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Weekly Report June 6, 2025



National Doughnut Day Edition

(We can all get behind this one)



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(Can't imagine what was going on in the minds of our young men as they landed)

Interim City Administrator Mell Smigielski

SUNSTOP

The agreement between the Sun Stop and the City states that annexation should occur no sooner than 3 years after the location receives their certificate of occupancy from Bay County. That happened on April 24, 2023. So, we are at the doorstep of starting the annexation process. Juli just sent the invoice for \$9,000 for this third and last year's donation to the City.

CRAZY BEACH WAVERUNNERS

Hector did provide his insurance certificate for \$3,000,000 aggregate. The class I beach vending permit was issued, and he began setting up Thursday evening so he didn't interfere with the crowds.

SHELLS

We knew it would be busy, but we did not expect the number of people who are coming out of their shells! We were shell shocked! Well over 300 release forms were signed.

SWEETWATER

We met with the developers and engineers for an update on their project. They are working to alleviate the concerns that were brought up by Al Cathey. Also,

will address the 30-foot width of the street/alley behind Mango Marleys and the new Seaside Market.

SHARKS

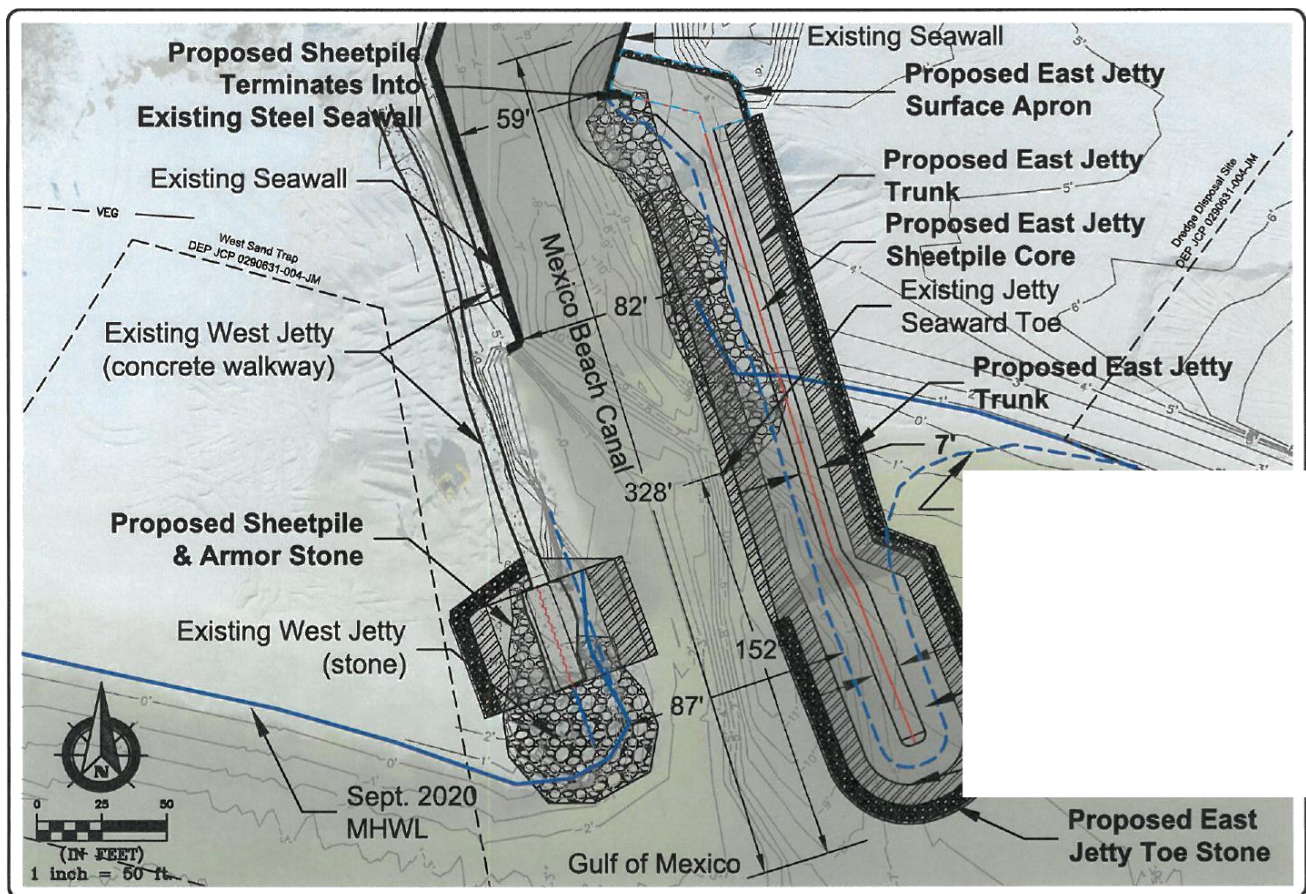
Received concerns of a business that may be operating on the beach. They help fishermen catch sharks. A lot to unpack for this one. Lt. Williams and his department is on a fact-finding mission to look at ordinances from nearby areas that would regulate hours for shark fishing. That would help with safety concerns for swimmers.

WATER TANK AERATION SYSTEM

The Utility Department may have found a cheaper alternative than the one previously quoted. Florida Rural Water recommended Axis Construction. They are researching to see if that is an acceptable alternative.

JETTY

Dewberry received the ACOE permit for the jetty project. We signed our part of the permit and sent it back for ACOE final signatures. Here is a copy of the repair plan as a quick reminder.



UTILITY SHED

We had, in this year's budget, money for a utility shed/pole barn for the Utility Department. As we walked the area trying to find a location, we realized there is nowhere to put it. Taking up the 4 concrete anchors of the old water tower would put major water lines in danger due to the vibrations it would cause. Enclosing the current roof structure would not solve our storage issues. We notified Anchor to place the item on the back burner for now. Maybe as we begin to utilize the 25-acre site to the north we can revisit the storage shed.

BEACH TIKI BAR

Got a call from a guy who wants to put a tiki bar on the beach (he also contacted Kathy). I told him it wouldn't work and definitely not on the beach. Then he wanted to put it on 37th street. I told him we don't want the liability of liquor being sold on public property. He doesn't seem to be deterred so he asked if he could come to a Council meeting to discuss. I told him he is always welcome to interact with the Council. I don't know when that will be.

FLYOVER

We had a flyover on July 4th in 2023 (thanks to Juli). The application was denied in 2024. We sent an application for this July 4th and it was also denied. The only real event we have besides the fireworks is the 5K event. Here is their reply: The official Department of Defense guidance allows the Air Force to provide aerial event support for air shows, national-level sporting events and events held in honor of the five patriotic holidays, however, we do not fly at 5K events. This falls into the realm of sports, and we only support national-level sporting events.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Here are some of the code activities for the week:

- Cell phone found at boat launch posted a sign on kiosk and Facebook, phone returned to owner that evening.
- Issued citation at boat launch
- issued 3 courtesy violations at boat launch
- Received special event forms for wedding on the beach in July, and Sandy shoe 5k.
- Received call person wanting to put a mobile tiki hut on the beach and sell alcohol. Emailed him the ordinance.
- Sent Notice of Violation for trash bins installed in Right - of - Way.
- Working on Turtle Light violations designing Notice of Violation, copies of ordinance, and copies of resolutions. Have contacted Duke Energy regarding street light in violations, contacted Centennial Bank to turn off their street signs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pump operation training has continued at the old fire station. Engineer McGann along with the rest of A-shift have almost finished fitting out the forcible entry door pop in the old station. We also need to thank Troy for help with some welding on it. We will soon be able to have very realistic training for each of the shifts, so they can work on the skills needed.

As holidays have really kicked off and numbers on the beach have really started to climb, we are patrolling the beach more and more. The new wider beach is making everything easier as we have no bottlenecks in the area of The El Governor.

OTHER BUSINESS

F-ROC 2026 has opened up and I have signed the city up for it again. This will be our third year in the program and puts us in a good position financially to be ready to respond to any impact from hurricanes and more. Thank you to the team in City Hall for their help making this possible.

HARBOR MASTER

May was a busy month with an early start to Snapper season. This showed in all aspects of boating in and around the city boat ramp and city slips.

Yearly permits up from 37 to 51

Daily launch permits up from 140 to 248

Slip rental up from 477 slip days to 630 slip days

Big thank you to the Fire Department and Jerry Smith for their help on the first day of snapper season. We had 130 trailers parked within the boat ramp area for the day. It could not have been done without everyone's help. It has been a steady stream of boaters since then, when weather has played its part. June is setting up to be another good month with bookings at city slips.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

May 1 – May 31, 2025

Calls for Service	266
Miles Patrolled	13,402
Traffic Stops	50
Citations	6
Warnings	30
Arrests	2 MISD – FEL / 4 Total
Traffic Accidents	1

PUBLIC WORKS

Projects and Tasks Completed or In Progress

Beach Projects

- o The last of the installation of additional poles and rope barriers are pending the missing material that is being delivery.
- o Continued beach raking is ongoing.
- o Public Works continues to work with the Turtle Research Team with the leave no trace.
- o Public Works is checking and cleaning the beach daily.
- o Vandalism repairs of the new rope were completed.

Traffic and Safety Improvements

- o FDOT is finishing the striping and US Highway 98 work.
- o FDOT has been contacted with reference to the grass they installed and the on-going maintenance and water. Public Works is attempting all efforts to keep the grass alive and well.
- o Waiting for the installation of the new fire department and speed verification signs for US Highway 98 that will be installed for eastbound traffic.
- o Stop signs and other roadway signs are being repaired and re-installed under FDOT regulations.
- o Speed limit signs and no outlet signs are being installed on streets throughout the city.
- o Sidewalk repairs have been identified and plans for repairs are being coordinated.

Stormwater Management

- o Inspecting and working on three stormwater drainage locations at residential properties being installed next week. Material was ordered and pending delivery.
- o Inspection of stormwater canals for clearing and operational effectiveness.
- o Meeting set June 26 with FDEP for the drainage solutions by US Highway 98 and 15th Street.
- o One (1) stormwater inspection was completed.

Parks and Recreations

- o Two days of shells give-a-ways have been planned and start this Friday and Saturday.
- o Snapper Season continues without issues.
- o Extra staffing at the fish cooler and restrooms during the weekend, and the cooler is checked each evening.
- o The Boat Ramp Park parking lot is being resurfaced with crushed shells. Other parking locations will be completed after the boat ramp.
- o Regular park maintenance and updates.
- o Vandalism repairs to Under the Palms Park were completed.

- o The missing pieces to the Pickleball Court privacy fence have been received and pending installation.
- o Reviews for ADA compliance access at the end of Canal Parkway are undergoing.

Routine Operations and Maintenance

- o Restroom cleaning and maintenance across public facilities
- o Roadway maintenance and landscaping, including mowing
- o Ongoing fleet repairs and preventative maintenance
- o Continued pothole repairs and general roadway maintenance

Sanitation

- o Sanitation has received five (5) newer commercial dumpsters to replace the rusted and non-operational dumpsters; however, they are the same amount of inventory. The remaining ten (10) are pending.
- o Two (2) pending commercial dumpsters are being coordinated by local businesses.
- o All sanitation trucks have been cleaned, and new maintenance procedures are now being conducted.
- o Before and after sanitation routes are completed, trucks are inspected.
- o Sanitation is operational during the weekends for commercial dumpsters and beach cans throughout the season.
- o Truck # 008 was down for maintenance and repairs.

Administrative

- o Budget submissions and reviews discussions are being completed earlier next week.
- o Coordinating with FSU for training and career building assistance scheduled for Monday next week.
- o Interoffice communication memorandums have been created and utilized to share important information with department personnel.
- o Reviews of daily operations and workplace safety have been added for increased productivity and ensuring safer work conditions.