

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2008
CONTINUATION OF THE 9:00 A. M. MEETING**

Mayor Denham called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Denham led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Denham, Councilman Jennings and Councilmember Johnston.

Ms. Zimomra advised the following:

- Lee County opened 4 shelters at of 4:00 p.m.
- South Lee High was the closet shelter to Sanibel and was also the pet shelter
- Special Needs Shelter open at Harborside Event Center
- Continued to drain the 2 basins of water and open the weirs
- Re-opening the weirs after high tide
- Recreation Center closed with the exception of the After-School Program
- Fuel tanks and City vehicles were topped-off
- All officers were on 12 hours on 12 hours off

Staff Update regarding Tropical Storm Fay

Chief Tomlinson gave the following update:

- Current forecast would increase in intensity
- By Tuesday morning category 1
- Worst condition would occur 8 a. m. to 2 p.m.
- Expected to land between Ft. Myers and Venice
- Anticipate 9 inches of rain
- 3 to 7 feet of storm surge

Ms. Zimomra stated staff was working with partners to get into a storm mode, as well as some resorts closing this morning. She further stated that resorts were requesting with help in getting the last tourists off-island. She explained that staff recommendation was to call for a mandatory evacuation of tourists and visitors.

RESOLUTION 08-123 AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING A MANDATORY EVACUATION FOR ALL TOURISTS AND VISITORS LOCATED IN TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS (HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC.) WITHIN THE CITY OF SANIBEL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 08-123.

Public Comment

David Shepard, General Manager of Sundial spoke to his agreement of the resolution.

Ms. Zimomra expressed staff's appreciation for working with their guest to find alternative accommodations for guests.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 08-123.

The motion carried.

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the following:

- Deploy a small administrative staff to Crown Plaza (preparatory mode)
- Essential and first responders on island
- Special Needs Shelter open
- Those persons with special needs and dependent of medical attention and have medical needs
- Suggest if persons would not be in the shelter to leave the island for alternative accommodations

Discussion ensued regarding sending out additional information for special needs persons, should staff go door-to-door, Ms. Zimomra stated that Hurricane Wilma stalled allowing staff to go door-to-door, EOC briefing and could easily speed up and make landfall earlier and be a stronger storm, over 4,000 hits on the City's website, and need put an emphasis on people with mobility problems.

Ms. Zimomra spoke to staff taking precautions by transferring funds for storm preparation and recovery if necessary. She explained that some fund had already been expended.

RESOLUTION 08-124 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2008-70; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (transfer \$100,000 from General Fund (Disaster Reserve) to Tropical Storm Fay Fund to cover storm preparation and recovery expenses)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 08-124.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Mayor Denham, to adopt Resolution 08-124.

Discussion of agenda items to be added to Saturday, September 06, 2008, 1:00 P. M. meeting previously scheduled by City Council

Mr. Cuyler spoke to 3 second readings and public hearings were previously scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th City Council meeting. He explained that staff would recommend advertising the second readings and public hearings on Ordinance 08-011 debris pick-up on private roads after an emergency and Ordinance 08-012 Recreation Center membership fees - for Saturday, September 6th.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnston, to hold the public hearings on Saturday, September 6th at 1:15 p.m. for Ordinance 08-011 and 1:30 p. m. for Ordinance 08-012.

The motion carried.

Recommendation to call a Special City Council Meeting for Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 9:00 A. M. and discussion of agenda items for that date

Mr. Cuyler spoke to the following:

- Council's consideration of an emergency ordinance regarding adopting FEMA flood maps due to the deadline of August 28, 2008
- Would advertise to give notice

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded Councilmember Johnston, to call a special meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 9:00 a. m.

The motion carried.

Mr. Cuyler continued to explain.

- Authorize staff to notice the emergency ordinance
- Authorize the City Manager to include any items deemed necessary for the Tuesday, August 26th agenda

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Johnston, to authorize staff to advertise the emergency ordinance for adoption of the FEMA flood maps and authorize the City Manager to include other items as deemed necessary to the Tuesday, August 26th agenda.

The motion carried.

Council may be called into emergency session during or after the storm

Ms. Zimomra noted that it may be necessary to call Council in to an emergency meeting after the storm.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to call an Emergency meeting of Council, if necessary, after T. S. Fay.

The motion carried

Public Comment

Doreen Henning stated she understood that the island would be impact by the storm between 8 a. m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday. She asked when the decision would be made for a mandatory evacuation.

Ms. Zimomra stated that was the peak of the storm and anticipate outer bands beginning at midnight and totally cleared by 6 p.m. Tuesday. She advised Ms. Henning that decisions

should be made now in accordance with the available information. She further noted that there were approximately 25 residents in attendance.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk