STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WAS HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008.

The San Antonio City Council convened in an Emergency Meeting at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, September 10, 2008, in the Municipal Plaza B Room.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger.

1. POTENTIAL IMPACT AND NECESSARY PROCEDURES IN PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE IKE.

Deputy Chief Nim Kidd, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the status of Hurricane Ike. He stated that staging was taking place at the Port of San Antonio and that this was the closest that San Antonio has been to receiving a large volume of individuals in a short period of time. He noted that the State of Texas had contracted 1,350 buses and 350 ambulances, along with Urban Search and Rescue Teams and the American Red Cross to stage in and around San Antonio. He added that there were several hours of travel time before evacuees would begin arriving in San Antonio.

Mr. Kidd stated that at this time, no official evacuations had been declared. He reported that City, County, State and Federal Representatives, as well as National Weather Service Representatives, were working together at the Emergency Operations Center to track the storm. He added that two buses would be leaving Corpus Christi headed to San Antonio later in the day. Lastly, Mr. Kidd stated that the safety and well-being of San Antonio Citizens would remain the top priority.

Councilmember Cibrian expressed concern with those individuals waiting to evacuate and asked if the City was prepared for a large influx of evacuees. Chief Kidd stated that the City of San Antonio was prepared to house 20,000 individuals and that a meeting had taken place with the San Antonio Fire Department, San Antonio Police Department, and Bexar County Sheriff's Department regarding staggering first responder shifts. Additionally, coordination had taken place with regional partners for water rescue which was being communicated to evacuees. In response to Councilmember Cortez, City Manager Sculley stated that City Staff would be out on Friday and Saturday to track possible flooding areas.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

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PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

Attest:

LETICIA M. VACEK
CityClerk

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