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## **Town Council acts on election qualifying period, holds first public hearing on watercraft and parasailing vendor licenses**

**Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL** – In the Town Council meeting on Monday, April 4, Town Councilors approved Ordinance 22-08 that changes the timeframe candidates must meet to be on the ballot this November.

This change was requested by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) because the Town’s previous qualifying period of 50-46 days prior to the election severely limited timely preparation and mailing of ballots.

Candidates who wish to be on the November 2022 ballot must open a campaign file with the Fort Myers Beach Town Clerk. Official qualifying is from noon on Monday, June 13, until noon on Friday, June 17, 2022. (The deadline by petition to the SOE is May 6, 2022, at noon.)

All requirements are posted on the Town Clerk’s page on [www.fmbgov.com](http://www.fmbgov.com) under Municipal Elections. Potential candidates can also make an appointment with the Town Clerk to learn about and execute the steps that are required.

Other business at the April 4 meeting included a first reading and public hearing on proposed Ordinance 22-09 which amends who can obtain a personal watercraft and parasailing vendor license.

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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.

Also at the April 4 meeting, Town Councilors:

- Proclaimed April as National Donate Life Month as requested by LifeLink of Florida, the non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation therapy;
- Reported on discussion from the most recent Tourist Development Council meeting about Mound House’s status as the third most inquired about attraction;
- Encouraged the public to make reservations for the Mound House fundraiser Artful Intersection 3.0, a strolling supper and live auction, coming up this Friday, April 8;
- Conducted a first reading and public hearing for proposed Ordinance 22-05 that defines the minimum setbacks section of the Town’s land development code;
- Adopted Resolution 22-14 authorizing the Town Manager or his designee to apply for and administer a grant from the Florida Department of Emergency Management Mitigation Bureau in the amount of \$536,513.25 for residential intrusion prevention drainage on Williams Drive;
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute a Piggyback contract with Royal Auction Group, Inc., for surplus disposal services that were competitively procured by Pinellas County;
- Heard public comment on beach erosion and the Town’s renourishment project, the sea turtle glass tinting ordinance, and the lighting of Estero Boulevard;

On a personal note, Town Councilor Bill Veach paid tribute to his father who passed away last week.

Town Council’s next meeting will be on Monday, April 18, at 9 a.m. at Town Hall, 2525 Estero Boulevard. Council meetings are available live and recorded on the Town’s YouTube channel and website, [www.fmbgov.com](http://www.fmbgov.com) > About FMB > Meetings & Agendas.

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