



City of Mexico Beach

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Weekly Report July 2, 2026



National Independence Day Edition

(Other countries have July 4th too!)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mell Smigielski

Upcoming Meetings

Friday	July 10	9:00 am	1 st Budget Meeting
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

P & Z Needs Help!

Our Planning and Zoning Commission needs volunteers to serve! The ordinance allows 5 (five) members and 2 (two) alternates. Right now, we have only 4 (four) members and 0 (zero) alternates. A quorum is needed to hold a meeting, which means 3 of the 4 members must be in attendance.

We are nearing the end of our Land Development Code update process where we will present the final draft to the P & Z and then City Council for approval. There are 2 (two) members of P & Z who will be out of town at various times the next couple of months, so instead of presenting the LDC to the P & Z in July, it may have to wait until sometime in late August or more likely the first meeting in September.

So please talk to your friends and neighbors that we would love to have 3 (three) members of the public sign up for consideration to serve on the P & Z. Application is on our website or contact our City Clerk for a copy.

Boat ramp Repair and Extension

Pre-construction meeting was held today with City Staff, Anchor Engineering and HG Harders and Son (the contractor). Details of the project were discussed as well as the timing of the construction. The notice to proceed is scheduled to be issued with a start date of July 27 (the Monday after the MBARA fishing tournament). The project is scheduled to take 270 days to substantial completion and 300 days for final completion. During the construction Anchor will have an inspector on site and there will be monthly meetings with all parties involved to make sure the project is progressing in a satisfactory manner.

Sunset Park

The roof and end caps were installed on Wednesday and gutters this morning. Public Works employees have been busy sprucing up the area. The pavilion is now open!

Lift Station Bypass Pump Project

LS 9 & LS 13: Change orders were executed.

Final pay application for Razorback is being processed.

Beach Testing

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

Police/Fire/Civic Center

No update since last week.

Dune Walkovers at 7th and Sunset Park

Change orders were approved for both walkovers. We did receive amended permits for both walkovers that allow heavy equipment on the dunes until July 15 (with conditions that protect the turtles). This time frame will allow the installation of the pilings for both walkovers. After July 15, work can continue on the walkovers but only using hand tools. The contractor has already marked off part of the parking area at Sunset Park and had the pilings delivered to the site. Work will begin on Monday after the holiday weekend. We had the pre-construction meeting on Wednesday that included the contractor, Anchor Engineering and the FDEP Beach Field Inspector to look at both sites. We were given precautions we must follow and reviewed the details of the permit. The inspector warned us that during the project we will likely get inquiries from the public about being in the dunes. The proper permits will be on site in case there are questions.

Nanook and 14th Street Lift Stations

Nanook: Complete.

14th street: Closeout to be completed once bypass piping scope is complete.

Dune Walkover #3

Now that January was secured the grant for construction, Anchor is working on the design layout. We will meet next week with Anchor and DBI to coordinate the walkover with pier construction.

Amphitheater

BGN is on site finishing the electrical conduit under proposed concrete and installing rebar so the grade beams can be poured later this week.

Pier

The pier project can be broken down in two areas at this point. FEMA approvals and permit approvals. As for FEMA, the cost will be adjusted up to the bid pricing of just over 9 million dollars. Everything now points to September for all the approvals. As for permitting we must obtain permits for the CCCL, Submerged Lands, Floodplain, Army Corps and FDEP Getting closer! Some permits were already issued and expired, so updating should not be an issue. The Army Corp permit (the most time consuming of all) should be issued hopefully next week. The amount of red tape to accomplish a major project of this magnitude is overwhelming but also should be complete by September. That timing is perfect in that it is after our busy tourist season. The project has a timeline of 365 days.

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

Waiting on applicant's revised civil drawings. All but one of the engineer comments was satisfied so far.

Beach Place

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

Bay County Cooperation

I attend a Monthly meeting at the Bay County Chamber of Commerce office with chamber officials, other Bay County Managers as well as representatives from Tyndall, the port and the airport. This is a congenial group of public servants that respect each other. We discuss items of statewide interest as well as items that may affect all of us on the county level and most importantly what each of us is facing in our own communities. Very often, another community has faced similar issues and can help with a method to address the problem. At this last meeting we discussed potential revenue shortfalls because of the proposed property tax legislation. The offer was extended to everyone that we are all open to sharing services that may benefit any cost savings opportunities.

A letter was circulated to all Bay County municipalities that there will hopefully be a summit within the next 30 days for all governmental entities to attend and discuss ways to cooperate with one another.

AI Data Centers

Many communities are taking steps to place a moratorium of locating data centers within their jurisdiction.

Streetlight Near the New Pedestrian Bridge

Quite a few individuals have contacted us requesting a streetlight near the east side of the pedestrian bridge. Many folks walk in the early morning and reported that poor lighting in the area is a safety hazard. Public Works has already reached out to Duke Energy on the process to get a light in the area.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Issued Permits

Permit Issued Date: 06/26/2026 - 07/02/2026

Permit Issued Date	Property Address	Permit Number	Contractor	Category	Valuation	Subdivision
Permit Type			Electric Permit			
07/02/2026	120 14TH ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-E0063		One Stop		MEXICO BEACH BUSINESS CENTER
Count: 1			Total:			
Permit Type			Gas Permit			
06/29/2026	105 26TH ST, Mexico Beach	25MB-G0019	Hometown Gas Services, LLC	One Stop	\$1,500.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 4 235C2
Count: 1			Total: \$1,500.00			
Permit Type			Mechanical Permit			
06/26/2026	410 La Siesta Drive, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0054	Keith Key heating & air	One Stop	\$386,609.00	
07/02/2026	106 34TH ST D, Mexico Beach	26MB-M0055	Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical	One Stop	\$12,025.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT 5 (13.1)
Count: 2			Total: \$398,634.00			
Permit Type			Plumbing Permit			
06/29/2026	428 TOWN VILLAGE WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-P0041	Hobbs Plumbing	One Stop	\$371,191.20	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
Count: 1			Total: \$371,191.20			
Permit Type			Pole Barn / Shed			
07/01/2026	200 ST FRANCES ST, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0038		Residential Alteration	\$15,000.00	CASUNA SUB.
Count: 1			Total: \$15,000.00			
Permit Type			Pool / Hot Tub (Residential Alteration)			
06/29/2026	456 TOWN VILLAGE WAY, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0061		Residential Alteration	\$80,300.00	SALT CREEK AT MEXICO BEACH PH2
Count: 1			Total: \$80,300.00			
Permit Type			Residential New Roof			
06/26/2026	410 La Siesta Drive, Mexico Beach	26MB-RR0047		One Stop	\$386,609.00	
Count: 1			Total: \$386,609.00			
Permit Type			Residential Remodel - CC			
06/29/2026	2001 HWY 98, Mexico Beach	26MB-RB0008	Gulf Building Company of Florida, LLC	Residential Alteration	\$100,000.00	MEXICO BEACH UNIT #3 235C4
Count: 1			Total: \$100,000.00			
Total Permits: 9			Valuation Total: \$1,353,234.20			