

October 5, 2016

A Special Meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at 11:00 a.m. at Town Hall, 2050-B Middle Street, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor
Sarah Church, Councilmember
Mark Howard, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and stated the press and public were notified in accordance with State law. There were no residents present, and one media member present. The purpose of the meeting was for Town Council to discuss the Town preparations for Hurricane Matthew.

Administrator Andy Benke gave a brief overview of the situation. All department staff has been working since last week to prepare the Town. Yesterday, the Governor declared a state of emergency and an evacuation order. It is important to tell residents that depending on the conditions, at some point it might not be possible for first responders to come to their aid. He continued:

- It is possible the hurricane could skirt around Charleston.
- Information to residents has been provided through the website and e-mails. An e-mail went out to residents today encouraging them to go to the Town's website; subscribe to Nixle alerts that the Police Department sends out; and subscribe to the e-newsletter that Lisa Darrow sends out. Also, www.scemd.org and www.charlestoncounty.org websites are available for the latest information.
- Shelters have opened in Charleston County this morning.
- The new Town Hall Building is secure.
- The evidence room has been moved and secured.
- The phone system will be switched at 12:00 noon today to the Fire Station.
- Non-essential employees will be dismissed today.
- Some equipment will be placed on top of the mound, and the North Charleston Coliseum is available if equipment needs to be moved there.

- If there is substantial damage from the hurricane, access to the Island may be restricted until it is deemed safe. Residents should have proof of residence (i.e. driver's license with Sullivan's Island address), or a lease if renting a property. This proof is needed even if a resident has a Town of Sullivan's Island sticker on their car windshield.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Miller".

Ellen Miller