

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL (EMERGENCY) MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2005**

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:30 p. m.

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

Vice Mayor Denham gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Status Report regarding Hurricane Wilma:

Chief Tomlinson gave the following report:

Ms. Zimomra stated the following:

- Collier County called for a evacuation
- Ft. Myers Beach called for an evacuation Noon, Saturday, October 22, 2005
- Staff would be going door to door Saturday, October 22, 2005 regarding evacuation information

Discussion ensued regarding the City's hurricane hotline get for information 1-800-933-6093, providing generator for Bell Tower in case electricity goes out, City Hall open at Bell Tower at 9:00 a. m. Saturday October 22, 2005, stress level high, mandatory evacuation released by Lee County after consensus from municipalities, hurricane passes released on a case by case basis if the requester was not a property owner, storm surge contingent on the path of the storm, staff had made contact with all 26 Special Needs persons and all have made arrangements or have left the island, staff would be going door to door Saturday, October 22, 2005, the City had a contract for an EMS services if the need arises for use, activate the new recreation van to transport residents to a shelter if necessary, CHR making certain that residents would have transportation to shelters.

Mr. Cuyler stated that staff wanted the public understand that there was no reason to think that there would be a mandatory evacuation.

Ms. Zimomra that the Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Development Council (TDC) would reach out to tourists. She explained that the door-to-door would be completed by staff with the help of the City's safety inspection team beginning at 8:00 a. m., Saturday, October 22, 2005 meeting in MacKenzie Hall for team dispersement.

A PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 05-154 RELATING TO THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE CITY OF SANIBEL; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION ON SALE, POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, EXCEPT ON ONE'S OWN PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY EVACUATION; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR AREA EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-154.

Mr. Cuyler explained the following:

- The governors executive order
- The above-mentioned resolution and operative provisions
 - Prohibition, sale and consumption of alcohol effective Saturday, October 22 at 12Noon and would remain in force for 7 days
 - Section 2 declaration of mandatory evacuation Saturday, October 22 at 12Noon
 - Provides penalties for violators

- Penalty section indicates that there were a number of ways to deal with violators
- Not establishing a curfew

Discussion ensued regarding transporting alcohol, would not affect residents, reverse 911 would be used, measures used for unlawful entry, reentry would not be allowed and there would be increased security, and police department would address boating infringements of the waters,

Ms. Zimomra spoke to evacuating and re-entry. She stated that the goal of staff was to return to the island as soon as possible. She further spoke to the re-entry phase, lessons learned from other communities and there being the possibility of certain areas within the City that may need to be secured depending upon the path of the storm.

Chief Tomlinson spoke to staff sending a strong message for evacuation and hope residents would heed the messages/warnings. He further spoke to staff having no plans to having residents sign a form if they decide no to leave the island that would not hold the City responsible, options to take action, and that didn't mean it would become necessary.

Mr. Cuyler stated that staff was trying to reach the segment of people that stayed on the island during Hurricane Charley not realizing how bad a hurricane could be. He further stated that if a person stayed on the island and there was an emergency services it was possible that there would be no emergency services during the height of the storm and if residents wanted to stay it was their right.

Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department not looking to arrest anyone, but to send a strong message, the Police Department having a limited staff and focusing on storm surge education.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to adopt Resolution 05-154.

Public Comment:

Matt Ason asked if there was mandatory evacuation could residents return to the island.

Chief Tomlinson answered yes. He stated the primary concern was that residents had further to go to find a place to stay due to the amount of construction personnel still in Lee County due to the 2004 hurricane season, how long it would take to evacuate and if residents wait it would put residents at risk.

Ms. Zimomra advised that staff received a phone call from the Lee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on the following:

- Southern half of Lee County being at greater risk
- Low lying areas and the barrier island (Sanibel/Captiva) at risk
- Heavy traffic already on I-75
- Last year residents need help preparing

Mr. Cuyler stated that if the storm turns it would speed up.

Billy Kirkland asked if employees would be able to come back on the island to help prepare.

Chief Tomlinson stated at that at noon re-entry would be restricted.

Steve Greenstein spoke to the following:

- Statewide accommodations and the number of 888-231-6018
- Chamber working with City to work with foreign visitors for information
- Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau can be contacted by foreign visitors for more information: 338-3500

He further asked about the implementation of a curfew, and Ms. Zimomra responded that the other Lee County municipalities wanted to establish a blanket curfew for all communities.

Doug Congress asked when causeway would close due to high winds.

Chief Tomlinson advised the Causeway would not officially close, but that the high wind would determine how unsafe it would be for vehicles to cross the Causeway.

Discussion ensued regarding what would happen if the bridge(s) would fail after storm, and Chief Tomlinson advised that a barge company was in place for emergency workers to return to island and then residents would be allowed to return after emergency workers, and barging vehicles.

Chief Danny Duncan, Assistant Sanibel Fire Chief spoke to the need to evacuate.

Roger Blind, Executive Director Island Water Association (IWA) spoke and advised that he would stay on the island and keep the water on as long as would be safe.

Matt Asen asked if the hurricane goes south and does not damage much, how quickly residents would be allowed to return to the island.

Chief advised as soon as the island a determined safe and staff had no intention of keeping residents off the island. He further spoke to the first priority being the safety of residents. He also advised that when leaving the island residents needed to turn housebreakers off.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to adopt Resolution 05-154.

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk