



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report October 10, 2025



National Walk to a Park Day Edition

(This one is easy—I work right next to one)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mell Smigielski

Meetings Next Week

Monday	October 13	6:00 pm	Plan & Zoning
Tuesday	October 14	9:00 am	City Council

Current Bids

Pier CEI	October 15	4:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Pier	November 19	2:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Grant Writer	October 31	2:00 pm	City Hall conference Room
Lobbyist	Coming soon		
Sanitation	Coming Soon		

Red Tide

Surely you have heard by now we have red tide brewing in the gulf right now.

Jetty

The benefit cost analysis for the increased request for funding has made it out of the Florida DEM and is in the hands of FEMA. Another hurdle crossed!

Employee Evaluations

The annual employee evaluations have been completed. Employees were given a score of 1 through 10 with 10 being for exceptional performance. Each evaluation was reviewed by our senior staff to ensure there were no biases from the supervisors doing the review. For the FY 2026 budget, we budgeted an increase of 5% for each employee. This includes a cost-of-living increase of 2.5% and potential merit increase of 2.5%. We have 46 full-time employees. For statistical purposes I will leave my position out because my salary is set for the next two years. Here are the statistics:

Evaluation score	# of employees	Percent
10	11	24.4
9	7	15.6
8	12	26.6
7	7	15.6
6	3	6.7
5	3	6.7
4	1	2.2
3	1	2.2
2	0	0
1	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	45	100

% Increase	# of Employees	Percent
5%	30	66.7
4.5%	3	6.7
4.0%	9	20
3.5%	1	2.2
3.0%	0	0
2.5%	<u>2</u>	<u>4.4</u>
	45	100

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Bridge Brothers is working on material procurement which will set the delivery schedule; they will be in touch with a fabrication/delivery schedule. Construction change directive submitted, which are revisions to the structural foundation drawings after coordination between Bridge Brothers and the Structural Engineer.

Boat ramp

Updated drawings and draft agreement sent to city to be forwarded to FWC for review.

Anchor working on quarterly report for FWC—will be sent this week.

Public Works Water Tank Aeration System

On the 10/14 Council Agenda.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Razorback is requesting a meeting to review construction scope and sequencing.

Cul-de-sac at Canal Parkway

On the 10/14 Council Agenda.

Nickle Creek

On the 10/14 Council Agenda.

Amphitheater

BGN's design team is finalizing their structural (foundation) and electrical drawings. Anchor is waiting for an update.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

14th Street: Based on the load for the new lift station, there will be no additional costs paid to Duke Energy for the electrical upgrade. Duke is still in the scheduling stage, but it is expected to happen in the next 4 – 5 weeks. This is great news because the original estimate was going to cost around \$40,000.00.

Nanook: Anchor reviewing submittals and researching pump options that will work with the existing panel.

CASUNA & Ocean Plantation

On the 10/14 Council Agenda.

Seaside Market Development Order

The P & Z on a 5-0 vote approved to send the development order to the City council for approval on the 10/14 Council meeting.

Sewer Line

Anchor is studying MX-1 relocation and sewer line task order.

Pier

No movement since last week due to the federal shutdown.

HWY 98 and 4th Street Project

On the 10/14 Council Agenda.

Dune Walkovers at Public Access at 7th and Sunset Park

Anchor working on 90% construction bid set and revising cost estimate.

Flooding at the end of some streets

We have had complaints from citizens concerning an increase in flooding at the end of some of our streets that end at the Gulf. Public Works has cleaned off the sand on the pavement for a couple of streets and has had some success, but it will take some time to do the same for the remaining streets. Some of the complaints place some blame on the increased size of the new dunes after the restoration project was

finished. We are having Anchor contact Mark Steele to come up with a plan to mitigate the issue. If anyone out there has a geotechnical report from a recent home build in the area, please share with us so we can determine what may be below the sandy area.

NHMA Webinar

I was honored to be a panelist for the National Hazard Mitigation Association along with Ryan and Dina from Atkins-Realis. The webinar title was, 'Mexico Beach: Hurricane Michael Recovery, Rebuild, and Resilience'. My input was to describe Mexico Beach before the storm and discuss some of the effects afterwards. Ryan and Dina did a stellar job of describing the recovery process as it relates to finding sources and processes.

City Millage

The County did finish their review of the DR-422, we did certify and double checked that the DR-422 is complete. This concludes the millage process.

City Insurance

Though our insurance rates did stay at just above 5% increase for FY 26, our workers' compensation rate did go up significantly.

Sanitation

We did have a probationary employee who was consistently insubordinate to the point that we cut ties with him.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kath Lyons

From last week:

1. Lots cut from violations issued.
2. Couple Courtesy violations written at boat launch.
3. Fence installed incorrectly, spoke to contractor all ok.
4. J. Warren contractor signed on Mexico Beach RV Resort, called need to remove contractor sign.
5. Still receiving calls regarding Turtle light violations.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 10/03/2025 - 10/09/2025

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Coastal Construction Control Line			
Permit Status			Completed			
10/07/2025	112 35TH ST S, MEXICO BEACH	25MB-RBDO0002		Zoning		
Count: 1			Total:			
Permit Type			Commercial Remodel C/C			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/03/2025	1120 15TH ST, Mexico Beach	25MB-CB0004		Commercial Alteration	\$65,000.00	PALMETTO PLANTATION
Count: 1			Total: \$65,000.00			
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Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/08/2025	428 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0087	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$330,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
10/08/2025	416 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0106	Holiday Builders CGC058770	Residential New	\$325,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
Count: 2			Total: \$655,000.00			
Count: 2			Total: \$655,000.00			
Permit Type			Driveway			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/06/2025	105 St Frances St, Mexico Beach	25MB-D0003		One Stop	\$2,805.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$2,805.00			
Count: 1			Total: \$2,805.00			
Permit Type			Electric Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/06/2025	238 WILLIAM WAY, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0083	Current Solutions- EC13007319	One Stop	\$63,935.00	GRAND ISLE UNIT 15 235C4
10/08/2025	3507 Hwy 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0084	Current Solutions- EC13007319	One Stop	\$50,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5 213D 1
10/08/2025	116 37TH ST B, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0085	CATES ELECTRIC - EC13004174	One Stop	\$58,550.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(10.4)213D1
Count: 3			Total: \$172,485.00			
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Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/07/2025	4104 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-M0051	Miller Heating & Air - CAC1817359	One Stop	\$580,820.00	22 6S 12W -17.2-213D1
Count: 1			Total: \$580,820.00			
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Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/03/2025	4104 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-P0067	Emerald Coast Plumbing	One Stop	\$580,820.00	22 6S 12W -17.2-213D1
Count: 1			Total: \$580,820.00			
Count: 1			Total: \$580,820.00			
Permit Type			Pool / Hot Tub (Residential Alteration)			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/08/2025	117 32nd St, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0133	Coastal Pool & Spa	Residential Alteration	\$60,000.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$60,000.00			
Count: 1			Total: \$60,000.00			
Permit Type			Residential New Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/08/2025	102 23RD ST S, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0069	Hall Roofing Company, LLC - CCC1336577	One Stop	\$1,058,850.00	MEXICO BEACH U-3 MAP 235C
10/07/2025	109 26TH ST, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0068	Hall Roofing Company, LLC - CCC1336577	One Stop	\$700,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 4 235C2
Count: 2			Total: \$1,758,850.00			
Count: 2			Total: \$1,758,850.00			
Total Permits: 13			Valuation Total: \$3,875,780.00			