

SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2004

A Special Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on December 8, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the DeSoto Middle School Cafeteria at 420 E. Gibson Street, Arcadia, Florida. Councilmembers attending were: Whitlock, Fazzone, Johnson, Heine and Goodman. Also in attendance were: Administrator Strube, City Attorney Holloman, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Grants Coordinator Weeks, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Goodman.

Mayor Whitlock stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was for FEMA to present the Arcadia/DeSoto County Long Term Recovery Plan.

Mr. Peter Potemkin, Technical Assistance Contractor with FEMA introduced the City Council and County Commission Members to the audience. Mr. Potemkin then introduced Mr. Brad Gair, Deputy Federal Coordinating Official.

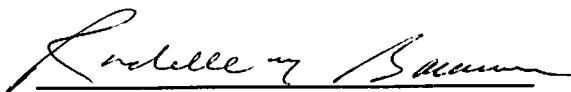
Mr. Gair noted that there were three (3) things that FEMA originally stated that they would do regarding establishing a Long Term Recovery Plan. They were:

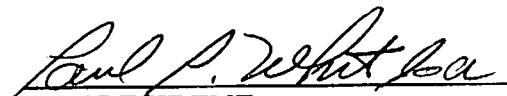
- 1) Develop a comprehensive Long Term Recovery Plan.
- 2) Establish a task force to seek funding resources in order to be able to implement the plan.
- 3) Have the capacity to implement the Plan by seeking State funding to hire people to work in the City/County to advise staff on how best to implement the plan.

Mr. Potemkin then presented a framed copy of the "official" Long Term Recovery Plan to City Mayor Whitlock and one to County Commission Chairman Needs.

Secretary Cohen of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) was introduced. Secretary Cohen then presented a check facsimile in the amount of \$584,088.70 to County Commission Chairman Needs and one in the amount of \$217,989.80 to City Mayor Whitlock to be used for housing rehabilitation from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds were made available as part of the Emergency Set Aside for Disaster Relief. They are to help assist homes that were damaged by hurricanes this summer and represent additional funds over what the City and County had previously been approved for.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT