

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL (EMERGENCY) MEETING
OCTOBER 24 2005**

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 3:15 p. m.

Ms. Zimomra gave the following report:

- 3 hours after Hurricane Wilma passed residents were allowed on the island
- Small amount of damage to the sewer facility due to trees
- Water is potable
- 40 lift stations have no power – generators on the way
- Major distribution line down before Causeway causing delay in re-entry
- Lighthouse Way – structure damage – inspections underway
- Building Inspectors available
- Australian Pine damage – Gumbo Limbo, and Dunes
- Causeway visual inspection – open to vehicles under 4,000 pounds
- Causeway boat inspection October 25, 2005
- Hurricane Recovery vehicles allowed at intervals due to weight
- Blind Pass open and passable
- Turner Beach – significant change
- Trees down at Bowmans' Beach
- City employees are to report to their supervisor
- Staff recommends continuation of curfew 9:00 p. m. to 6:00 a. m.
- Recommend lifting alcohol ban
- Hurricane updates posted on the City's website and Hurricane Hotline

Public Comment:

Nora Payne asked when power would be re-established and how would residents find out the information?

Ms. Zimomra answered that most of the island was without power and there was no word yet when it would be re-established and residents could call the Hurricane Hotline or visit the City's website.

Kelsey Luft asked when school would open?

Ms. Zimomra answered that the Lee County Board of Education had not made a decision.

Discussion ensued regarding the great job that City staff was doing, the 150 volunteers that went door-to-door Saturday, October 22, tolls suspended, curfew still in effect, and lifting the alcohol ban.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to lift the alcohol ban.

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 4:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julia Guernsey
Acting City Clerk