

**CITY OF CENTRAL**  
**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING**  
**Central City Hall**  
**13421 Hooper Road, Suite 8**  
**Central, LA 70818**

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**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

**12:00 Noon**

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**I. Preliminary Business**

- 1) Call to Order – *Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.*
- 2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call – *Present: Council Members Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, and Vance*  
*Absent: None*

**II. New Business**

- 1) Public Hearing and action regarding the following:
  - a. Debris Removal, Debris Removal Monitoring, and Damage Assessment Contracts

*Council Member Ellis moved to add the debris removal monitoring and damage assessment contracts to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

*Council Member Ellis moved to authorize the Mayor of the City of Central to enter into contracts regarding debris removal, debris removal monitoring, and damage assessment of the City and to appropriate sufficient funds to pay those contracts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fralick. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

- b. Emergency Funds

*Council Member Ellis moved to add the appropriation of emergency funds to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

*Council Member Evans moved to authorize the Mayor of the City of Central to expend emergency daily funds, the total of which is not to exceed \$25,000.00, for expenses related to the flood. These funds and use of the funds will be tracked in detail. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ellis. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

## c. IBTS Emergency Status

*Council Member Ellis moved to add allowing IBTS to operate in emergency status to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

*Council Member Evans moved to allow IBTS to operate in emergency status. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vance. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

## d. Discussion regarding setting up a process in which citizens who lost their vehicles in the flood will be rebated in taxes.

*Discussion, no items voted on.*

## e. Flood Related Permits

*Council Member Ellis moved to add the waiver of the fees for permits directly related to the August 2016 flood to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

*Council Member Evans moved to waive the fees for permits directly related to this flood event when the homeowner can present an active insurance claim or FEMA claim number during the permit process. The City of Central will reimburse IBTS at the rate of 50% for the waived flood related permit fees upon adequate proof that the property was in fact affected by the flood. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vance. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

## f. Sales Tax Exemption Request

*Council Member Ellis moved to add the consideration of a resolution to request that the State implement a sales tax exemption for materials related to recovery from the flood to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

*Council Member Evans moved that the Council consider a resolution to request that the Mayor of the City of Central request that the State of Louisiana implement a sales tax exemption for materials related to recovery from the flood of August 2016 for a time to be determined by the State and to cover materials to be determined by the State. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ellis. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

## g. Emergency Recreational Vehicles

*Council Member Ellis moved to add a suspension of Section 16.2, Section H, Subsection 6A of the Comprehensive Zoning Code to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.*

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	<p><i>Council Member Evans moved to suspend Section 16.2, Section H, Subsection 6A of the Comprehensive Zoning Code to allow living in recreational vehicles for a period of 60 days. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ellis. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.</i></p>	
h.	Infrastructure	
	<p><i>Discussion, no vote items.</i></p>	
i.	Curfew	
	<p><i>Discussion, no vote items.</i></p>	
j.	Debris Removal	
	<p><i>Council Member Ellis moved to add an ordinance regarding debris removal on private property to the agenda for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evans. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Council Member Fralick moved to enact an ordinance to recognize that removal of the debris currently in the City as a result of the August 2016 flood is in the public interest, as it is necessary to eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety and to ensure economic recovery of the affected community to the benefit of the community at large; to allow for right-of-entry for these purposes, including allowing the City to enter the private land for debris removal; and to suspend any notice and hearing requirements found in existing ordinances in order to respond to the immediate need for action and the difficulty in locating property owners in the City, as the obtaining of waivers prior to commencement of work from all City citizens is not possible given the widespread nature of this disaster, people having to relocate to other areas, and the fact that we estimate the majority of the City of Central was affected by the disaster. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vance.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Council Member Vance moved to amend the ordinance to clarify that this does not include the demolition of structures. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fralick. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Council Member Fralick moved to approve this ordinance with the amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vance. Vote: 5 yeas (Ellis, Evans, Fralick, Messina, Vance), 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion passed.</i></p>	

**III. Adjourn**

*Council Member Messina made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.*

I. M. Shelton, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Miley, City Clerk

NOTE: Pursuant to the requirements of La. R.S. 42:19, no matter may be discussed by the Central City Council unless it appears on the agenda published at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting unless the members of the council vote unanimously to take up the matter.