

**CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2005**

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Denham, Councilman Brown, Councilman Jennings and Councilman Rothman

Councilman Jennings gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:
None.

Update and Recommendation from Chief Tomlinson regarding Hurricane Wilma

Ms. Zimomra gave the following report:

- City staff monitoring Hurricane Wilma
- Put in place new steps that were learned from last year
- All vacations have been suspended
- Equipment in good repair
- Topped off for fuel
- Check list for sewer stations completed
- Purchasing 2 generators
- Flyover of the island was completed this afternoon

Chief Tomlinson gave the following report:

- Currently Hurricane Wilma a Category 5
- Headed WNW
- Based on current forecast affecting Sanibel Saturday afternoon
- Feel affect approximately 11:30 a. m, Saturday, October 22
- Special Needs Shelter open by 3:00p.m., Thursday, October 20
- Special needs persons should evacuate
- County to open up 12 shelters
- Recommend adoption of Resolution 05-152 and 05-153

Discussion ensued regarding special needs shelter, the need to pre-register for Special Needs, County would announce Special Needs, garbage schedule would be followed as scheduled, recent models show that the hurricane may not come to southwest Florida, and Chief Tomlinson stated that there was no consensus that the storm was not coming to Sanibel, but be prudent in decisions, stay consistent with the message that Lee County was producing, discussion of evacuation by Council Thursday, October 20, schedule a 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting, Council agreed by consensus, Special Needs Program had been publicized for the community, provisions for transportation, an emergency ambulance service contract coming before Council, not establishing a bus service, ambulance used as a last resort, and voluntary evacuation.

Ms. Zimomra explained that there would be extra dumpsters for residents to use and clean their refrigerator. She also spoke to the Special Needs population and the long process to be approved to go to a Special Needs shelter. She further advised that City Hall would be open Thursday and Friday.

Public Comment:
David Berger asked when the roads would be closed.

Chief Tomlinson stated that the roads would not be closed.

Dr. Palsferfer spoke to the Special Needs patients and was there a provision for their needs.

Chief Tomlinson stated that the Special Needs Shelter was full and the program was run by Lee County.

Ms. Zimomra stated that if Dr. Palsferfer knew of particular Special Needs patients please stay after the meeting. She further stated that the City would help if necessary.

Council asked when the clinic would be closed and Dr. Palsferfer answered he did not know.

Discussion ensued regarding residents having a personal hurricane plan.

Louise Johnson spoke to if a mandatory evacuation was called on Thursday evening for Friday morning when would the shelters be open. She also spoke to debris on the roadside. She asked if large vehicles would be prohibited on the roads.

Ms. Zimomra stated that Lee County would announce when the shelters were open. She also stated that there was nothing left to be picked-up from last year's hurricane season.

Chief Tomlinson noted that no vehicle would be prohibited from City roads.

Discussion ensued regarding large piles of debris on West Gulf Drive, when high tide would be coming in, higher than normal tide, Causeway contractor made preparations and Gates Castle, Public Works Director stated that Paul Wingard, Deputy Lee County Department of Transportation Director stated the Causeway contractor started removing equipment Tuesday, and gas was scheduled for delivery Hess around midnight.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 05-152 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-512.

Councilman Rothman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings

The motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 05-153 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL DECLARING A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-153.

Councilman Rothman made the motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to adopt Resolution 05-153.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to approve the following contracts:

Approval of an emergency contract with Bailey's General Store to supply surplus perishable and non-perishable supplies and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Approval of an emergency contract with Jerry's to supply surplus perishable and non-perishable supplies and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract

Approval of an emergency contract with Forever Green Ace Hardware for supplies and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract

Approval of an emergency contract with Soon Come for the use of heavy equipment and authorize City Manager to execute the contract

Approval of an emergency contract with Soon Come Hauling, Inc. for dumpster service for debris removal and authorize City Manager to execute the contract

Approval of an emergency contract with Island Condo Maintenance, Inc. for the repair and blade sharpening of chain saws

Approval of an emergency contract with Billy's Tractor Service for tree removal and authorizes the City Manager to execute the contract

Approval of an emergency contract with Advanced Quality Transportation, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk