



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report July 10, 2026



National French Fry Day Edition

(This makes it a good Fry-day)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday	July 14	9:00 am	City Council
Wednesday	July 15	2:00 pm	2 nd Budget Meeting
Tuesday	July 28	9:00 am	City Council
Friday	July 31	9:30 am	3 rd Budget Meeting

Boat ramp Repair and Extension

Harders to submit steel pile submittal to Anchor for review ASAP. This is concerning the phasing of the project to make sure the FWC is in agreement. The notice to proceed is scheduled to be issued with a start date of July 27 (the Monday after the MBARA fishing tournament).

Sunset Park

Project is complete. Now we are faced with working with the insurance company to get reimbursed for the cost of repairs.

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

Project closeout underway.

Beach Testing

Water testing at First Street, Eighth Street, Sunset Park and 37th Street this week is clear.

Police/Fire/Civic Center

FEMA has denied our plan to access the 25-acre site by means of a bridge off 22nd Street due to the fact the bridge is in a flood plain. FEMA has strict rules against a FEMA-financed project in any floodway. We got preliminary approval to consider the access point from Joe Drive using the trail that accesses the Bay County antenna on the 25-acre site. A lot of hurdles to cross before the preliminary permission becomes approval.

Dune Walkovers at 7th and Sunset Park

Construction has begun on the dune pilings for both walkovers. It is unfortunate the timing bumps heads with our busy tourist season, but we were forced to close off a portion of the Sunset Park parking lot for the safety of the tourists as well as the need to store equipment and materials.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

Nanook: Complete.

14th street: Closeout to be completed once bypass piping scope is complete. The time frame is 3 weeks, so should be complete by the end of July.

Dune Walkover #3

Anchor is working with the pier designers for walkover/pier coordination.

Amphitheater

Beam footers have been poured.

Pier

No update since last week's report.

Jetty

GCUC wants a start date of October 5, so we are working to get a pre-construction meeting set.

1100 HWY 98 Development Order Application

Comments sent back to the applicant on 7-7-26.

Beach Place

The condo unit at 704 HWY 98 that has a roof venting issue has pulled the permits for remodeling.

Tyndall Tour

We were given a tour of the Tyndall Base so we could see the major lift station that pushes Tyndall's and our waste to the AWT Treatment Plant.

Parking

We met with the owner of the Beach Bear last week. We discussed adjusting their parking adjacent to HWY 98 to diagonal parking. That would be a bonus to have cars only having to look for oncoming cars in one lane instead of 2. We also talked about the vision triangle at the corner of 29th Street and HWY 98. The owner said he would have his crew adjust the bumper blocks to accomplish diagonal parking and would delete a couple of parking spots next to the intersection to improve the sight lines in the interest of public safety. This project should be completed by the end of July. We could not have asked for a more cordial meeting.

We also met with the owner of 2 buildings in the 6-building retail center between 28th and 29th Street to discuss a parking adjustment to better serve customers exiting their development. Currently there is an inadequate turn radius for those exiting and then trying to turn onto HWY 98. We will get a map together with our rendition of how parking should be situated and share with all the other building owners before any adjustments are made. Another cordial meeting where the owner was gracious and willing to work in the interest of public safety.

37th Street

We discussed with Anchor what hurdles we need to consider while looking at potential development for the area. Stormwater/flooding issues may drive what can feasibly be built. Anchor will report their findings to us in 2 to 3 weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sam Buccieri

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Independence Day weekend!

Following the holiday, Public Works crews were busy on Monday cleaning the beach and removing the increased volume of trash to restore the area for residents and visitors.

This week, the city also:

- Just in time for the holiday, the Sunset Park Pavilion was completed, providing an improved space for residents and visitors to enjoy over the Independence Day weekend.
- Began construction of the Sunset Park ADA Dune Walkover
- Continued work on the Public Works pole barn, which is expected to be completed this week.
- Made additional progress on the Parker Park Amphitheater project.
- Pressure washed the Canal Parkway public restrooms.
- Freshened up the public restrooms behind City Hall with a fresh coat of paint and new lighting, giving the facility a brighter, updated appearance.

BAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

June 1 – June 30

Calls for service	248
Miles patrolled	11,300
Traffic stops	45
Citations	9
Warnings	6
Arrests	1 Mis – 3 Criminal Traffic
Traffic accidents	7

FLOODPLAIN CONSULTANT

We have issued 633 minor floodplain reports/permits and conducted 140 compliance inspections to date (8 reports permits and 2 inspections in the last 2 weeks.)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 07/03/2026 - 07/09/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Coastal Construction Control Line			
07/06/2026	113 38TH ST S B, Mexico Beach	26MB-RBDO0006		Zoning		MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5 (7.03) BEG

Count: 1

Total:

Permit Type			Commercial Remodel C/C			
07/08/2026	704 Hwy 98 Units 7, 8, & 9, Mexico Beach	26MB-CB0008		Commercial Alteration	\$58,429.00	

Count: 1

Total: \$58,429.00

Permit Type			Detached Single Family			
07/09/2026	112 35TH ST S, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0046		Residential New	\$1,123,200.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5 213D1

Count: 1

Total: \$1,123,200.00

Permit Type			Electric Permit			
07/09/2026	301 Joe Dr (121 N 22ND ST - Tower on Property Behind Public Works), Mexico Beach	26MB-E0068		One Stop	\$1,500.00	
07/08/2026	428 TOWN VILLAGE WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0067		One Stop	\$371,191.20	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
07/06/2026	54 1ST ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0066		One Stop	\$122,500.00	MEXICO BEACH U-9

Count: 3

Total: \$495,191.20

Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
07/07/2026	235 NANNOOK RD, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0056		One Stop	\$612,000.00	GRAND ISLE UNIT 15 235C4
07/08/2026	104 24TH ST S, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0057		One Stop	\$7,496.50	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 3
Count: 2			Total: \$619,496.50			
Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
07/08/2026	120 PALM ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0042	McKoy Construction LLC CFC1433615	One Stop	\$995,081.27	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #11
Count: 1			Total: \$995,081.27			
Total Permits: 9			Valuation Total: \$3,291,397.97			