

**TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2001**

I CALL TO ORDER

An Emergency Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of South Padre Island, Texas was held Sunday, September 16, 2001 at the Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Boulevard. Mayor Ed Cyganiewicz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present: Aldermen Doyle Wells, David Eymard, Gerald Sher and Bill Thornton. Alderman R. Wells was absent. Staff present were Darla Honea, Ray Moya, Robert Rodriguez, Dan Quandt, Clifford Rowell, Cate Ball, Paul Cunningham, Ray Kendall and Joyce Adams.

II DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO DAMAGE TO QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY

Mayor Cyganiewicz led the audience in singing "God Bless America" and then asked for a moment of silence to remember those who had lost their lives because of our bridge collapse and those in the bombing of the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

He gave an update of happenings since the 2:00 a.m., Saturday, September 15, 2001 barge collision with the bridge, which had caused the collapse of the bridge.

He thanked city staff members and all who had volunteered their time and services during the disaster, and stated he was proud to serve as Mayor of the Town. He thanked citizens who had remained calm during the crisis.

He reported the rescue mission for victims of the collapse was still being conducted.

Mayor Cyganiewicz stated the Town's first priority was to get visitors off the Island, and that Tx DOT would be in charge of a ferry for transportation of cars off the Island, which would come, eventually.

He announced possible options as follows:

1. A temporary expansion over the bridge was no longer an option, since a second portion of the bridge had collapsed.
2. Pontoon Bridge: ten days to two week's time for arrival and assembly.
3. Ferry to carry automobiles: hopefully available sometime this week.

He stated the Point Isabel Independent School District had made arrangements for transportation of Island students and teachers to their respective schools, and that the utilities, except for land lines (telephone service) were still in operation.

He said a fund had been started for victims of the bridge collapse.

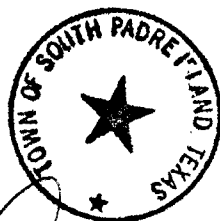
Mayor Cyganiewicz asked that businesses accommodate the visitors. He announced that St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Port Isabel had set up a shelter.

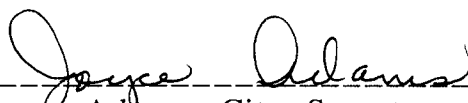
Questions from the audience were answered.

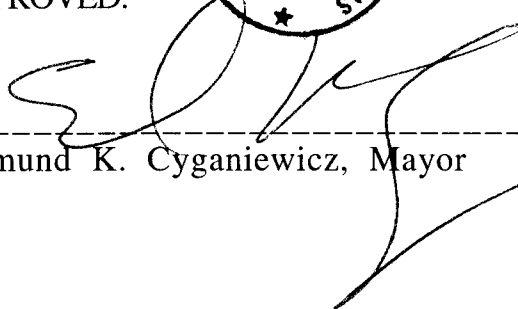
III ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Thornton adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:




Joyce Adams, City Secretary


Edmund K. Cyganiewicz, Mayor