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Town Council continues to review location options to provide Mooring Field upland services

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – In continued discussion about acquiring or building a facility to be owned by the Town to provide upland services for Matanzas Harbor Mooring Field, Town Councilors reviewed a list of seven possible sites at their regular meeting on Monday, May 17.

These four sites were chosen for further review by Town Council:

- Property for sale at the north end of the island on Estero Boulevard
- Property at San Carlos Maritime Park on San Carlos Island owned by Lee County
- Lots behind Town Hall on Chapel Street that are privately owned
- Bay Oaks Recreational Campus

In other business related to the Mooring Field, Town Council authorized staff to apply for and execute a grant agreement for approximately \$41,000 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Clean Vessel Act Grant.

Town Councilors also:

- Approved allocating \$15,000 from the Town Hall remodeling project to contract for monitoring and surveying the beach profile along the entire length of Fort Myers Beach, and surveying the burrow area offshore of North Estero Island;
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute the professional services agreement for beach renourishment not to exceed \$170,000 and allocate the funds to be reimbursed by the Tourism Development Council (TDC);

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast facing the Gulf of Mexico and backed by Estero Bay. Known for white sugar sand and spectacular sunsets and shell finds, the Gulf beach stretches for seven miles. Incorporated since 1995, the Town has a variety of unique parks, recreation, cultural facilities, shops, and restaurants.

- Conducted first public hearing on Ordinance 21:04 for amendment to the Land Development Code related to residential uses and setbacks on non-conforming lots and administrative setback variances; second public hearing is scheduled for the June 7 Town Council meeting;
- Authorized vacation of a portion of the School Street Right of Way to the Lee County School Board;
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute a supplemental task authorization with Tetra Tech for additional services not to exceed \$241,780 for North Estero Phase 2 Side Street water and stormwater improvements.

During public comment, topics included setback permitting, modifying Times Square permitting to accommodate additional activities, planning and zoning codes and processes, debris on a property on Virginia Avenue, and the sidewalk planned at Crescent and Third Streets in the downtown area.

During Councilmember, Town Manager, and Town Attorney reports, topics included a proclamation to designate May 18 as Casey Bishop Day for her success with the American Idol Show on ABC, dates for the Lee County Household Chemical Waste Collection days at Bay Oaks, use of the FMB Community Pool by a community organization, Council employee's review process, the Lee County Sheriff's Office search for a new space for the outreach center, Lake Okeechobee water releases and Red Tide, and using feral cats to control rats.

Town Council meetings are broadcast live on YouTube and Comcast Channel 98. The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 9 a.m., at Town Hall, 2525 Estero Boulevard.

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