

**FORT MYERS BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Town Hall- Council Chambers  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931  
August 30, 2006**

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**Special Town Council Meeting**

**8:00 AM**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Members Present:** Vice Mayor Don Massucco, Councilman Charles Meador, Jr., Councilman Bill Shenko and Councilman Garr Reynolds.

**Absent:** Mayor Dennis Boback

**Town Staff Present:** Town Manager Rachel Lambert, Town Attorney Anne Dalton, Community Development Director Jerry Murphy, Public Works Director Jack Green.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

All present stood for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Rachel Lambert.

**IV. Continued Discussion of possible action relative to Tropical Storm Ernesto:**

Vice Mayor Massucco stated this meeting is being called as an informational up-date.

Mr. Jack Green reported on information from the Weather Services, the National Hurricane Center and also the Naval Research Lab this morning. They state the storm watch is from Bonita Beach up to the Panhandle, Georgia and the Carolinas. Mr. Green announced his sigh of relief that Ft. Myers Beach will be bypassed by Ernesto. Mr. Green stated they will see rain stating it should be up and north of us by late this afternoon. Mr. Green confirmed with Ms. Lambert of having spoke with Mr. Rockwell regarding his services that they would not be required. Mr. Green spoke with central parking and indicated parking would be as usual. Mr. Green stated yesterday afternoon they did inform Salty Sam's they would allow boaters to take a mooning ball in the event they needed to. Mr. Green suggested standing down from that aspect at this point, and going back to normal operations in the field.

**MOTION:** Councilman Reynolds made a motion to lift the Declaration of a State of Emergency as it appears all the danger has passed. Councilman Meador 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion for discussion.

Councilman Meador stated he was going to make the same motion with couple of caveats which is lifting the Emergency Resolution effective 5:00 PM today or earlier should Lee County lift its state of local Emergency earlier today.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Councilman Reynolds agreed to go along with the amendment with the changes made by Councilman Meador. Councilman Meador amends his 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**VOTE:** The motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Dalton stated she will go ahead and prepare the Resolution.

Councilman Reynolds stated as he previously mentioned that he did not see the need for Council coming in for an emergency which can take 30 to 40 minutes to come to a conclusion which is going to be an emergency, and then go through a resolution. Mr. Reynolds stated their plan is complete enough to go right into discussion. Mr. Reynolds stated they should not put themselves in a situation where they have to come in or off the island and then to wait for a new resolution. This should already be in place, and if its not they need to work on that.

Vice Mayor Massucco stated all the situations are different, and have to be handled differently. They require different resolutions. Mr. Massucco stated they have handled this pretty well, getting the information they needed and he believes they don't need any changes at this point.

Councilman Reynolds asked if all the Council members felt the same regarding having a different resolution every time they come for an emergency.

Councilman Meador stated he would be immediate available in the event any changes take place from here to 5:00 PM, and Council needed to reconvene.

Councilman Shenko agreed he would also be available.

Vice Mayor Massucco also agreed he would be available.

Councilman Reynolds stated that would be a standing order they all would be available.

Vice Mayor Massucco commended the operations with all of the staff knowing exactly what their responsibilities and they carry them out with no confusions. Mr. Massucco stated this has been a learning experience and he is very impressed.

Councilman Reynolds also mentioned it is thanks to the hard work of Town Manager Ms. Lambert and drawing a staff together.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was given.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilman Meador made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Shenko 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and also is very pleased with the operation of staff.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 AM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cardoso