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Weekly Report June 20, 2025



National Seashell Day Edition (We have plenty)

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CASUNA

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday with representatives of CASUNA to tackle their request for the city to take over responsibility for infrastructure.

WELCOME CENTER BATHROOM

The Mexico Beach CDC used to have an outdoor bathroom before hurricane Michael. They will be purchasing a bathroom similar to what used to be at the park and now 37th Street. We will assist in the installation

FDOT MEETING FOR U.S. 98 MULTI-USE PATHWAY

Meeting to be held at 5:30 pm on July 17, 2025 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 318 Robin Lane. The purpose of the public meeting is to garner input for their project development and environmental study for the path on 15th Street and Highway 98 from Crooked Sound Drive on the west to County Road 386 on the east. This is an FDOT project with no local funds expected.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Even though we have signs throughout the City, we still have several people who claim (when caught) they had no idea about the regulations. We discussed maybe refrigerator magnets and door hangers. The CDC already provides magnets for each rental. But the issue may be that some rentals are not registered with the

MBCDC and no means to educate the renters. When renters now come in to reclaim beach items, they must fill out a form identifying the items before they retrieve the items. We will now have them put the address at which they are staying so we can check to see if they are registered. There is no need for us to pay for refrigerator magnets, but we will proceed with door hangers to place on beach items and pass out to renters.

FARMDALE

Concerning the annexation of the Farmdale property, there are 3 ordinances that need to be approved. One for the commercial area and two for the residential area (west and east split into two by the entrance road). The residential area is split to fall under a small-scale amendment process as opposed to a large-scale amendment process. We have been shooting for the three required meetings to be July 7 P & Z, July 22 City Council and August 12 City Council. Today we received the three annexation applications (but no attachments). That leaves an insufficient amount of time for proper noticing requirements. The two City Council meetings are OK, but the July 7th P & Z meeting will continue without Farmdale. There will be a special P & Z meeting on July 14th to give proper noticing requirements time to be completed.

SENATOR MOODY MOBILE OFFICE

Dan Paasch from Senator Moody's office was busy today during his time in our conference room. Tammy, Juli and I hit him hard for help in resolving the Police, Fire and Civic Center issue with FEMA. We will get him a letter stating the roadblocks, then we can enlist the help of Senator Scott as well as Representative Dunn to join the request. We also talked about the effectiveness of lobbyists.

BOAT RAMP

Anchor is close to submitting an options letter to the city for review. One option is a cantilever system steel seawall system, and the other option is a vinyl wall system with tiebacks. Of course, one is more expensive than the other.

15TH STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

H.G. Harders & Son is working on locating underground utilities on site. The bridge shop drawings are in production.

DUNE WALKOVER

The 7B walkover will be fully ADA compliant. Anchor is working with the CDC to get copies of the as-built survey of the dune. Next steps will be a conceptual layout and cost estimate to present to the city.

SUNSET PARK DUNE WALKOVER

Anchor is currently working on a proposal.

Amphitheatre

BGN Contractors is coordinating the RCP Shelters on amphitheater design and engineered drawings for review.

NANOOK RD & 14TH STREET LIFT STATION PROJECTS

Anchor is reviewing the project submittals from Mainline and the Purchase Order request from Mainline.

HWY 98 & 4TH STREET PROJECT

Anchor working on design drawings and bidding/procurement documentation. This project isn't as easy as we thought. A sewer line would be directly below the stormwater line. Then we don't want to rip up pavers, which are almost impossible to put back like they were. So, looking to go to the other side of the street for part of the way.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Here are some of the code activities for the week:

- Trailer parked at Boat Launch without permission, called phone number on trailer no answer. Trailer gone 2 days later.
- Received numerous calls and emails in response to Turtle Light violations.
- Research on Turtle Lights, other cities ordinances to compare to our ordinance.
- Several Special Events submitted, weddings etc.
- Citation Boat Launch - trailer with boat on trailer parked at boat launch without permission.
- Working on Leave No Trace, No Walking on Dunes, door hangers and magnets
- Gave Kimberly (CDC) her copies of Notice of Violations for Turtle Lights.
- Lady driving golf cart on sidewalk.
- Fence inspection 41st St.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Finally, the new truck to be used by the chief is here. It has not been decaled as of yet but is in service. The old truck is now Utility 43 and will be used by the department where apparatus is not necessary.



The department has been busy with putting the Gollywhopper fishing tournament together for this weekend. Please feel free to join us at the boat ramp on Friday from 5pm and or on Saturday from 3:30pm. It should be a fun time for all.

HARBOR MASTER

The summer is in full swing and we are very busy on the cannal and at the boat ramp. All is going well and the new surface at the boat ramp is holding up well. Great job by all. Thank you

PUBLIC WORKS

Projects and Tasks Completed or In Progress

- Beach Projects
 - Continued beach raking is ongoing.
 - Public Works continues to work with the Turtle Research Team with the leave no trace.
 - Public Works is checking and cleaning the beach daily.
 - Removed trees that have washed ashore.
 - Created a new weekly crossover checklist.
 - 8th Street Canal Maintenance
- Traffic and Safety Improvements
 - FDOT is finishing crosswalks.
 - FDOT has been watering the grass three times weekly.
 - Waiting for the installation of the new fire department and speed verification signs for US Highway 98 that will be installed for eastbound traffic.
 - Additional stop signs and other roadway signs are being repaired and re-installed under FDOT regulations.
 - Additional speed limit signs and no outlet signs are being installed on streets throughout the city.
 - Sidewalk repairs are underway and two sections of US Highway 98 and several sections along 15th Street are being repaired this week and will be finished next week. Will be completed on Friday, June 20, 2025.
- Stormwater Management
 - Three stormwater drainage locations at residential properties are being installed next week depending on weather conditions.
 - One stormwater drainage was completed.
 - Inspection of stormwater canals for clearing and operational effectiveness.
 - Meeting set June 26 with FDEP for the drainage solutions by US Highway 98 and 15th Street.
 - Ten (10) stormwater inspections were completed.

- Parks and Receptions
 - Two days of shells give-a-ways is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 27-28.
 - Snapper Season continues without issues.
 - Extra staffing at the fish cooler and restrooms during the weekend, and the cooler is checked each evening.
 - The Boat Ramp Park parking lot, Captain's Lot and the Pickleball Court parking lot shell resurfacing with crushed shells is near completion.
 - Thanks to the CDC we are in the process of major upgrades to the Pickleball Courts and park around that location. Two (2) new court dividers have been installed, new sunshades have been ordered, the parking area is being replaced with crushed shells, new concrete pads have been boxed at all court entrances.
 - New mulch for the playground area has been delivered and placed.
 - Two (2) new sunshades are being installed at the Pickleball Courts.
 - Regular park maintenance and updates.
 - The missing pieces to the Pickleball Court privacy fence are being installed.
 - Reviews for ADA compliance access points to the beach are being discussed.
 - The tent that was in the canal by Parker Park has been successfully removed.
 - The vegetation along the canal for Parker Park has been bushhogged.

- Routine Operations and Maintenance
 - Restroom cleaning and maintenance across public facilities
 - Roadway maintenance and landscaping, including mowing
 - Ongoing fleet repairs and preventative maintenance
 - Continued pothole repairs and general roadway maintenance
 - The sides of US Highway 98 have been mowed and bushhogged in needed areas.

- Sanitation
 - Two (2) pending commercial dumpsters are still being coordinated by local businesses.
 - All sanitation trucks have been cleaned, and new maintenance procedures are now being conducted.
 - Sanitation is operational during the weekends for commercial dumpsters and beach cans throughout the season.
 - Truck # 008 is repaired and operational.
 - A successful meeting with Waste Management was completing and a new presentation for recycling options will be presented to the Council soon.

- Administrative
 - Budget submissions and reviews are underway.
 - Coordinating with FSU for training and career building is underway.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Here are the permits issued this week

Permit Number	Permit Type	Property Address	Application Date	Permit Issuance Date	Valuation	Total Fees Paid	Description of Work
25MB-RB0088	Pool / Hot Tub (Residential Alteration)	410 ARIZONA DR, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	05/27/2025	06/13/2025	\$50,000.00	\$384.38	Swimming Pool
25MB-E0059	Electric Permit	115 SEA ST B, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/16/2025	06/16/2025		\$79.00	Electrical for Swimming Pool
25MB-P0049	Plumbing Permit	200 HWY 98, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/16/2025	06/17/2025	\$900,000.00	\$645.75	NSF Plumbing
25MB-RR0043	Residential New Roof	485 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/17/2025	06/17/2025	\$325,000.00	\$79.00	NSF ROOF
25MB-RR0044	Residential New Roof	465 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/17/2025	06/17/2025	\$335,000.00	\$79.00	NSF ROOF
25MB-RR0045	Residential New Roof	203 LOUISIANA DR, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/17/2025	06/17/2025	\$250,000.00	\$79.00	NSF ROOF
25MB-E0060	Electric Permit	104 26TH ST B, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/18/2025	06/18/2025	\$480,000.00	\$344.40	NSF Electrical
24MB-RR0086	Residential New Roof	110 40TH ST S., Mexico Beach, FL 32410	09/03/2024	06/19/2025	\$414,000.00	\$79.00	NSF Roof
24MB-RR0087	Residential New Roof	115 37TH ST B, Mexico Beach, FL 32410	09/03/2024	06/19/2025	\$907,000.00	\$79.00	Townhome - Roof
25MB-RB00007	Dock/Boat House (Residential Alteration)	114 35TH ST N, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/11/2025	06/19/2025	\$184,500.00	\$1,354.97	replace existing dock, seawall & boathouse roof
25MB-RR0046	Residential New Roof	310 HATLEY DR, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	06/18/2025	06/19/2025	\$146,452.28	\$75.00	NSF ROOF

Here are the results from 2024 compared to 2025 YTD

	2024	2025 YTD
Attached Single Family	48	24
Detached Single Family	21	27
Residential Addition	4	4
Residential New Roof	55	39
Residential Remodel	7	7
Residential Re-Roof	2	2
Electric Permit	90	54
Gas Permit	25	7
Mechanical Permit	53	36
Plumbing Permit	63	47
Pavers	2	1
New Multi Family	1	0
Modular Home	2	1
Windo Replacement	2	2

Siding	0	1
Deck	0	2
Door Replacement	0	1
Pool/Hot Tub	11	15
Dock/Boathouse	0	2
Driveway	0	2
Patio Enclosure	0	1
Retasining Wall Residential	0	3
Temporary Pole	0	1
Misc	0	2
PV System	0	2
Pole Barn/Shed	7	3
CCCL	7	1
Commercial Addition	2	0
Commercial New Rood	2	2
Commercial Remodel	3	1
New Commercial	3	1
Commercial Pole Barn	0	1
Commercial Reroof	0	1
Demolition	4	2
Sign	1	1
Fire Alarm	1	1
Fire Suppression	1	1
Fill Dirt	3	0
Valuation	171,815,311	79,171,532
Fees Paid	344,275	212,774