



City of Palm Bay Announces Plans to Fundraise for Hurricane Maria Relief

Palm Bay - Following the disastrous impacts of Hurricane Maria on the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Palm Bay City Council has elected to make use of the existing Palm Bay Municipal Foundation, Inc., 501(c)(3), to oversee charitable giving by the City of Palm Bay. A Special Meeting of the Palm Bay Municipal Foundation was held to consider Resolution No. 2017-01 following the Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday night, October 3rd, 2017. The passage of Resolution No. 2017-01 established a subcommittee under the Palm Bay Municipal Foundation known as the Disaster Relief Committee Executive Board.

Presided over by Mayor William Capote, the newly formed Disaster Relief Committee Executive Board is intended to serve as a conduit so that citizens and City employees can help those affected by local, national and international disasters and tragedies. The City will work with the Disaster Relief Committee Executive Board to collect money to be distributed to non-profit, charitable and relief organizations. All funds raised and disbursed through the Executive Board will be reported to the Palm Bay Municipal Foundation and kept on record.

Councilmembers also determined the composition of the Executive Board at the Special Meeting. The Executive Board of the Disaster Relief Committee will be made up of five individuals. Palm Bay Mayor William Capote currently serves as President of the Palm Bay Municipal Foundation and will also serve as Chair of the Executive Board. Four members of the public will be named as Board members, with preference for one of the positions going to a member of the clergy. All members of the Board will serve a term of two years upon application and approval, and may serve unlimited consecutive terms. A member of the City Attorney's Office will serve as the Executive Board's legal advisor and a member of the City Clerk's Office will be appointed as Secretary to the Board.

"I'm glad that the residents of Palm Bay are working together in a humanitarian effort to help our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico.", said Mayor William Capote.

The City of Palm Bay wishes to help the people of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to recover and rebuild following the impacts of Hurricane Maria. The Palm Bay Municipal Foundation's Disaster Relief Committee Executive Board will begin working immediately to provide relief and supplies to those affected by the historic storm. Residents and City employees who wish to give to this cause can go to www.pbfl.org/donate to visit our donation and information page online.

"Your heartfelt charity is most appreciated and a warm reminder of the goodwill we have toward one another and the light we can shine in the darkest hour. Thank you and God bless!", said Harry Santiago Jr., Deputy Mayor of the City of Palm Bay