

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL (EMERGENCY) MEETING  
OCTOBER 23 2005**

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 12:32 p. m.

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

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to excuse Councilman Jennings.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Zimomra gave the following report:

- Hurricane force winds expected within 24 hours
- Between 8:00 a. m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday, 24, 2005
- Hurricane Wilma located 375 miles from Sanibel
- Currently sustained winds were at 100 m. p. h.
- Evacuation went very smooth
- City Hall phones were rolled over to Bell Tower
- Very few emergency calls

Chief Tomlinson spoke to resident and visitor compliance with the evacuation order.

Public Comment:  
None.

**RESOLUTION 05-155 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL DECLARING A CURFEW EXCEPT FOR THOSE PERSONS EVACUATING THE ISLAND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-155.

Mr. Cuyler explained the curfew would be in affect until rescinded in writing or by Resolution and would be between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a. m. He further explained that upon conviction of breaking the curfew the fine would be \$500.00.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-155.

Public Comment:  
Helen Taylor spoke to the problems of boats approaching the island and Chief Tomlinson answered that the Police Department would be monitoring the waters.

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Jennings excused.

Discussion ensued regarding giving emergency powers to the City Manager and Chief Of Police during Hurricane Charley and the need to give those same powers during Hurricane Wilma.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to designate the City Manager and Chief of Police absolute power of authority during the State of Local Emergency.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion, Mr. Cuyler spoke to the intent in giving such authorization was in emergency situations only when a decision needed to be made and there was not time to call City Council in an Emergency Meeting, the decisions would be such as acquiring material and any decision would be made on behalf of the City, City Manager needing absolute power, City Council

not responsible if they give power by statute, would City Manager find the resolution useful, Ms. Zimomra stated it would only be implemented as necessary and she would confer with Council in addition to the Chief of Police, only in the case of total loss of communication, could establish a timeline for 24 to 48 hours. This was to protect lives and property and there could be a dramatic change to the situation if landfall predictions change.

Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to table discussion for 30 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Jennings excused.

Council recessed at 1:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

**RESOLUTION 05-156 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL DESIGNATING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE EMERGENCY DECISIONS AND TAKE ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY FROM 1:30 P.M., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005, THROUGH 5:00 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005, DUE TO THE THREAT OF HURRICANE WILMA AND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mr. Cuyler read the title of Resolution 05-156. He called Council's attention to Section 1, which gives authority to the City Manager. He stated that the authority was broad enough to cover anything during the State of Emergency.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to adopt Resolution 05-156.

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Jennings was excused.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC  
City Clerk