



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report October 31, 2025



National Caramel Apple Day Edition

(A reason to reevaluate your core values)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski

Meetings next week

Monday	November 3	6:00pm	Planning & Zoning
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Current Bids

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

Boat ramp

Anchor and structural engineer is revising the drawings based on FWC third party review. FWC extended the grant for one year. Permitting and the bidding process should be complete by the end of the year.

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. Harder's is planning to start on the foundation construction the first or second week of November.

The Palms

Waiting for the drainage report and grading and drainage plan.

Public Works Water Tank Aeration System

Cyber Electric ordering materials and working on an installation schedule.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Anchor is working through Razorbacks' questions and will send responses back this week. Anchor working at ways to revise costs.

Cul-de-sac at Canal Parkway

Mainline construction is pricing this as a change order to the 4th Street stormwater project.

Nickle Creek

Anchor started analysis. It should be completed at the end of November.

Amphitheater

BGN is finalizing their drawings.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

14th Street: Mainline is onsite working. Water service installed on the other side of the road from what drawings show.

Nanook: Anchor asking Mainline about option to upsize force main in this location to be able to keep existing controls. Mainline is pricing this as an option.

CASUNA & Ocean Plantation

Anchor started inspections and should be complete by the end of November.

Sewer Line

Anchor is studying MX-1 relocation and sewer line task order. Putting proposal together for city review.

Pier

No movement due to the federal shutdown.

HWY 98 and 4th Street Project

Award putting together conformed project manual and draft notice to proceed.

Walkovers at Public Access at 7th and Sunset Park

Anchor working on 90% construction bid set and ITB package.

7th St: Anchor received additional elevations from survey team – we will be able to reuse about 70' to 80' of the existing walkway. Also, FDEP does not require we stay 3' above this dune since there are no plantings at the walkway currently, so the length of the new walkover is about 20' shorter now, which will save the city some money

Stormwater at End of beachside Streets
Anchor will work with Public Works.

SUNTrail

FDOT announced the funding for the design for the multi-use path within the city is being advanced from 2031 to the current fiscal year. Keep in mind that process will take some time then acquisition after that, so the project is still a way out.

Storm Pick up

We will continue to monitor the amount of debris we have yet to pick up, but we intend to cut the service off on November 7. The storm damage did not rise to the level of FEMA or State reimbursement, so the cost will be the responsibility of the city. So citizens need to understand this pick up is for items related to the storm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sandy Walker

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work in response to the weather event on Monday morning. It involved all departments in some way or form and communication between departments during the event went very well. A great job done by all involved.

We are continuing with hydrant pressure testing throughout the city, but this should not affect any end users.

We had another electrical gremlin repaired on Ladder 43, which we are now hoping is the end of the issues we have been having. Although they were intermittent and did not put the apparatus out of service it is nice to have the issue resolved.

We have been able to update the card entry points in the city so that our Bay County paramedics have access to the Public Works building. It means now that everyone entering these facilities using ID cards will be recorded on our system.

HARBOR MASTER

We had no issues arising from the weather event at the boat ramp or the city marina.

Our pump out station situated at slip 35 has been inspected by an outside entity for the coming year and found to be in good working order.

You will see there is a roof over slip 44. This has been installed, with permits, by the owner at no cost to the city. Should his lease on that slip end the roof and the lift belong to the city for future use.

F-ROC

Our 2026 submission has been verified by the state and a two question RFI sent to us. These questions have been answered and the RFI has been returned for review and pre abatement score.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kathy Lyons

1. Calls regarding turtle lights
2. Fence permits
3. Several emails for Lien searches
4. Sign installed on Hwy 98 over the height limit, had sign removed.
5. Rv parked on Arkansas informed owner of lot RV's cannot be parked on vacant lot RV being removed.
6. Received several calls that lots have been cut.

FLOODPLAIN CONSULTANT

We have issued 531 minor floodplain reports/permits and conducted 94 compliance inspections to date.

Major applications (Commercial, Subdivisions, Plats etc.) listed below have either been reviewed and feedback provided, are pending more information from the applicant, or have been permitted. Please see the lists below for status details:

Pending Application/ Meetings Held:

- Sweetwater at Mexico Beach: Preliminary meeting held June 25th, 2024.
- Harmony Lakes preliminary meeting held August 28th, 2024.
- Meeting held June 30th, 2025 to discuss pier public restroom.
- Meeting held October 24th, 2025 with FDEM to discuss CAV status.

Reviewed & Feedback Provided - Pending new information:

- LOMR-F Application for Sugar Sands Phase II- revisions requested
- Forgotten Coast Villas (Development Order- Structures)

Approved/ Approved with Comments:

- The Palms - 1008 15th St. Units 12 A-D (Building Application)
- 3114 Hwy 98 - Seaside Market Place (Development Order & Building Application)
- 5501 Hwy 98 Hotel (Building Application)
- 102-104 14th St Replat Application
- 2902 Hwy 98 Mixed Use Building (Development Order & Building Application)
- Salt Creek Final Plat Approval
- Cottages at Paradise Cove (Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, & Development Order)
- 480 15th St. - Restaurant (Playa De Mexico)

- 712 Highway 98- Restaurant (Building Application)
- The Driftwood Inn Chapel (Building Application)
- Salt Creek Temporary Parking Lot
- Villas at Mexico Beach (Development Order)
- 100 42nd St. S (Preliminary Plat)
- 314, 316, 318 Hatley Dr. Duplex
- Toucans- 719 Hwy 98 (Development Order- Structure Only)
- 4101 Hwy 98 (Development Order)
- El Governor- Bathroom & Pool (Building Application)
- Salt Creek Townhomes Ph. 2 (Preliminary Plat)
- Aquas Esmeralda (Preliminary Plat)
- Aquas Esmeralda (Development Order)
- Sweetwater at Mexico Beach (Preliminary Plat)
 - Cape & Coast Office: 3016 Hwy 98 (Building Application)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 10/24/2025 - 10/30/2025

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Coastal Construction Control Line			
Permit Status			Completed			
10/28/2025	102 23RD ST S, Mexico Beach	25MB-RBDO0003		Zoning		MEXICO BEACH U-3 MAP 235C

Count: 1

Total:

Permit Type			Commercial Re-Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/27/2025	1701 Hwy 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-CR0006	Garrison Design & Construction CCC058161	One Stop	\$157,920.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$157,920.00

Permit Type			Electric Permit			
Permit Status			Completed			
10/27/2025	111 19th St, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0090	Current Solutions - EC13007319	One Stop	\$1,500.00	
10/27/2025	22 Magnolia, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0091	Current Solutions - EC13007319	One Stop	\$1,500.00	
10/28/2025	507 Georgia Ave, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0092	Kenny Strange Electric - EC13008679	One Stop	\$1,000.00	

Count: 3

Total: \$4,000.00

Permit Status			In Progress			
10/28/2025	116 37TH ST Unit C, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0093	CATES ELECTRIC - EC13004174	One Stop	\$61,912.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(10.2)213D1
10/28/2025	4104 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0094	WESLEY'S ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. - EC13009866	One Stop	\$580,820.00	22 6S 12W -17.2-213D1
10/29/2025	312 Maryland Blvd Unit B, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0095		One Stop	\$1,000.00	
10/30/2025	1001 15th ST N, Mexico Beach	25MB-E0096	Jerry Pybus Electric - EC13005609/EC000510	One Stop	\$2,900.00	

Count: 4

Total: \$646,632.00

Permit Type			Misc. Other			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/30/2025	1303/1305 Hwy 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-MO0007		One Stop		

Count: 1

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Permit Type			Residential Remodel - CC			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/24/2025	112 CANAL PKWY, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0126		Residential Alteration	\$30,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #7

Count: 1

Total: \$30,000.00

Permit Type			Residential Re-Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
10/30/2025	308 Hatley Dr, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0075	Hammer Down Development CCC1333341	One Stop	\$18,150.00	
10/29/2025	2503 Hwy 98 Unit B, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0074	KMG Roofing - CCC1332435	One Stop	\$2,892.00	
10/28/2025	2503 HWY 98 C, Mexico Beach	25MB-RR0073	KMG Roofing - CCC1332435	One Stop		MEXICO BEACH U #4 (1.03) 235C2

Count: 3

Total: \$21,042.00

Total Permits: 14

Valuation Total: \$859,594.00