

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL (EMERGENCY) MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2005**

Mayor Johnston called to order at 11:34 a. m.

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

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

Public Comment:

Mike Valiquette thanked for their help during Hurricane Wilma. He spoke to the possible ability to mitigate Australian Pines on private property due to the hazard during hurricanes. He further spoke to establishing a program similar the Brazilian Pepper Program.

Discussion ensued regarding all Australian Pines removed from City property, recently received a grant for removal, ride around to access City right-of-way and private property, those trees damaged by Hurricane Wilma and those that would provide potential damage, and City Council's request for the Vegetation Committee to develop a policy and make a recommendation to City Council.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to excuse Councilman Rothman from the meeting due to illness.

The motion carried by consensus.

Public Comment:

Matt Ason spoke to trimming Australian Pines halfway down after Hurricane Charley, which saved damage and resources. He spoke to the professionalism of the Police Department, evacuation resolution adopted earlier, and the Causeway not closing during a storm.

Ms. Zimomra responded to Mr. Ason as follows:

- Request from County for evacuation due to the projected forecast and anticipated I-75 back-up
- Extended hours of allowing resident to come back and forth on the island after the mandatory evacuation was called

Mr. Cuyler spoke to the following:

- Hurricane Charley landfall was a Category 4 without a direct hit
- Hurricane Wilma allowed some breathing room for evacuation
- Emergency preparedness was always based on the forecast
- Voluntary evacuation include special needs person which took a longer evacuation time
- Mandatory evacuation requests citizens to leave

Matt Ason spoke to his disagreement of evacuation time.

Ms. Zimomra spoke to Mr. Ason's comments, when going door-to door volunteers found residents that wanted to leave, but did not have transportation, City must look at the community, better communication and the consistency of curfews within the County.

Discussion ensued regarding any final decision being Council's, and the goal was for no loss of life.

Mike Valiquette spoke to living through the eye of a hurricane, and being a part of safety assessment team.

Update on Hurricane Wilma Recovery:

Ms. Zimomra gave the following report

- 90% power
- Gumbo Limbo without power
- All beaches open
- Turner Beach bathroom closed
- Pulling permit for a burn site
- 12 lift stations without power
- Approximately 60,000 cubic yards of debris had been estimated
- Additional 6 inches of rain to Lake Okeechobee
- 2 Police Officers hurt, but back at work
- Wind station blown down at Public Works
- Working on supplemental payroll for employees

RESOLUTION 05-157 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL TERMINATING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-157.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 05-157.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Karen Storijohan spoke to communication being not what was said, but was what a person heard.

Ms. Zimomra noted that the Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday, October 25, 2005 and discussion of a new subdivision was carried forward to November 22, 2005.

Discussion ensued regarding the Lee County Board of Commissioners meeting November 01, 2005 with discussion of the proposed recreation center, Council should be in attendance, the e-mail sent by Mayor Johnston, and Mayor Johnston spoke to a meeting between Commission Janes, herself and attended by Helene Phillips, Recreation Director, Commissioner Janes made a commitment to fund the proposed recreation center including \$3.2 million, which was 28% of the un-incorporated Lee County using the current recreation complex, Councilman Brown spoke to Commission Judah and he was in favor of \$4.25 million from the County and \$2.3 million from the Board of Education.

Mr. Cuyler stated that Council could formally add the recreation center discussion item to the agenda. He stated that if there was a properly notice agenda an item could be add. He further stated that Council's position and request was for Lee County participation was at the 28% participation rate. He also explained that the Mayor could be in a position to formally accept as Council representative Lee County's financial participation. He also spoke to City Council deciding to attend the Tuesday, November 01, 2005 meeting of the Lee County Board of Commissioners

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to add the discussion of Mayor Johnston attending the November 01 Lee County Board of Commissioners meeting and what Council's decision would be for Lee County funding participation in the proposed recreation center.

The motion carried by consensus.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding participation of Lee County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education for the proposed recreation center, would have to accept what Lee County was willing to fund, County surplus \$300 hundred million, another Commissioner stated

he would agree to \$4.5 million for the recreation center, need to have a positive attitude, thank the Commissioners for whatever they vote to give, \$14 million for the proposed recreation center, school position was to contribute to the operating cost of the Recreation Center, last few weeks Captiva parents had contacted the school boards members directly reference the school contribution in capital costs, 2 Board of Education members took a tour of the recreation center, the City Manager, City Attorney and Helen Phillips met with Dr. Browder, Lee County School Superintendent for capital funding, possibly just over \$3 million, and no commitment yet made for \$3 million, and school board waiting to see what the County contributed.

Mayor Johnston would be attending the Tuesday, November 01, 2005 Lee County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Public Comment:

Karen Storijohan spoke to Sanibel owning the building and school board owning the land.

Mr. Cuyler spoke to an Interlocal Agreement between the Lee County Board of Commissioners for financial participation and Lee County Board of Education for operating costs.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk