

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
PALM BAY MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Held on Monday, the 22nd day of May 2023, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESIDENT:	Rob Medina	Present
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Donny Felix	Present
DIRECTOR:	Kenny Johnson	Present
DIRECTOR:	Randy Foster	Absent
DIRECTOR:	Vacant	Present
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	Suzanne Sherman	Present
REGISTERED AGENT:	Rodney Edwards	Present
SECRETARY:	Terri Lefler	Present

CITY STAFF: Larry Wojciechowski, Treasurer

BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of donating Disaster Relief funding to three (3) organizations: 1) Samaritan's Purse; 2) Syrian-American Medical Society Foundation; and 3) Center for Disaster Philanthropy, in the total amount of \$1,500 (\$500 per organization) for assistance towards the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake efforts.

Vice-President Felix presented the item to the Palm Bay Municipal Foundation (Foundation). He said that thousands of people lost their lives and that there were millions of dollars in infrastructure loss due to the earthquakes that struck the areas of Turkey and Syria on February 6, 2023. He advised that the Disaster Relief Committee (Committee) unanimously voted to recommend to the Foundation a donation to three (3) organizations: 1) Samaritan's Purse; 2) Syrian-American Medical Society Foundation; and 3) Center for Disaster Philanthropy, in the total amount of \$1,500 (\$500 per organization) for assistance towards the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake efforts. Vice-President Felix recognized Jimmy Backus, member of the Committee.

Mr. Johnson stated that he reviewed the organizations and was in support of moving forward with the Committee's recommendation. President Medina inquired as to the amount of the last donation made to Samaritan's Purse. Mr. Wojciechowski advised that, through Samaritan's Purse, \$2,000 was donated for relief efforts from Hurricane Ian in southwest Florida in November 2022. President Medina asked the date and amount of the last funding deposited to the Committee's account. Mr. Wojciechowski advised that

\$940.50 was deposited in July 2022 from the Independence Day event VIP parking. President Medina expressed concern with depleting the Committee's funding. Vice-President Felix mentioned the price increase for the Independence Day VIP parking tickets for 2023 event, which would bring additional monies to the Committee's account. President Medina stated that even though donating monies nationally and internationally was allowed through the resolution, he preferred that the Foundation's primary goal be to save funding in order to have a readily available resource to help people impacted locally when a disaster were to affect the local area(s).

Mr. Johnson asked if President Medina wanted to reduce the number of organizations on the recommendation. President Medina said he wanted to be cautious moving forward but would yield to the Committee's and Foundation's recommendations on this item. He said his main goal was to build a nest egg and suggested dropping the donation amount to \$1,000, split between the three (3) organizations. Mr. Johnson stated that he was flexible but acknowledged the Committee's recommendation of \$1,500. He said that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had assisted the City with past disasters and the recommended organizations did not receive funding from FEMA.

Vice-President Felix mentioned that staff had proposed a few fundraising ideas, such as a daddy/daughter dance, that would potentially bring additional funding into the Committee's account. He asked Ms. Sherman for the time frame of any of the proposed events. Ms. Sherman said she would communicate with staff as to the planning stages in Fiscal Year 2024. Vice-President Felix wanted to honor the \$1,500 donation, split evenly, as proposed by the Committee. He said that he would relay the information and concerns discussed by the Foundation to the Committee at their next regular meeting.

Mr. Backus felt a \$1,500 donation was reasonable. He said that it was not too much, and the monies would let them know that Palm Bay extended its hand and cared about them.

Motion by Vice-President Felix, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to donate Disaster Relief funding to three (3) organizations: 1) Samaritan's Purse; 2) Syrian-American Medical Society Foundation; and 3) Center for Disaster Philanthropy, in the total amount of \$1,500 (\$500 per organization) for assistance towards the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake efforts. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mr. Medina, Yea; Mr. Felix, Yea; Mr. Johnson, Yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:15 P.M.