



City of Mexico Beach

201 Paradise Path · Mexico Beach, Florida · 32456

Phone: 850-648-5700 · Fax: 850-648-8768

Weekly Report January 16, 2026



National Fig Newton Day Edition

(Newtons are just a figment of your imagination)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Monday	January 26	6:00 pm	P & Z Workshop
Tuesday	January 27	9:00 am	City Council
Monday	February 2	6:00 pm	P & Z Regular Mtg

Current Bids

ADA Walkover – 7 th St	January 16 th @ 3:00 pm
ADA Walkover – Sunset Park	January 16 th @ 2:00 pm
MBARA Reefs	February 9 th @ 2:00 pm
Sanitation	February 17 th @ 2:00 pm
Lobbyist	Coming soon

Pier Update

At our latest meeting with FEMA, we were told that our goal of an April approval is a realistic possibility.

Jetty Update

We were also told by FEMA that the jetty request at the higher bid amount is moving into the last steps as well. After CRC comments, it is back in the EHP (Environmental Historical Preservation) cue for their last review.

Sanitation

Our staff met and rolled out a plan for the delivery of the 96-gallon trash cans. There will be 3 separate deliveries of 700, 700 and 500 cans a week apart starting in early February. We will assign the serial numbers to an address and begin the delivery by each billing route. Citizens can keep their current cans and use them for yard debris. If they have no desire to keep their current cans, they can be left next to the street on their pickup day, and we will recycle or dispose of them.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Change orders were approved at the January 13th council meeting. Anchor will coordinate with Razorback and Mainline.

CASUNA & Ocean Plantation

The subject will be on the January 27th agenda.

Boat ramp

FWC is doing an internal review of the amendment. Will send to the city when ready for signatures.

Project was submitted for Environmental Permitting on 11/18/25. FDEP is reviewing.

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Coordination and installation efforts continue.

Public Works Water Tank Mixer System

FDEP sent approved permit on 12/29/25. Anchor will coordinate a pre-install meeting with Cyber and the city.

Cul-de-sac at Canal Parkway

The Mainline proposal for \$35,852.60 was approved at the December 16 council meeting and will be a change order on the 4th Street Stormwater project.

Walkovers at Public Access at 7th and Sunset Park

Bids due 1-16-26.

Amphitheater

BGN received the trusses for the amphitheater and took delivery of the structural steel. They are expecting the third delivery for the metal roof panels and day and will be securing the project area with fencing.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

Nanook – Change order fully executed; Mainline to order Pump materials.

14th Street – Change order from Mainline on January 27th agenda for the installation of 100' feet of conduit, wire and other materials.

HWY 98 and 4th Street Project

Pre-construction meeting on Tuesday.

The Palms

The applicant will be sending the stormwater report.

Additional Walkover

Proposal for the walkover review, conceptual design and public comment will be on the January 27th agenda.

Public Bathroom adjacent to Public Works

Roof repairs are expected to be completed next week.

Sunset Park

Bonavic Construction will be getting a purchase order from the city so they can begin ordering materials and schedule repairs. The under-roof decking will probably take about 6 – 8 weeks, so that order has been submitted.

FIRE RESCUE

Sandy Walker, Chief

Hydrant testing is almost completed for all hydrants. We will be doing any needed or major repairs maintenance in conjunction with the Water Department. All in all, the system is in great condition, but some of the hydrants need to be updated and some need to be made higher for ease of use. This will be looked at on a hydrant-by-hydrant basis.

If you see smoke coming from the old fire station on 14th Street in the coming days and weeks and there is a fire truck outside, it is NOT on fire, but we are using it for training. Over the last few months members of the department have been building training props so we can run some training scenarios for all department members. The smoke is from a smoke machine and not an active fire. We will be also conducting our yearly agility test at the same time.

HARBOR MASTER

2025 was another good year at both the boat ramp and for renting out of city slips. We saw a good number of returning visitors and plenty of new ones.

We issued 303 exempt yearly boat ramp permits to MB residents.

We sold 166 yearly permits for the boat ramp for a total of \$33,200.00

We sold 1591 daily permits for the boat ramp for a total of \$ 39,775.00

We have 52 slips in the city marina, and we had 6706 days rented during the year for a total of \$70,884.00.

The boat wash brought in another \$1,630.00.

This makes a total of \$145,489.00

For those that are looking forward to our fishing tournaments for 2026, Both the Gollywhopper and the MBARA Kingfish tournaments are already being talked about. Both great family events that have been held in Mexico Beach.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 01/09/2026 - 01/15/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Commercial Pole Barn			
Permit Status			In Progress			
01/09/2026	1700 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	25MB-PB00003	Garrison Design & Construction CCC058161	Commercial Alteration	\$36,000.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$36,000.00

Permit Type			Electric Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
01/14/2026	100 42nd St (Docks 1-5), Mexico Beach	26MB-E0002	Current Solutions EC13007319	One Stop	\$1,500.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$1,500.00

Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
01/13/2026	226 KIM KOVE RD, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0005	Deeson Heating & AC - CMC1249673	One Stop	\$450,000.00	GRAND ISLE UNIT 15 235C4
01/13/2026	447 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0006	LUNSFORD AIR CONDITIONER & HEATING INC.	One Stop	\$315,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
01/13/2026	451 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0007	LUNSFORD AIR CONDITIONER & HEATING INC.	One Stop	\$320,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
01/13/2026	455 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0008	LUNSFORD AIR CONDITIONER & HEATING INC.	One Stop	\$305,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
01/13/2026	443 SALT CREEK LN, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0009	LUNSFORD AIR CONDITIONER & HEATING INC.	One Stop	\$303,000.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2

Count: 5

Total: \$1,693,000.00

Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
Permit Status			In Progress			
01/12/2026	111 41ST ST Unit B, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0002	McKoy Construction LLC CFC1433615	One Stop	\$430,000.00	22 6S 12W -2.006-BEG
01/12/2026	111 38TH ST S UNIT 8, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0003	McKoy Construction LLC CFC1433615	One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(6.01)
01/12/2026	111 38TH ST S UNIT 7, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0004	McKoy Construction LLC CFC1433615	One Stop	\$600,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5(6.01)

Count: 3

Total: \$1,630,000.00

Permit Type			Residential Remodel - CC			
Permit Status			In Progress			
01/15/2026	104 22ND ST N, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0001	TE Williams Construction - CBC060397	Residential Alteration	\$140,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #3 235C4

Count: 1

Total: \$140,000.00

Permit Type			Residential Re-Roof			
Permit Status			In Progress			
01/12/2026	601 15th St Lot 4, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0005	Hall Roofing Company, LLC - CCC1336577	One Stop	\$14,425.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$14,425.00

Total Permits: 12

Valuation Total: \$3,514,925.00