

RESOLUTION 02-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SEMINOLE DECLARED BY THE MAYOR DUE TO TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE ELSA AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATE.

WHEREAS, as of July 5, 2021, Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa posed a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Seminole; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa had the potential to cause extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, it was therefore necessary for the City of Seminole to take protective measures to ensure the safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2021 the Governor of the State of Florida promulgated Executive Order 21-150 declaring a State of Emergency as a result of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency effective on Sunday, July 4, 2021, and authorized County officials to order evacuations should they become necessary; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of Seminole to declare a State of Emergency allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;

5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Seminole issued a Proclamation of Emergency on July 5, 2021 providing for declaration of a state of emergency within the City of Seminole.

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa made landfall near Taylor County, Florida at around 11:00am on July 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, the conditions causing the State of Local Emergency to be declared regarding Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa are no longer present; and

WHEREAS, while the City experienced severe weather conditions, the City's emergency response and various departments have been able to manage the situation and no extraordinary powers are expected to be needed as of the date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Each of the above recitals are incorporated herein as the findings of the City Council.

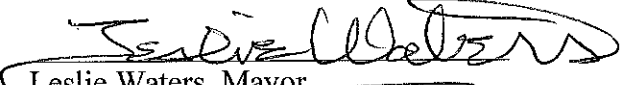
Section 2. A State of Local Emergency presented by Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa existed effective the 5th day of July 2021, for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Seminole, Florida.

Section 3. The City Council ratifies the Mayor's proclamation of emergency and the waiver of any procedures and formalities as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including any measures taken by the City Manager to respond to the emergency.

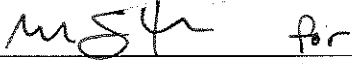
Section 4. The State of Local Emergency presented by Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa is hereby terminated effective 8:00pm on July 13, 2021.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, THIS 13 day of July, 2021.


Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:

 for
Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 for
Jay Daigneault, City Attorney