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Myerside property rezoning conditions language adopted by Town Council

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – At the Monday, May 3, Town Council meeting, Councilors continued their work on an ordinance related to rezoning of the Myerside property at School Street and Estero Boulevard. Ordinance 21-02 contains the final language on numerous conditions to meet deviations in the land development code that were adopted.

In other business, Town Councilors voted unanimously to recognize the #WeAreFMB campaign of 2020 with the Council's annual Citizens of Distinction Award. Jan Fleming and Janeen Paulauskis conducted a fundraising campaign to financially help hospitality workers whose jobs were impacted by the pandemic. The campaign involved selling #WeAreFMB t-shirts to purchase Publix Gift Cards for workers in need.

Also at this meeting, Town Councilors reviewed emergency declarations related to the pandemic and rescinded them. Masks are no longer mandated and the special event permitting process will resume. The public is encouraged to continue to follow CDC guidance to prevent the spread of COVID. Councilors also discussed that some programs and services – for instance, Bay Oaks Summer Camp – may continue to require masks and social distancing based on employee safety, operational need, and the wishes of participants.

Additional actions:

- The Town Manager was authorized to execute an additional agreement with HBK Financial Services not to exceed \$25,000;
- The Town Manager was authorized to amend an interlocal agreement with Lee County for water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer improvements to establish \$703,305 in construction cost reimbursements to the Town;

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- The Town Manager was authorized to negotiate with Coastal Engineering Consultants for beach renourishment professional services;
- An interlocal agreement was ratified with the School Board of Lee County related to property historically used as part of the Bay Oaks Recreational Campus;
- The schedule of 2021 Town Council meetings was adopted.

During public comment, Lt. Alan Canfield of the Lee County Sheriff's Office spoke about the benefits of the outreach center that existed near downtown for several months and the need for a new location due to Margaritaville construction expected to begin soon. Town Councilors later suggested location options such as Beach Baptist Church and open land at the base of Matanzas Pass Bridge.

During Councilmember items and reports, topics included: the date for the second vaccine dose to be administered at the Church of the Ascension, legislative funding for clean water initiatives, progress on the native plant demonstration garden at Palermo and Estero, success of Taste of The Beach on May 2, and status of the Estero Boulevard lighting project, the public safety survey, and the annual audit.

Council meetings are broadcast live on the Town's YouTube channel and Comcast Channel 98. Visit the Town's website at www.fmbgov.com, click on the title About FMB, then go to Meetings & Agendas. Agendas and minutes of meetings are also available at that link. To find out when Council meetings are scheduled, visit the Town's website, and scroll down the homepage to the calendar.

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