



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report July 25, 2025



National Hot Fudge Sundae Day Edition (A Sundae on a Friday)

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PIER

Now that the pier bids are in and our excitement level is increased, we get to move to the next step. The contract with BDI (Baskerville Donovan) will expire in November of this year (we extended it last year). Our procurement policies do not allow the city to extend a contract beyond 3 years (original contract expired in 2022 so the 3-year addition takes us to 2025). The original contract did include construction phase services with a TBD (to be determined) as the contract amount. Because the contract will expire before we begin construction, we have no choice but to go out for RFQ's for the construction phase. Atkins will provide us with the bid documents so we can get the ball moving quickly. The last items for BDI is to review the bid documents from yesterday's bid opening and recommend the most qualified and cheapest bidder. They also will provide a final set of 100% complete plans.

CANAL PARKWAY CUL-DE-SAC

Attached to this report is the latest design that the St. Joe Company has approved. Should the city be willing to proceed with the project, the property can be added to an existing lease. We will bring up the issue at the next council meeting. Also, Anchor will attend that meeting on August 12 in case there are some questions. If approved, Anchor could provide a proposal to include pavement design, layout etc. or just provide a conceptual drawing and a pavement detail so the city can complete the work on their own.

WALKOVERS AT 7TH STREET AND SUNSET PARK

Survey is underway. Anchor will put together concept drawings upon receiving the survey.

BOATRAMP

The structural engineer sent the updated drawings to Anchor at the end of last week. Anchor is reviewing and will update drawings.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Bridge shop drawings are in production.

AMPHITHEATER

BGN Contractors is working with RCP Shelters. Still a couple of weeks out for design drawings. The latest update from BGN says a possible January delivery instead of mid-December. The contractor will install the foundation ahead of delivery and will coordinate with the city to work around any Christmas celebrations during the first part of December.

NANOOK AND 14TH STREET LIFT STATIONS

Wetwell delivery is scheduled for July 28. Mainline will keep us updated.

CASUNA/OCEAN PLANTATION

Anchor will be giving us an estimate of the cost to assist us with a street and sidewalk assessment so we can be prepared.

PUBLIC WORKS WATER TANK AERATION SYSTEM

Axis Construction is putting their quote together but is waiting on a price from their electrical subcontractor.

HWY 98 AND 4TH STREET PROJECT

Anchor provided the final drawings and bid documents to the city today for our review.

GULFVIEW

After the last city Council meeting, Chuck from the Gulf View Motel caught me and was really upset. Luckily, he was not mad at the City but was irate at FDOT and the pedestrian pathway proposal. As FDOT would take their right-of-way on HWY 98, the impact on the Gulfview and other businesses would have an effect on the property they have been using as their own for many years. That would adversely effect parking in front of the motel. Not sure what he wishes the city to do at this point. The project is at least 6 years out

COUNTY INFORMATION

I spoke with Bob Majka, County Manager, this week. He indicated a representative for Nickel Creek asked if the County would be opposed to their development getting utilities from Gulf County. Luckily, he gave the right answer in that the proposed subdivision is in the jurisdiction of Mexico Beach and they would back any decision the city would make. He did assure me that the County has made a lot of improvements to their sewer infiltration issues and would have no problem of allocating additional sewer capacity to the City. He said we are using only about 30% of our current allocation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summer is still in full swing, and the hot weather has brought its issues with heat related calls. Between the showers the beach has been busy and the new side by side is doing its job well.

The dedication sign on Ladder 43 to commemorate Chief James Middleton, our first fire chief, has been placed on the apparatus and a copy will be presented to the family. Sadly Mrs. Middleton passed this week and will be missed by all who knew her. We will take Ladder 43 to her memorial service next week.

HARBOR MASTER

With MBARA Kingfish tournament this weekend it has been a busy week with bookings. We have a near full house due to the tournament but plenty of vacationers as well. All is well at the boat ramp with good numbers most days. The fire Department will be helping with parking at the ramp early on Saturday for the tournament. If you are free tonight please feel free to go to the captains party and join in on the festivities.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Received invoice from Bay County Animal Control for 2nd quarter totaling \$4,331.22. There were 12 calls to Animal Control out of the 12 calls, 7 were from the same individual.
- Received a call 2 dogs running around Florida and 8th St. No collar, however, there were a total of 4 dogs (2 more dogs were also found the night before. Apparently, these dogs were discarded here in Mexico Beach by an inhumane individual.
- Received another call about a dog running around boat launch couldn't see a collar. Checked the area could not locate the dog.
- Issued courtesy violation at boat launch had an old annual sticker.

- Fence inspection, slats are on the wrong side, spoke to owner needs to have slates reinstalled. Will have contractor to fix fence.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Permit Number	Permit Type	Property Address	Subdivision	Valuation	Total Fees Paid	Description of Work
25MB-RB0089	Detached Single Family	4104 HWY 98, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	22 6S 12W -17.2-213D1	\$580,820.00	\$3,624.27	NSF
25MB-P0056	Plumbing Permit	205 3RD ST, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	MEXICO BEACH UNIT # 12	\$500,000.00	\$358.75	NSF Plumbing
25MB-RB0056	Pole Barn / Shed	612 GEORGIA AVE, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	MEXICO BEACH U-12	\$5,300.00	\$229.25	Enclosing pole barn for utility room
25MB-RR0050	Residential New Roof	134 OCEAN PLANTATION CIR, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	OCEAN PLANTATION	\$520,000.00	\$79.00	NSF Roof
25MB-MO0006	Misc. Other	116 37TH ST Unit C, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(10.2)213D1		\$150.00	LONO Letter
25MB-WR0004	Window Replacement	110 38TH ST, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #8 213D1	\$2,485.00	\$79.00	Widow replacement
25MB-RR0051	Residential New Roof	107 OCEAN PLANTATION CIR, Mexico Beach, FL 32456	OCEAN PLANTATION	\$405,000.00	\$79.00	NSF Roof
24MB-RR0032	Residential New Roof	112 37TH ST S C, Mexico Beach, FL 32410	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5 BEG 37.19'	\$414,895.00	\$79.00	Attached NSF - roof
				\$2,428,500.00	\$4,678.27	

