



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report May 15, 2026



National Sea Monkey Day Edition

(I can honestly say I have not seen a monkey on the beach)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Monday	May 18	6:00 pm	P & Z
Tuesday	May 26	9:00 am	City Council
Monday	June 1	6:00 pm	P & Z
Tuesday	June 9	9:00 am	City Council
Tuesday	June 23	9:00 am	City Council

Bids/RFQ's/RFP's

RFP for Boat Ramp & Expansion 2:00 pm May 19

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Harders is scheduled to lay the remaining sod today. A final walk through is scheduled for 05/18 with the contractor and FDOT. Harders wants to wait until the contract completion date (05/23) to plan for the bridge opening in case any items arise during the final walk through on 05/18.

Sunset Park Pavilion

Work continues on the pavilion. Roof repairs continue. We are taking a look at the mechanicals in the bathrooms and utility room. We still anticipate the work to be completed ahead of the Memorial Day holiday.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Razorback set the pumps on 5/12 at each site. Installing guard rails and stairs at LS 9. Work is expected to be completed by the end of May (hopefully this week).

Wastewater Capacity

The city coordinated a meeting with officials from Bay County Utilities and Tyndall AFB to discuss the current state of wastewater capacity, future trends and steps needed to address future growth.

The Military Point wastewater treatment plant run by Bay County (located on the Tyndall Air Force Base) can treat 7 mgpd (million gallons per day). The current usage is 45%. There are plans to add 1 mgpd to the current 7 mgpd to make a total rating of 8 mgpd (not sure when upgrade is planned). If you do the math that we all learned in high school, the new usage will be at 39%.

The item that concerns us is the lift station that takes our waste from MX-1 and Tyndall's waste to the MPAWT. The lift station was designed for the needs of Tyndall and their future expansion without consideration of Mexico Beach waste. There was a grant sponsored by Bay County in the early 2020's to add a line for MB to bypass the Tyndall lift station, but MB officials turned it down stating MB will not grow.

Now that we have potential subdivisions slated in the future, our path forward is to continually work with Tyndall and begin our plans to bypass the lift station at Tyndall. There is no danger in the short term of overpowering the lift station even with our growth and Tyndall growth, but our plans need to determine the best path to bypass the Tyndall lift station. Luckily, we should be receiving our asset management plan from Florida Rural Water any time now. That document will allow us to pursue grant funding or loans from FDEP. Once our engineering plan is determined, our grant writers can pursue funding.

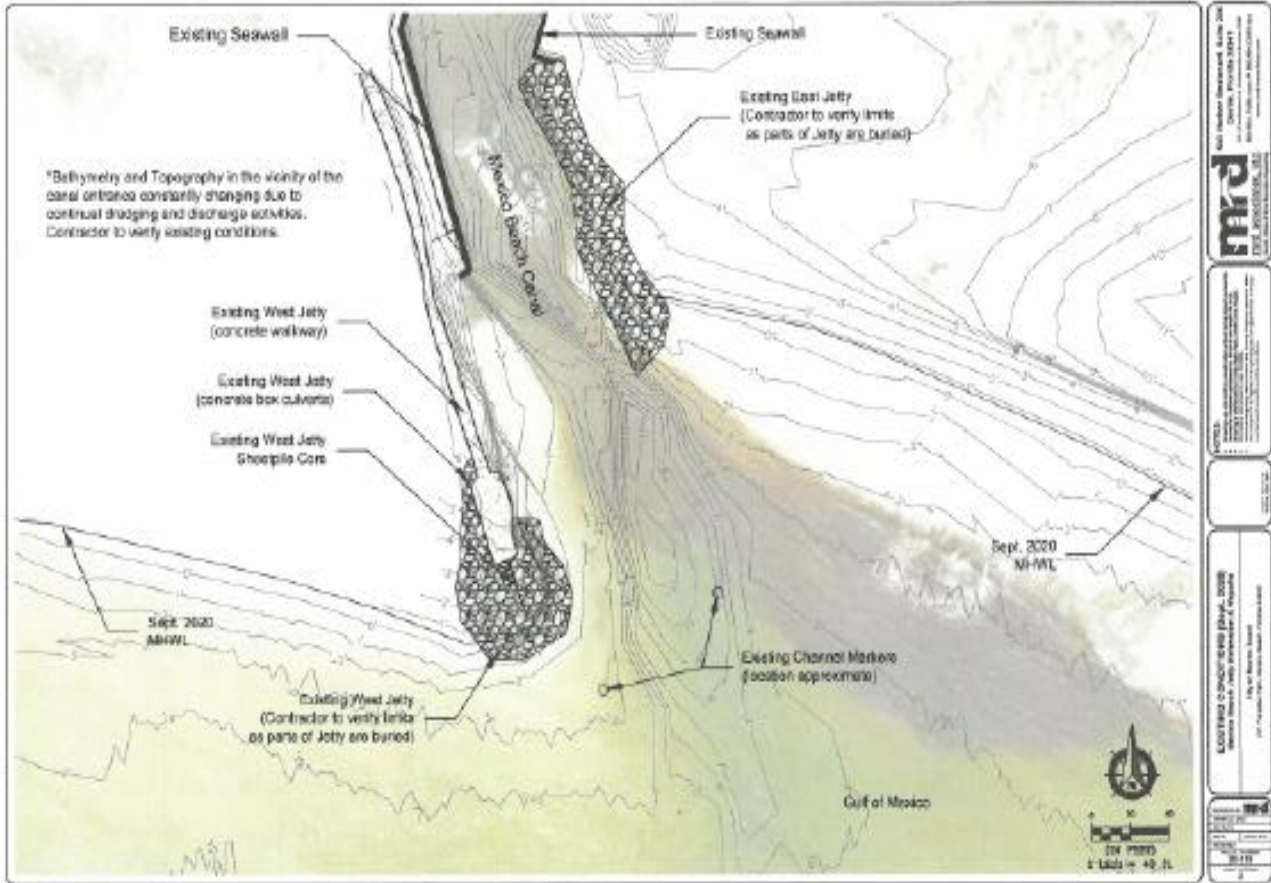
Bailey Lane

Letters were sent to the property owners abutting Bailey Lane indicating there will be a surveyor in the near future determining a description for the street.

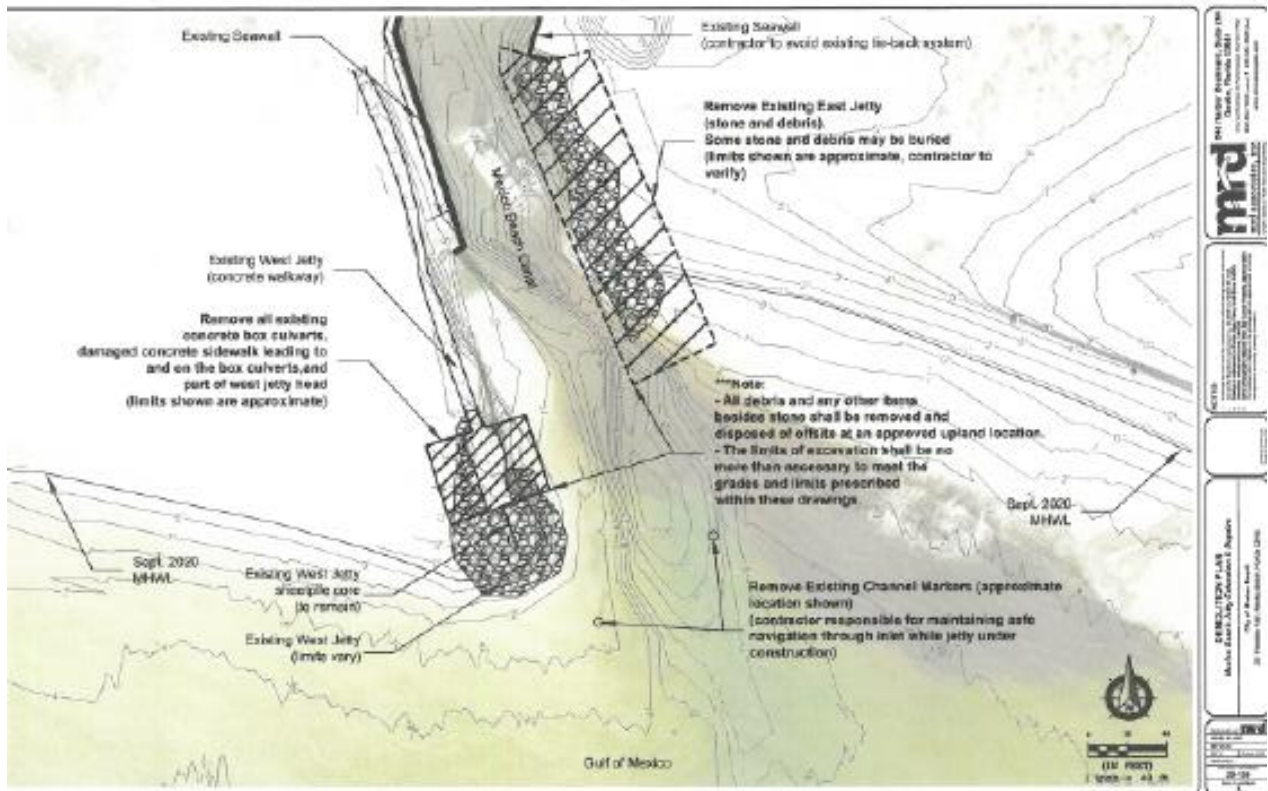
Jetty

The task order with Dewberry was approved by the City Council on Tuesday as well as the contract with GCUC. We need to redo the contract at the next meeting to provide a cleaner transition from the original bid price of 4.2 million to 4.3 million. We will need to approve a contract with GCUC that the original bid price and then approve a change order for the increase of \$66 thousand.

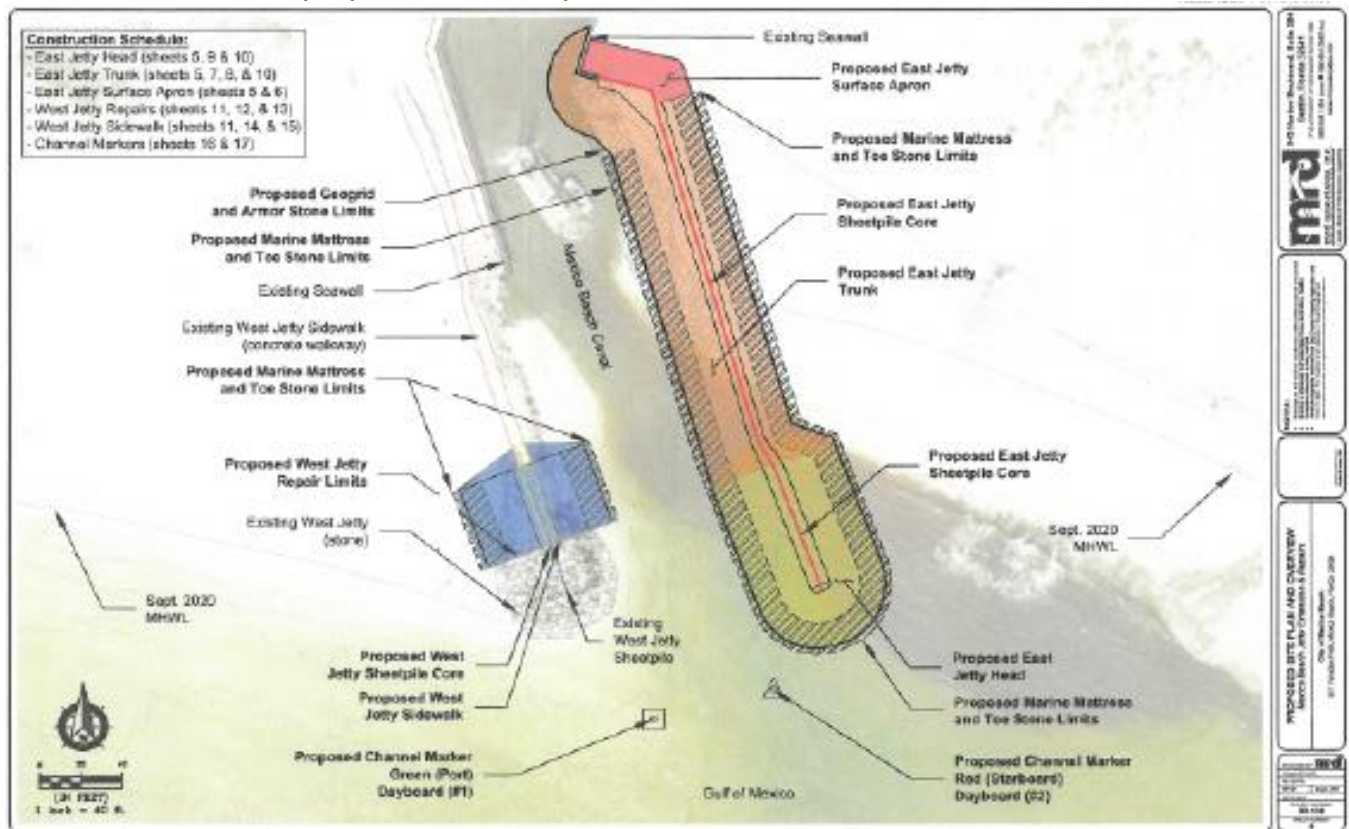
Here is a shot of the current jetty configuration:



Here is a shot of the demolition plan:



Here is a shot of the proposed finished product:



Sunstop

The annexation of the Sunstop convenience store is moving forward. Ordinances have been prepared and scheduled.

Boat ramp

Bid opening has been moved to May 19. Army Corps is reviewing the revised permit drawings.

Dune Walkovers at 7th and Sunset Park

FDEP officials are reviewing options for MKM to begin construction during turtle nesting season. The process, if allowed, would require an amended permit. Rest assured the city has no desire to adjust the dunes in any way (contrary to a report by a local TV station).

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

Nanook Rd – Anchor is reviewing the final pay application. Waiting for Mainline to send as-built drawings.

14th Street – Startup/dataflow was completed on May 12th and the process went well. We wait for the final report from Mainline.

Dune Walkover #3

Survey is underway. Pre-app meeting has been requested with FDEP & FWC. FWC is reviewing conceptual layouts.

4th Street Stormwater Project

Final pay application and project closeout documentation received.

Amphitheater

BGN's schedule for this week is electrical rough-in and concrete beams. Substantial completion date remains June 22.

Strategic Pan RFQ

Proposals have been received and the request made to city council members to rate the proposals so we can move forward with getting the process moving.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sam Buccieri

- The contractor has completed sod installation on the south side of Joe Drive at the pedestrian bridge. The only remaining item is the final walkthrough, which is scheduled for May 18.
- Additional "No Parking" and public parking signage has been installed to improve traffic flow and parking guidance in the area.
- The parking lot on 37th Street was cleaned and maintained to improve overall appearance and accessibility.
- Planning is underway to remove a dead palm tree on the beach side of Highway 98 at 3rd Street, as well as another dead palm tree located at the 7th Street beach access.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kathy Lyons

Food Truck for 1100 Hwy 98 is on hold we find out what services can go on the lot.

Received approximately 6 Special Event applications.

Notice of Violation sent to have lot cut.

Received approximately 4 Fence permits.

Issued several Courtesy Violations at boat launch.

Turtle Light season is in effect, cover holes that are dug on the beach, make sure the lighting is turtle friendly.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 05/08/2026 - 05/14/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Electric Permit			
05/14/2026	410 La Siesta Drive, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0047		One Stop	\$386,609.00	
05/14/2026	118 42ND ST S, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0048		One Stop	\$623,058.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT # 7
Count: 2			Total: \$1,009,667.00			
Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
05/11/2026	202 8th Street, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0047		One Stop	\$325,000.00	
05/11/2026	109 21ST ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0048		One Stop	\$350,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #3 235C4
Count: 2			Total: \$675,000.00			
Permit Type			Residential New Roof			
05/13/2026	444 TOWN VILLAGE WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0039		One Stop	\$356,779.90	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
05/13/2026	414 WATER BEND WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0040		One Stop	\$356,779.90	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
Count: 2			Total: \$713,559.80			
Total Permits: 6			Valuation Total: \$2,398,226.80			