



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: December 5, 2023

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: November 29, 2023

SUBJECT: Local State of Emergency

BACKGROUND:

As I shared with City Councilmembers in an email, I feel we can end the local state of emergency that has been extended continuously (for 7-day periods) since the storm through Mayoral Proclamation. I have conferred with the Lee County Emergency Management Department, Steve Chaipel, John Agnew, and the consensus is there is no legal, financial, or operational benefit in maintaining the local State of Emergency.

Therefore, I recommend that the last Mayor Proclamation extending the local State of Emergency be issued on Monday, December 4th. The City Council does not need to take any action to discontinue the local State of Emergency. The local State of Emergency will simply expire if not renewed by Mayoral Proclamation on December 11, 2023.

There are however, two provisions in the Mayoral Proclamations that the City Council should continue by approving Resolutions at the December 5, 2023, meeting. The following Resolutions have been placed on the City Council agenda for December 5 for consideration.

- a. Resolution 23-075 allowing for contractor reciprocity for contractors licensed in Lee County to receive a Sanibel contractor license. The Mayoral Proclamation, following a discussion by City Councilmembers, allowed for Lee County licensed contractors to receive a Sanibel Contractor License through June 30, 2024. After June 30, 2024, a new State Law prohibits the City from issuing Sanibel contractor licenses. The proposed Resolution (attached) will replace Section 3 of the Mayoral Proclamation (attached).
- b. Resolution 23-076 allowing for two temporary storage units on a property through September 30, 2024. The Code of Ordinances allows for 1-unit to be placed on a parcel. The Mayoral Proclamation, following a discussion by City Councilmembers, has allowed for 2 temporary storage units of a specific dimension, to be placed on a developed area of a parcel, through September 30, 2024. The proposed Resolution (attached) will replace Section 4 of the Mayoral Proclamation (attached).

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FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and direction.

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