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Town Council reappoints Ray Murphy as Mayor and Rexann Hosafros as Vice Mayor by unanimous vote

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – At the November 15 Town Council meeting, current Mayor Ray Murphy and Vice Mayor Rexann Hosafros were reappointed to their leadership roles for the coming year.

Their reappointments follow the Town’s charter that calls for the mayor and vice mayor to be elected by a majority vote of Town Councilors at the first meeting after the second Tuesday in November.

Also at the November 15 meeting, Town Councilors approved the temporary southbound closure of Matanzas Pass Bridge to southbound traffic on New Year’s Eve from midnight to 1:30 a.m. This approval is necessary for the Town to apply for a permit through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to close the bridge for a possible fireworks display.

In other business, Town Councilors:

- Approved a contract with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) not to exceed \$70,580 for enhanced traffic detail in Fiscal Year 2021-22;
- Received a presentation by Greenwire Technology Solutions, a potential vendor recommended by the LCSO for the implementation of security cameras in Times Square and various other locations on Estero Island;
- Approved SESCO Lighting as the sole-source vendor for the purchase of lights and accessory items for Bayside Park;
- Approved DRMP, Inc., as the vendor for construction and inspection services with the Bayside Park project not to exceed \$42,500;
- Adopted a commercial boulevard zoning district ordinance after a second reading and public hearing that corrects overly restrictive language in the existing ordinance;

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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.

- Approved a resolution for a variance in the setback allowance of 71 Chapel Street;
- Approved a resolution in support of residents who wish to change the name of Court Street to Flamingo Court;
- Adopted Resolution 21-61 (Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with FDOT) to support installation of the Town’s new welcome sign on the north side of Matanzas Pass Bridge;
- Approved Resolution 21-59 to purchase a parking shade structure for the FMB Elementary School parking lot pursuant to the Town’s agreement with the Lee County School Board;
- Received public comment related to the lighting in Bayside Park;
- Designated council members to remain the representatives to the Town’s advisory boards and committees and outside committees on which they currently serve:
- Discussed installing bike racks at the base of Matanzas Bridge, asking members of the Public Safety Committee to monitor street lights at night and report outages to FP&L (residential) or the Town (blue light poles in the Downtown District), and reviewing a list of the main code enforcement violators after the Community Development Department prepares it.

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at 9 a.m. at Town Hall, 2525 Estero Boulevard.

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