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Town Council's regular meeting this week included approval of special event permits and discussion about Margaritaville

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Town Council of Fort Myers Beach met on Monday, August 16, and acted on three special event permits, temporary uses for parking, fencing and construction equipment staging, a variance for a residential pool and fence, and Mound House repairs, among other items.

Special event permits were approved for: 1) September 24-25 – Nervous Nellie's use of Bayside Park for event with music and alcohol during Island Hopper Songwriter's Festival; 2) October to May – Beach Baptist Church Farmers Market; 3) November to May – Santini Farmers Market.

Town Council also:

- Approved a temporary use parking application from Robert Codie, Director of LeeTran, to use the FMB Fire District property at 2545 Estero Boulevard for up to seven months due to the construction of Margaritaville taking up the usual parking area;
- Approved variance for a pool, fence, and street setback at 101 Gulf Drive;
- Approved a resolution to allow Lee County to stage construction equipment for the Old San Carlos traffic signal project on the former Seafarer's property;
- Approved a proposal for \$47,730 from the International Fine Art Conservation Studios, Inc., for structure repairs to Mound House as shown on the FY2021-22 budget add-on list;
- Discussed but took no action on construction of single family homes that occupy more than one lot.

During Councilmember items and reports, topics were: agreement with Florida Gulf Coast University for interns, the consultant's lighting report for Estero Boulevard, the success of the TPI groundbreaking for Margaritaville, gratitude for the service of Chief Matt Love of the FMB Fire District, the success of the community's Back to School bash, and a reminder about turtle season reaching its peak and the need to stay vigilant about filling in holes and turning off lights.

Town Manager items and reports included security cameras, leaf blower's ordinance, leases for Times Square merchants, future landscaping responsibility clarification with Lee County, FGCU intern agreement, the Old San Carlos traffic signal project, and the traffic consultant's report to be presented on September 16. The Town Attorney gave the status of two matters involving the Town.

Public comment included a request from Ajax Paving, the new traffic signal contractor, to perform flagging operations from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and to waive the noise ordinance, and a committee report from the Marine Resources Task Force.

The next Town Council meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 9, at 5:01 p.m. This evening meeting time is required by law for budget hearings, which is one item planned for the meeting.

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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.