the Town accessible only under specified conditions;
- D. To prohibit the sale of merchandise, goods or services at more than the normal average retail price;
- E. To implement emergency procurement procedures;
- F. To suspend or regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages, explosive or combustibles;
- G. To restrict water usage;
- H. To suspend local building regulations;
- I. To ration fuel, ice and other essentials;
- J. To temporarily modify personnel policies; and,
- K. To temporarily suspend or modify utility rates, fees, charges, billing termination, and/or service policies set by ordinance or resolution.

Vice-Mayor Cross made a motion to read the resolution by title only; seconded by Councilman Teeters and unanimously approved. The Mayor read the title.

MOTION by Vice-Mayor Cross to approve Resolution 2023-19; SECONDED by Councilwoman Sikkema.

A Roll Call vote was taken.


Cross YES
Teeters YES
Sikkema YES
Mack YES

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk

