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On April 18, Town Councilors discussed the personal watercraft ordinance and road safety lighting at length

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL - After much discussion and public input, Town Councilors chose at the April 18 Council meeting to reconsider and restart the revision process for the ordinance that regulates personal watercraft and parasail vendors.

Under a different agenda item pertaining to roadway safety lighting and the Estero Boulevard Lighting Project, representatives from Town Lighting Engineers and Florida Power & Light (FPL) addressed Town Council's questions. The lighting project is pending FPL testing of a new amber light bulb fixture.

Also at the meeting, a first reading and public hearing was held for Tuckaway Cafe's request to change the zoning at its location on the corner of Estero Boulevard and Mango Street. The request is to allow beer brewing for on premises consumption. The ordinance is set for a second reading and possible final adoption at the May 2 Town Council meeting.

Action on the Town's annual July 4 parade and fireworks display and the New Year's Eve fireworks display included approval of a resolution to piggyback on the City of Marco Island's contract with Exposhows, Inc. This resolution is for Exposhows to provide both holiday's fireworks shows at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 total.

Related to the July 4 fireworks show, Town Councilors approved the complete closure of the Matanzas Pass Bridge from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the parade, and from 9 to 11:30 p.m. during the fireworks and after for traffic coming on to Estero Island.

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Details about the July 4 parade and fireworks will soon be posted on the Town’s website and social media outlets. The public is reminded that personal displays of fireworks are not permitted at any time on Fort Myers Beach.

In other business, Town Councilors requested suggestions from the public to name the beach access by the Margaritaville resort that is currently under construction. The access has been known as Canal Street. Email suggestions to publicinfo@fmbgov.com.

Town Councilors also:

- Adopted Resolution 22-13 approving an interlocal agreement with Lee County for hazardous waste enforcement;
- Adopted resolution 22-15 updating the Town’s Joint Local Mitigation Strategy;
- Approved Supplemental Task Authorization (STA) #12 with DRMP, Inc., not to exceed \$78,200, for administration of the redevelopment of Times Square as a Local Agency Program (LAP) project through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);
- Authorized an additional \$131,896 for repairs to the south potable water storage tank;
- Authorized the Town Attorney to pursue legal action on property codes/liens;
- Received a preliminary Fiscal Year 2021 audit report from Mauldin & Jenkins;
- Received a presentation from Marcus Goodman, Executive Director of the Lee County Housing Authority, on workforce housing;
- After a second reading and public hearing, adopted Ordinance 22-05 that defines square footage building footprint limits in the Town’s land development code;
- Heard public comment on beach erosion and the Town’s renourishment project, the sea turtle glass tinting ordinance, building footprint limits, and dredging at Laguna Shores.

Town Council’s next meeting will be on Monday, May 2, 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 > About FMB > Meetings & Agendas.

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