



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 20-00593

City Council

9/21/2020

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

EXTENSION OF MAYORAL DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE SALLY

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the Mayor's request for an extension of the Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Sally until the Council meeting scheduled for October 22, 2020.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On September 14, 2020, Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV, declared a state of emergency as a result and consequence of the threat to the public health, safety, welfare, and property, both public and private, in the City of Pensacola from Tropical Storm Sally. Within a couple of hours of that declaration, the storm became Hurricane Sally. Escambia County declared a state of emergency for Hurricane Sally later on September 14, and the State of Florida declared a state of emergency for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in the evening of September 14, 2020. Because there was no county or state declaration of emergency at the time the City declared an emergency, pursuant to section 252.38, F.S., the City's state of emergency is scheduled to expire in seven (7) days, September 21, 2020.

Pursuant to section 2-4-8, the Mayor's exercise of authority may be extended for a period of thirty (30) days following the declaration of a state of emergency unless extended or shortened by the action of the city council. Considering the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Sally and in order to continue responding to emergency issues, staff recommends that these emergency powers be extended until the Council meeting scheduled for October 22, 2020.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 14, 2020 - the Mayor declared a state of emergency for the City effective at 11:00 a.m. due to Tropical Storm Sally

September 14, 2020 - Tropical Storm Sally strengthened into a Category One hurricane and Escambia County declared a state of emergency effective 1:00 p.m.

September 14, 2020 - about 6:00 p.m., Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-224, declaring a state of emergency for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties

September 15, 2020 - Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-225, amending EO 20-224 and adding additional counties in the Florida panhandle to the state of emergency

September 16, 2020 - Hurricane Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores, Alabama as a Category Two hurricane

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

9/17/2020

STAFF CONTACT:

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) City of Pensacola State of Emergency 20-04
- 2) Escambia County Resolution 2020-124
- 3) Executive Order 20-224

PRESENTATION: No