

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012**

Mayor Ruane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ruane gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Ruane, Councilman Congress and Councilman Jennings.
Vice Mayor Denham and Councilman were absent.

Kenneth Cuyler, City Attorney advised Mayor Ruane that a motion was needed to excuse Vice Mayor Denham and Councilman Harranty.

Mayor Ruane moved, seconded by Councilman Congress, to excuse Vice Mayor Denham and Councilman Harranty.

The motion carried.

Staff Update on Tropical Storm/Hurricane Isaac

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the following:

- Declare a local emergency if necessary
- Hoping to meeting Sunday morning
- After recent call with Lee County called meeting
- Meet with partners Friday, August 24, 2012
- Public Works fueled vehicles
- East end weir opened noon to 5:00 p. m.
- All City construction sites buttoned down
- Essential employees on standby for Sunday at 6:00 p.m. or earlier if needed
- Removed shade structures at Recreation facilities and ballfield net
- Recreation Center closed on Sunday
- Employees removing deck furniture
- Visited private sector construction sites and revisited today
- Lowered all newspaper boxes at Lighthouse Beach
- Brought in private sector port-a-johns
- Finance distributed FEMA
- City Hall open today and tomorrow with admin staff sleeping at City Hall as necessary Sunday
- Building Department would have one person on-site
- MIS equipped off-island Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Police Department holding one shift over tomorrow and bringing in a second shift early and would be sleeping on site

- Police Department open with extended hours to issue hurricane passes

Chief Tomlinson spoke to the following:

- Tropical Storm warning issued by the National Hurricane Center
- Expecting to see a northeasterly wind gusts up to 20 m.p.h.
- Would see weather bands with up to 8 inches of rain
- Have a better idea after 1100 p.m.
- 2:00 a.m. hurricane hunters to fly through the storm
- Next update at 5:00 a.m.
- Lee County to make an announcement of some evacuations of barrier islands
- 30% chance of worst case scenario 5 to 7 foot storm surge
- Storm shifted slightly to the west

Discussion regarding using reverse 911 to inform residents of any evacuation, would there be a Council meeting tomorrow, Ms. Zimomra noted it would depend on the next report and plan for the worst and hope for the best.

**Discussion regarding Tropical Storm/Hurricane Isaac related legislation
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION 12-082 OF THE CITY OF
SANIBEL DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AS
EFFECTIVE DATE**

Update of Lee County Emergency Operations Center information including, but not limited to potential flooding, wind, evacuation of low lying areas, storm surge and etc.

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Proclamation/Resolution 12-082.

Mayor Ruane moved, seconded by Councilman Congress, to adopt Proclamation/Resolution 12-082.

Mr. Cuyler explained that the State of Florida and Lee County Local State of Emergencies. He further noted that the date of the Lee County Local State of Emergency was included in Proclamation/Resolution 12-082.

Ms. Zimomra advised that the Lee County EOC was activated and the City liaison was present and would stay through the duration of the storm.

Public Comment

Bob Bowling asked about the effectiveness of information provided and weather conditions relative to church services Sunday, August 26, 2012.

Mr. Cuyler noted the State of Local Emergency had been declared and Lee County EOC had not given further direction regarding weather conditions Sunday morning.

Ms. Zimomra noted that tropical storm winds were expected at this time 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Cuyler advised that in light of two Councilmembers being out of town, as motion should be made for the Mayor to act as a quorum if necessary under the Charter.

Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Congress, to give Mayor Ruane the authority to act as a quorum if necessary as necessary per the Sanibel Code.

The motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilman Congress asked if there was any communication with Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC).

Ms. Zimomra answered that LCEC was on island Friday due to upgrading the system and button down the temporary line stabilized before the storm and would have their phone lines open.

Discussion ensued regarding a resident going off-island for dialysis and Ms. Zimomra asked for their number to assist with Special Needs Shelter. She further stated that toll employees would be leaving and Lee County thought about putting up electronic signs, but thought it not a good idea due to winds.

Mayor Ruane spoke to numerous discussions with the City Manager and Police Chief regarding the impending storm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julia Guernsey
Acting City Clerk