**City of Myrtle Beach Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Public Meeting #1**

**June 3, 2020, 2:00PM to 4:00PM**

**Pre-recorded Facebook Posting**

Margaret Walton, Project Manager for the consultant, Atkins opened up the session with the agenda and provided an introduction for the company and herself. The agenda consisted of the following items:

* Overview of Mitigation
* Project Overview
  + Project Schedule
  + Planning Process
  + Risk Assessment
  + Mitigation Strategy
* Next Steps
* Questions/Concerns

Ms. Walton explained the governance behind mitigation and the Disaster Mitigation Act that implemented it and the associated funding sources. She also provided examples of mitigation and then outlined the key objectives for the project:

* Update the Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Plan for Myrtle Beach
* Maintain mitigation funding and grant eligibility
* Identify potential projects
* Increase public awareness and education
* Maintain compliance with State and Federal requirements
* Maintain current Community Rating System (CRS) status

A brief description on the benefits of the Community Rating System was given regarding the discounts for the flood insurance premiums for policy holders. This was followed by the project tasks of the planning process, risk assessment, capability assessment, mitigation strategy, plan maintenance, and associated documentation of the entire project. The meeting schedule was shared, and another public meeting was said to be expected in October following the draft plan dissemination for review.

Ms. Walton discussed the components of the planning process and moved into the risk assessment by noting the hazards currently in the plan. She then asked listeners/watchers to think about the problems in the community of Myrtle Beach and the hazards associated with them as well as potential solutions that could be implemented. Ms. Walton described the capability assessment and how it would build upon the risk assessment for the City to develop the mitigation strategy for the community that could potentially be categorized in one of the six mitigation categories.

Following, the overview of the mitigation categories, Ms. Walton discussed the preferred public involvement and how individuals could learn more through the project website and how they could take a public participation survey. Participants were asked to sign in and participate in future meetings that would be posted on the website. Ms. Walton’s contact information was shared for individuals with questions or concerns.