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Town Council makes annual appointments to advisory boards and committees at the October 4 meeting

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – At the October 4, 2021, meeting of Town Council, 20 volunteers were appointed or re-appointed to eight of the Town’s advisory boards and committees:

1. Local Planning Agency (LPA) – Anita Cereceda, Jane Plummer, Karen Woodson
2. Anchorage Advisory Committee (AAC) – Douglas Eckmann, Gregory Holmes, Mike Ratliff
3. Audit Committee – John Goggin, Edward Lombard
4. Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Advisory Board (BORCAB) – Rebecca Guidry, Barbara Hill, Holly Sweeten, Karen Woodson
5. Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board (CELCAB) – Ellen Vaughan, Becky Werner, Lorrie Wolf
6. Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) – Beverley Milligan, Lorrie Wolf
7. Marine Resources Task Force (MRTF) – Wendy DeGaetano, Gregory Fossum, Mary Rose Spalletta
8. Public Safety Committee (PSC) – Mike Childs, James Knickle

Town Council approved three special event permits for the Roar Off Shore on October 7-9, 2021 (revision); the Christmas Tree Festival by the Fort Myers Beach Woman’s Club on December 10 - 11, 2021; and the 11th Annual Putt & Pub Crawl by the Woman’s Club on January 15, 2022.

In other business, Town Council took the first step toward planning for the development of workforce housing policies and programs by approving a supplemental task authorization not to exceed \$26,880 with Sarah Probst of Axis Infrastructure. The task authorization includes coordination with the Town’s comprehensive plan/land development code. This action was taken because of the need for people who work in businesses in the Town to be able to afford to live in the Town.

Also at the October 4 meeting, Town Councilors:

- Approved a five-year agreement with Lee County for stray animal control services with the annual fee to be assessed prior to each fiscal year;
- Approved a temporary use permit for two years for the FMB Coast Guard to install two modular office trailers with utility hookups and temporary fencing inside the Moss Marine warehouse;
- Approved a special exemption for consumption on premises at 185 Old San Carlos Boulevard, and did not approve a use for an adult video arcade;
- Approved an agreement with Mitchell & Stark Construction Company, Inc., to use Town parking lot #3 as a staging area during the North Estero Phase 2 Part 2 Utilities project from June to December 2021 with FDOT’s approval;

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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.

- Ratified and approved the purchase of benches, bicycle racks, and garbage/recycling containers from Anova for \$116,5659.28, waiving the Town’s competitive procurement policies and procedures;
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute a piggyback contract with P&T Lawn and Tractor Services not to exceed \$120,000 for landscaping on Estero Boulevard;
- Approved a pool location and street setback variance for 506/508 Carlos Circle;
- Received a report from the Public Safety Committee and agreed to a future joint meeting;
- Received public comment related to committee appointments/re-appointments and parking under the Matanzas Pass Bridge due to the staging of construction equipment;

The Town Manager updated Councilors on the Town’s disability insurance renewal and an engagement letter to the company that conducts the annual audit. The Town Attorney reported on two lawsuits.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers at 2525 Estero Boulevard. Council meetings can be viewed live and recorded on the Town’s YouTube channel and on the Town’s website, www.fmbgov.com. Meeting minutes and agendas are also available on the Town’s website.

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