

**CITY OF MIRAMAR
PROPOSED CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: July 8, 2020

Presenter's Name and Title: Romeo Lavarias, Emergency Management Manager

Prepared By: Shalima Mohamed, Senior Management Administrator

Temp. Reso. Number: 7222

Item Description: Temp. Reso. No. 7222 EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE IN THE COUNTYWIDE STAFFING EFFORTS AT SHELTERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DURING HURRICANE SEASON. (Emergency Management Manager Romeo Lavarias)

Consent ☐ Resolution ☒ Ordinance ☐ Quasi-Judicial ☐ Public Hearing ☐

Instructions for the Office of the City Clerk: None

Public Notice – As required by the Sec. ____ of the City Code and/or Sec. ____, Florida Statutes, public notice for this item was provided as follows: on _____ in a _____ ad in the _____; by the posting the property on _____ and/or by sending mailed notice to property owners within ____ feet of the property on _____ (fill in all that apply)

Special Voting Requirement – As required by Sec. _____, of the City Code and/or Sec. _____, Florida Statutes, approval of this item requires a _____ (unanimous, 4/5ths etc.) vote by the City Commission.

Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒

REMARKS: The City will assume no fiscal responsibilities as the County will provide funds for the 12.5% match required by FEMA, in addition to paying for all associated training costs involved with preparing employees for shelter operations.

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**CITY OF MIRAMAR
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, & City Commissioners

FROM: Vernon E. Hargray, City Manager *[Signature]*

BY: Robert E. Palmer, Fire-Rescue Chief

DATE: July 1, 2020

RE: Temp. Reso. No. 7222 Confirming the City of Miramar's support of Broward County in its efforts to provide adequate hurricane shelter staffing

RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager recommends approval of Temp. Reso. No. 7222, confirming the City of Miramar's support of Broward County in its efforts to provide adequate staff to ensure for the safe and efficient operation of shelters required to protect Broward County residents in the event of a hurricane.

ISSUE: Emergency shelter staffing was previously provided to Broward County through an arrangement with the American Red Cross ("ARC"). The ARC is no longer providing this function and a comprehensive emergency shelter staffing program does not currently exist in Broward County. Broward County has requested the support of municipalities in developing and supporting a new shelter staffing program.

BACKGROUND: Over the past year, Broward County, the School Board, and Broward municipalities have discussed options to provide shelter staffing solutions subsequent to the discontinuation of the services by the ARC. All parties understand that in the event of a hurricane or other emergency, cities are primarily focused on assembling essential personnel to prepare for and respond to the emergency; however, other general employees, not engaged in emergency operations, may be available to help bridge the gap for shelter staffing. The County is asking that these employees be identified, trained and ready to respond to shelters if they are needed.

DISCUSSION: The need for adequate staffing of emergency shelters in Broward County is a critical component of protecting our communities during a disaster. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, has advised that the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season

will be "above-normal". The State of Florida and Broward County are in the typical pathway of Atlantic hurricanes and should prepare for a worse-case scenario incident.

Broward County Public Schools have systematically been used for shelters, including schools within the City of Miramar. It is imperative that the City of Miramar and surrounding areas are prepared to accept residents in the event shelters are needed due to an impending hurricane or other emergency.

ANALYSIS: Broward County assumed the responsibility of providing shelters to its residents during emergencies after ARC and FEMA decided to no longer provide support shelters operations. Consequently, Broward County Administrator issued a request to all County municipalities for assistance with staffing its shelters. Administration recommends offering 18.5 non-essential employees to support the shelters in 2020. The 18.5 employees are in addition to public safety personnel already assigned to support Miramar shelters.

The City will assume no fiscal responsibilities as the County will provide funds for the 12.5% match required by FEMA, in addition to paying for all associated training costs involved with preparing employees for shelter operations.

The City of Miramar is prepared to accommodate the County Administrator's request as there will be no fiscal impact and the City will be able to provide the non-essential workforce required to operate the shelters effectively and safely.

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**CITY OF MIRAMAR
MIRAMAR, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE IN THE COUNTYWIDE STAFFING EFFORTS AT SHELTERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DURING HURRICANE SEASON; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miramar ("City") acknowledges the importance of an effective sheltering system for the mutual benefit of all communities; and

WHEREAS, that Broward County ("County") has requested the support of municipalities for staffing these shelters in the event of an emergency during Hurricane Season; and

WHEREAS, the City expresses its support of efforts to develop a comprehensive shelter staffing framework from the County that meets all FEMA requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miramar understands the importance of intergovernmental relationships and towards that end expresses its support and solidarity with Broward County in its effort to provide adequate shelter for Broward County residents before, during, and after a Hurricane Event.

WHEREAS, the City Commission approves and authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") with Broward County in support of Hurricane Shelter staffing; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission.

Section 2: In accepting the recommendation of City staff, the City Commission of the City of Miramar, Florida, hereby expresses its support for the municipal assistance in the countywide staffing efforts at Hurricane Shelters.

Section 3: The City Commission of the City of Miramar hereby approves and authorizes the City Administration to support Broward County in its efforts to provide adequate staff for the safe and efficient operation of shelters required to protect Broward County residents in the event of a hurricane.

Section 4: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered eliminated and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6: That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and expedient in order to carry out the aims of this Resolution.

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Section 7: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mayor, Wayne M. Messam

Vice Mayor, Maxwell B. Chambers

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Denise A. Gibbs

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have approved
this RESOLUTION as to form:

City Attorney,
Austin Pamies Norris Weeks Powell, PLLC

Requested by Administration

Commissioner Winston F. Barnes

Vice Mayor Maxwell B. Chambers

Commissioner Yvette Colbourne

Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis

Mayor Wayne M. Messam

Voted

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