



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report May 29, 2026



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National Heat Awareness Day Edition

(Yes, we are aware of the heat. Stay hydrated!)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

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

15th Street Pedestrian Bridge

The bridge has been opened to the public. Substantial completion form is executed. Seeding for stabilization should be completed this week so the project can be closed out.

Sunset Park Pavilion

Roof materials should be delivered next week so the roof can be completed and gutters installed very soon.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Mainline continues to install piping at LS 9. Will move to LS 11 & 13 next for piping install. Razorback sent final pay applications and Anchor is reviewing.

Boat ramp

Anchor is reviewing the bids and will send recommendation of award letter for the June 9th council meeting. Army Corps is reviewing the revised permit drawings.

Property Tax

Our Lobbyists reported that the Governor is calling a session on property taxes on June 1 – 3. Early indications are there will be a phased-in approach by raising the homestead limit to \$250,000. There may be restrictions on how the remaining revenue can be spent after paying for Police and Fire protection. The plan would ultimately be placed on the November ballot for approval. But we must wait and see what comes out of next week's session. Bottom line at this point is no one really knows what will come out of the session.

Sunstop

The annexation of the Sunstop convenience store is moving forward. Ordinances have been prepared and scheduled for the P & Z on June 1 and City Council on June 9 (first reading).

Sanitation Notice – it bears repeating

We've officially wrapped up delivery of the new city garbage containers — Thank you everyone for your patience during the rollout!

Starting June 1, 2026, all household trash must be placed in the city-issued containers. Any trash left outside of a city-issued container may result in an excessive garbage charge. In other words, if you're still using your old cans or putting trash bags next to the street, your trash could be considered "extra" — and nobody likes surprise fees!

We also wanted to clear up a little confusion about containers storage and enclosures:

- Garbage containers must be kept out of sight from the road except on trash pickup day.
- Enclosures are not required — whether you build one is completely your choice.
- If you do decide to build an enclosure, please be sure it includes a gate.

One last reminder: If you'd like us to dispose of your old garbage containers, just give City Hall/Public Works a call at 850-648-5700 ext. 3 and we'll be happy to help take care of them.

Thank you again for helping keep our community looking great!

Dune Walkovers at 7th and Sunset Park

FDEP officials are reviewing options for MKM to begin construction during turtle nesting season.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

14th Street – Startup completed on May 12th. Mainline will send report and final closeout documentation for the project.

Dune Walkover #3

Survey is underway. FDEP & FWC are reviewing conceptual layouts.

Amphitheater

Electrical rough-in is complete. BGN needed additional information regarding the rebar and needed to reach out to the design team for clarification. They have received the information needed and will be back on site when the weather improves to pour concrete.

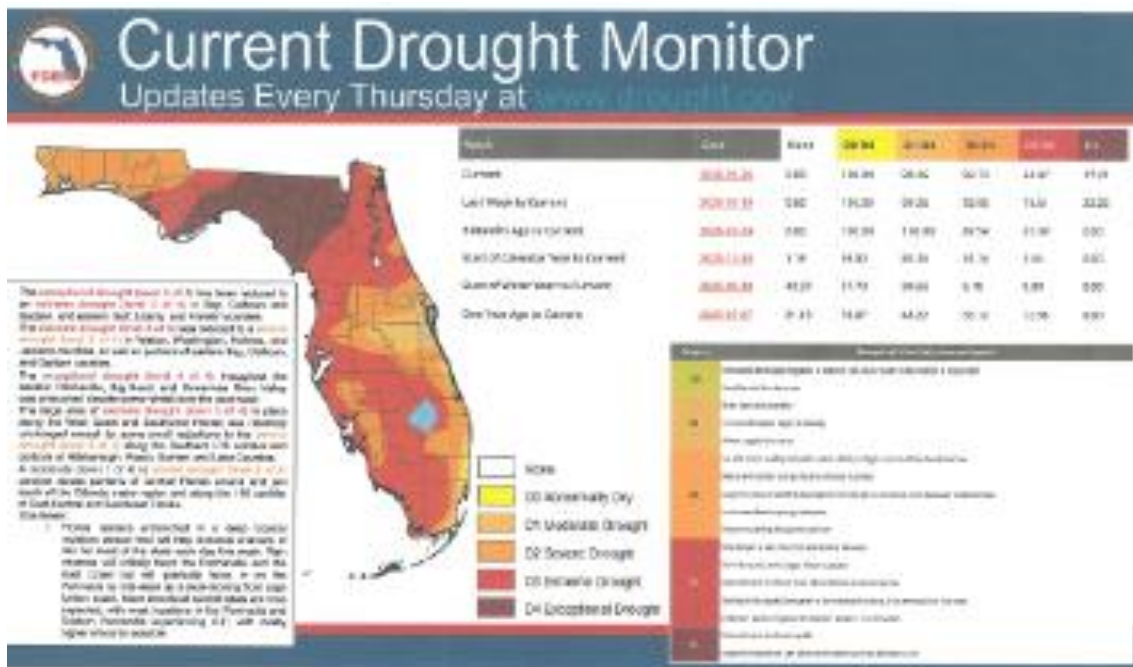
Pier

FEMA's CRC is in the process of adjusting the cost of the pier to the bid price, which is good news. We all know the contractor agreed to hold their bid pricing until April 15th, which has passed. Gorman is getting updated pricing on materials from their suppliers. Some suppliers agreed to hold their pricing until September, which is our target date to start, while other suppliers are more sensitive to market conditions and can only hold pricing in 30-day increments. The estimated increase at this point is between \$400,000 and \$500,000, which is between 4.5% and 6%. That is still below the 20% threshold that FEMA allows. Not a sure thing until the project is obligated.

Another issue is the benches on the new pier. Our design calls for 12 benches and FEMA will only pay for 4. If the city has to pay an extra \$20,000 for the benches, I think that is a good investment for our citizens and visitors.

Drought

Hard to read the wording and details, but the map shows we are still in drought conditions even with the rain this week.



1100 HWY 98 Development Application

The application for a beach store is running through P & Z and being reviewed by our consultants. There are concerns about potential runoff to adjacent properties. The owner will temporarily put in a coffee food trailer and rent golf carts, umbrellas and chairs until the process is complete.

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 the award at the June 9 meeting.

Comprehensive Plan

The response letter to Florida Commerce (June 1 deadline) was sent and acknowledged that states the city will go through the process of reviewing our comprehensive plan due to changes in local conditions and state requirements. We have until May 21, 2027 to file our plan amendments.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sam Buccieri

- Installing poles and rope barriers between North 26th Street and North 27th Street next week.
- Today will be installing Health Department-required signage at beach access locations on 1st Street, 8th Street, Sunset Park, and 37th Street.
- Final assembly of the Spider Excavator is underway and scheduled to begin next week.
- Spread out seeds and hay at 15th St. pedestrian bridge.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kathy Lyons

- Received several fence permits
- Complaint, new sign at Baptist church is too bright at night. Spoke to Pastor Matthew he will fix brightness.
- RV being used in driveway on Magnolia, sent Notice of Violation, Owner has removed RV.
- Wrote Several Courtesy Violations at Boat Launch
- Issued a couple Citations at Boat Launch for no annual or daily pass.
- Person called wanting to sell Loaded Teas on beach or set up a tent to sell the teas.
- Received complaint that grass is too high at house on 1st street.
- Picked up numerous snipe signs and political signs in vacant lots.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 05/22/2026 - 05/28/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
05/27/2026	410 Colorado Drive, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0156	Anglin Built LLC	Residential New	\$907,167.85	
Count: 1			Total: \$907,167.85			
Permit Type			Electric Permit			
05/22/2026	464 Town Village Way, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0051		One Stop	\$335,000.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$335,000.00			
Permit Type			Gas Permit			
05/28/2026	203 LOUISIANA DR, Mexico Beach	26MB-G0003		One Stop	\$250,000.00	MEXICO BEACH U-12 236A2
Count: 1			Total: \$250,000.00			
Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
05/28/2026	216 KIM KOVE, MEXICO BEACH	26MB-M0050		One Stop	\$550,000.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$550,000.00			
Permit Type			Modular Home			
05/27/2026	204 4TH ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0035		Residential New	\$375,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT # 12
Count: 1			Total: \$375,000.00			
Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
05/26/2026	464 Town Village Way, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0036		One Stop	\$335,000.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$335,000.00			
Permit Type			Pool / Hot Tub (Residential Alteration)			
05/26/2026	105 26TH ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0039		Residential Alteration	\$80,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 4 235C2
Count: 1			Total: \$80,000.00			
Permit Type			Residential Addition			
05/27/2026	410 Colorado Drive, Mexico Beach	25MB-RB0157	Anglin Built LLC	Residential Alteration	\$50,000.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$50,000.00			
Permit Type			Residential Minor			
05/27/2026	614 OLEANDER AVE, Mexico Beach	26MB-RM0002		Zoning		MEXICO BEACH U-1 236A2 (11.1)
Count: 1			Total:			
Total Permits: 9			Valuation Total: \$2,882,167.85			