



Fort Myers Beach Town Council

Town Hall Council Chambers
6231 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2026

9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Mayor Dan Allers, Vice Mayor Scott Safford, Council Members John King, Rebecca Link, and John McLean.

II. INVOCATION

Town Clerk Baker.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Council Member King moved to approve the final agenda, seconded by Council Member McLean.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation: Drinking Water Week

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognized May 3-9, 2026 as Drinking Water Week

Mayor Allers read the proclamation recognizing May 3–9, 2026, as Drinking Water Week. Town Manager McKannay called up the utilities team and acknowledged their work in maintaining the island's drinking water.

B. Friends of the Mound House Check Presentation

On behalf of the Friends of the Mound House, Nancy Smith, outgoing Treasurer, and Katherine Clark Klar, incoming Treasurer, presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 to the Town of Fort Myers Beach. They expressed their delight in supporting the Mound House and their appreciation to the town and staff for their excellent work and maintenance. The organization is dedicated to supporting operations and programming at the historical site. They thanked the town for its ongoing support.

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEES ITEMS / REPORTS / APPOINTMENTS

Prior to the Charter Review Commission's recommendations, Town Council received reports from these Advisory Committees:

AAC Report: Anchorage Advisory Committee Chair Chris King recounted the success of Cruiser Appreciation Day. She thanked Beach Talk Radio for their promotional and AV support. Brainstorming has already begun for next year's event. They are looking at ways to increase traffic, including co-hosting an event with a built-in audience. She provided a brief overview of the finances before, during, and after the event, noting a remaining balance of \$4,603.84. She proposed to transfer \$1,600, or whatever amount needed, to Council for the purpose of purchasing a one-year boat slip for the town's second boat on the south end of the island. She suggested that the funds be added to the 2026-2027 budget and distributed amongst the various departments accordingly. Council Member King asked if a budget amendment would need to come back before Council. Town Attorney Stuparich responded affirmatively.

As the Council Liaison, Council Member McLean moved to accept the Anchorage Advisory Committee's offer to fund the purchase of a boat slip for the town's second boat, seconded by Council Member King. The motion carried unanimously.

MERTF Report: Marine and Environmental Resources Task Force Chair David Nusbaum reported on the committee's most recent meeting. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz updated the task force on the fish kill and identified post-rainfall fertilizer release as the most likely cause of the incident. At this time, there is no recommendation, but the group will continue to monitor and advise if another fish kill occurs. He also mentioned the committee's participation at Cruiser Appreciation Day and noted that the booth was a success. The task force handed out speed zone maps for the Back Bay to educate residents and boaters. He emphasized the importance of public education, noting that excessive vessel speeds not only endanger marine wildlife but also damage seagrass habitats that are essential to the survival of manatees. Mari Torgerson has worked with groups like MERTF and AAC and paid for the printing of the hand-outs. He thanked her for her work for this cause. Chair Nusbaum announced that the applications for the Mulholland Award are currently being accepted. Individuals, businesses, and organizations are eligible for nomination. The award promotes awareness, education, and the preservation of the community's natural resources. He encouraged all to consider and turn in applications. Additionally, he provided that turtle nesting season begins on May 1st and reminded all to ensure lights and blinds are in compliance with the Town's Ordinance. Shorebird nesting season has already begun. Dogs are not permitted in the CWA and should be leashed.

Least terns are pairing up, and nest-building will soon begin. Ropes and bollards will be set up to protect the area. FWC Biologist Heather Hill will try to provide walkways through these locations. Vice Mayor Safford inquired about Ms. Torgerson's work on the no-wake signs. Chair Nusbaum responded that she has been working on this issue and can follow up with additional information. Both expressed their appreciation for Ms. Torgerson's efforts. Council Member Link inquired about the submission deadline for the Mulholland Award. Chair Nusbaum noted that they have extended the deadline from April and that MERTF will be convening on May 2. However, because the meeting will be jointly held with the AAC, the task force may need to call a special meeting, and it may be until June before they can bring forward a recommendation to the Council. He recommended that all submit their applications as soon as possible. There was confirmation that the form was available on the website. Mr. Dunlap added an update on Loggerhead's renovations on Fishtail Marina, which will begin around June 1, 2026.

A. Charter Review Commission Recommendations

Charter Review Commission Chair Dunlap thanked the Council for appointing an excellent team of members and alternates. He also expressed his gratitude to the town staff and the Council Liaison, Vice Mayor Stafford. The Charter Review Commission met monthly from November to April, with a set deadline of April 6, 2026. They were able to accomplish all tasks without exceeding the budget of zero dollars. The body began by developing a guiding principle that the Town Charter should be limited in scope to afford to Council the greatest amount of flexibility to set policy and procedures. There was a thorough and comprehensive review of the legal document by the Commission. Mr. Dunlap met with Town Manager Will McKannay, Deputy Manager Traci Kohler, and Dr. Robert Lee, an Associate Professor at Florida Gulf Coast University and former City Manager of the city of Naples. Dr. Lee had noted that their charter was, overall, well-written and that major changes were not needed. Mr. Dunlap brought up the history of Dillon's Rule for municipal governments in Florida. Dr. Lee had explained that the form of government must support the municipality during tough times. Mr. Dunlap stated that the Charter Review Commission is not recommending any modifications to the current Council-Manager form of government. Mr. Dunlap reviewed recommended changes provided in the letter to Council. He also referred to the analysis matrix, which shows all sections that the Commission reviewed. Mayor Allers asked if the changes would be presented one by one or as a package on the referendum. Town Attorney Stuparich answered that each item will be listed separately. Council Member McLean inquired if the removal of the outdated language, such as the fourth proposal, would need to be done through referendum. The Town Attorney responded by stating that the items may need to be on the ballot but mentioned a potential exception under statute for an administrative change, which would require a vote by Council.

Council Member Link asked if the first recommendation is a duplication of state law or an emphasis on the town's standard of ethics.

Town Attorney Stuparich responded that they are noting this from a policy perspective. Ordinances already exist regarding ex-parte communications and quasi-judicial proceedings. Florida law also provides rules on the acceptance of unlawful gifts. These are in the procedural rules and procurement code. Council Member Link inquired if the charter should set the compensation or outline the process to do so. Mr. Dunlap stressed the importance of flexibility for the Council. He also said that the compensation provided in the original language of the Charter has not been consistent with the cost of living adjustments and peer groups, with the exception of the city of Sanibel. Council Member Link brought up a potential link between compensation and workload. Mr. Dunlap answered that this proposal will allow for a process to adjust. Council Member Link commented that, for the third proposed change, there should be consistent language in the provisions for filling vacancies for the Mayor and the Vice Mayor. She thanked Mr.

Dunlap and the Charter Review Commission. Vice Mayor Safford also expressed his appreciation. He described the rationale behind the language and the consideration of multiple vacancies at one time. Mr. Dunlap also noted that the Governor will appoint if a certain number of vacancies arise. Council Member King and Mayor Allers thanked the Charter Review Commission.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Special Event - Annual JobuFest Concert

Approval of a Special Event including the waiver of enforcement of the Town's open container and noise ordinances during the Annual JobuFest Concert, to be held at The Whale on May 30, 2026 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on May 30, 2026, as requested by Dawn Miller of The Whale, and subject to further approval by the FMB Fire Control District and Lee County Sheriffs Office.

Mayor Allers read the item into the record. Dawn Miller, owner of The Whale, explained the creation of JobuFest. She would like to continue the event this year and noted that, due to the current circumstances, Sandy Bottom's was not an ideal location. They hope to hold the event in the parking lot at The Whale and return to the original location next year. The event will run until 6:15 p.m. She outlined the entertainment and activities. Council Member Link thanked Ms. Miller for reaching out to the residents and community. Mayor Allers also expressed his appreciation.

Council Member Link moved to approve the Special Event Permit “Annual Jobfest Concert,” seconded by Vice Mayor Safford. She modified her motion to add a change to the timeframe to end at 6:15 p.m. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Safford.

The motion, as modified, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Charter Recommendations

Discussion on Charter Review Commission recommendations and direction to staff.

For the third recommendation, Council Member Link proposed a change to make the language on filling vacancies for Mayor and Vice Mayor consistent. She requested that the provision now read: “the vice mayor shall assume the office of mayor until the expiration of the term of the vacant mayoral seat.” Town Attorney Stuparich noted that she had no objections to the proposed modification. Council Member McLean requested that, when possible, charter changes should go through the administrative path, rather than be placed on the ballot.

Town Attorney Stuparich will work with Town Clerk Baker on the next steps. Some language will need to be cleaned up in the ordinance column of the analysis matrix. The charter changes would require adoption of an ordinance with two readings. She will return to the Council with a drafted ordinance on correcting the scrivener’s errors, and, at the first public hearing, the body can decide whether to move forward. For the substantive changes, she will need to draft language that would show exactly what would appear on the Charter. There is a statutory process that would need to be followed, and, therefore, this portion would require more time. For scheduling, she deferred to Town Clerk Baker, who noted that this would need to be finished before the Council recesses in June. The deadline to provide information to the Supervisor of Elections is early July. Town Attorney Stuparich emphasized the tight scheduling and stated that they should be returning with materials for the following Council meeting. Vice Mayor Safford also remarked on the short amount of time and commented that he would like to see as few items as possible on the ballot. Council Member King inquired about the charges associated with the referendum items. Town Clerk Baker responded that there is a fee for the election, with no additional charge for each measure.

Mayor Allers and Council Member King both agreed with Vice Mayor Safford’s and Council Member McLean’s remarks on placing fewer issues on the ballot.

Vice Mayor Safford moved to terminate the Charter Review Commission, seconded by Council Member McLean.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Safford moved to approve the presented charter recommendations based upon the discussion, seconded by Council Member McLean.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Resolution 26-080; Termination of Easement

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA TERMINATING A TEMPORARY BEACH ACCESS AGREEMENT CONTAINING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE PLANTING OF VEGETATION ON DUNES LOCATED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY CASTLE BEACH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TERMINATION AGREEMENT; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO RECORD A COPY OF THE TERMINATION AGREEMENT IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Town Manager McKannay reviewed the background of the request as stated on the blue sheet. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz noted that the previous president of the homeowners association signed the easement agreement but the current leadership does not wish to continue. Town Attorney Stuparich referred Council to the drafted agreement that was prepared. She highlighted the removal of the prevailing party attorney fee award, explaining that, in the case of litigation, both parties would now pay their own fees. The recording and legal description information were also missing. She requested that, should Council approve this item, that it would be subject to a legal sign-off so that a copy of the signed document would be attached, as an exhibit, into the record to indicate the termination of the easement. There will also be a time period where Mr. Chustz and his team would have the opportunity to conduct plant removal. Mr. Chustz reported that, during discussions, the organization requested around 15 feet on each side, which he noted was neither substantial nor in the spirit of the town's dune management plan. He believed the better solution would be for plant removal and relocation. Mayor Allers asked who would be paying for the cost of these services. Mr. Chustz responded that the town would bear the costs. He estimated that the project would take a few hours on public work's time. The removed planting will be relocated to a nearby location next to the CWA Lagoon. Mayor Allers confirmed that this project would not cost a substantial amount of time or funds. Council Member King asked how maintenance would occur following the termination. Mr. Chustz responded that the organization will be responsible. Council Member Link referred to the image on page 35 and requested additional information on the location of the easement. Mr. Chustz provided that there is also a neighborhood access easement, which is not related to this agreement but was depicted. Council Member McLean also inquired about post-termination maintenance. The Environmental Projects Manager responded that the organization would lose the benefits of the Dune Management Plan and that the area would require state and town permitting activities. He is unsure if they will be pursuing a mitigation wall as a supplement. Town Attorney Stuparich emphasized that the organization is aware that this is now their responsibility. Council Member Link asked if this was documented. The Town Attorney noted that this was provided for in the third paragraph.

Council Member King moved to approve the resolution for the termination of the easement, subject to the legal sign-off, seconded by Mayor Allers. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- D. Resolution 26-074; Renewal of Submerged Lands Lease BOT 360344775 (Mound House)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS FEE WAIVED LEASE (BOT 360344775) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE OBSERVATION/FISHING PIER LOCATED AT THE MOUND HOUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Town Manager McKannay reviewed the background of the request as stated on the blue sheet. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz read the use of the property in accordance with the lease. He noted that this was needed because any waters that are navigable at the time of statehood is considered to be submerged state lands. Council Member McLean asked if there was anything that would restrict the Mound House being a potential stop on a water taxi or ferry. Mayor Allers indicated that there would be mooring of recreational vehicles or tour vessels, the latter of which is commercial. Council Member McLean expressed his concerns about restricting access points to the facility. Mr. Chustz said that he could follow up with more clarification and noted that this resolution is for a renewal. Council Member Link voiced her support.

Council Member King stated his appreciation for the fee waiver.

Council Member McLean moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Link.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- E. Resolution 26-077; RFQ-22-25-AD Ongoing Miscellaneous Services, Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND KIMLEY-HORN ASSOCIATES, INC. UNDER RFQ-22-25-AD "ONGOING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES" FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Town Manager McKannay reviewed the background of the request as stated on the blue sheet. Council Member King asked about the costs. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz noted that this would be a contract renewal, with an original agreement for a vulnerability analysis and an adaptation plan. The fee structure is based on task order. There was a follow-up question on the funding source. Mr. Chustz responded that it may come from general funding or from grants. Council Member McLean inquired if there was a provision listing specific projects or outlining a mechanism for contracting in the future.

Mr. Chustz answered that there is nothing identified for the future and noted that the contracted study would provide the town with the ability to seek future grant funding. They wish to keep the group on board should future projects be needed. Mayor Allers asked if some of the funding going forward could be used in the CDBG funding approved for planning. Mr. Chustz said that it would not be possible.

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 26-077; RFQ-22-25-AD Ongoing Miscellaneous Services, Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc., seconded by Vice Mayor Safford.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Resolution 26-079, STA 4 RFQ-24-06-AD - CEC Construction Services Bird Monitoring - 2026 Beach Truck Haul

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL TASK AGREEMENT #4 OF CONTRACT RFQ-24-06-AD BETWEEN THE TOWN AND COASTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES AND SHOREBIRD MONITORING ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH CENTRAL SEGMENT DUNE REPAIR AND SCOUR FILL BEACH SAND TRUCK HAUL PROJECT FOR A COST OF \$61,711.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz reviewed the background of the request as stated on the blue sheet. Council Member King asked about the funding sources. The project is on the previously unengineered beach and would qualify for FDEM funding with no match from the town or TDC. There would be plenty of funding remaining.

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 26-079, STA 4 RFQ-24-06-AD - CEC Construction Services Bird Monitoring - 2026 Beach Truck Haul, seconded by Council Member Link.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Resolution 26-075; Additional Funding for RFP-26-01-PW, Tidewater Landscaping Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE ORDERS OR SUPPLEMENTAL TASK AUTHORIZATIONS AS NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF RESTORATION WORK TO PRIVATE PROPERTY FOLLOWING UTILITY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND TIDEWATER LANDSCAPING INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000.00; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Town Manager McKannay reviewed the background of the request as stated on the blue sheet. Community Services Director Jeff Hauge reported that this was a bid landscaping for a utility repair. The original allocation of \$75,000 was used,

and additional funding is needed for remaining work around water meters or swales. The proposed amount should last until the end of the year. Mayor Allers asked if there were preventative measures or other ways to alleviate the cost for the town. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz responded that the work done was very in-depth and that landscaping was needed. Council Member Link remarked that Tidewater Landscaping Inc. was a professional group that is very conscientious of neighbors and residents. Vice Mayor Safford asked about finances. Finance Director Joe Onzick commented that costs would come from either the stormwater fund or the water fund, depending on the specific work involved. Both funds should be able to cover for the expenditures. He added that the value proposed is the budgeted amount and that staff may not plan on using all of that money. Vice Mayor Safford provided that the value is \$215,000.

Council Member Link moved to approve Resolution 26-075; Additional Funding for RFP-26-01-PW, Tidewater Landscaping Inc., seconded by Council Member McLean.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

H. Resolution 26-078, ITB-26-05-EN, Dune Repair and Scour Fill Truck Haul Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA TO AWARD ITB-26-05-EN TO EARTH TECH ENTERPRISES, INC. AS THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO COMPLETE THE ESTERO ISLAND DUNE REPAIR AND SCOUR FILL TRUCK HAUL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH AND THE EARTH TECH ENTERPRISES, INC. SUBJECT TO LEGAL REVIEW AND EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Allers read the title of the resolution. Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz reviewed the background of the request as stated on the blue sheet. Mayor Allers asked for the location of the beach access for dumping sand. Mr. Chustz responded that there will be two areas in the contract, Newton Park along Strand View and Dakota Access. He added that there is a contract provision that allows the contractor to enter agreements with private property owners to do work in those areas. Mayor Allers inquired if notice has been sent out to these two locations. Mr. Chustz stated he will send out communications to alert the residents. Council Member McLean requested an estimated date of completion and expressed his concerns about whether this project would be completed before turtle nesting season. The staff member responded that the contract accounts for 30 calendar days, with 5 calendar days for substantial completion. The town has an agreement for turtle monitoring services and will follow the same permit, process, and FWC approval as previous projects. Council Member McLean commended the team on their work. Vice Mayor Safford asked if the sand would be new.

Mr. Chustz provided that the staff would know more once they enter into negotiations. There are around six options to choose from. He noted that truck sand would be used. Council Member King confirmed with staff that the area would be about three to four blocks north of Miramar Street and ending around two to three blocks south of Sterling Avenue.

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 26-078, ITB-26-05-EN, Dune Repair and Scour Fill Truck Haul Project, seconded by Council Member McLean.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XIII. TOWN MANAGER'S ITEMS

Town Manager McKannay commended the Town Clerk's Office and Human Resources for hosting an Employees Beach Cleanup on May 26, 2026, in recognition of Earth Day. Starting at Bay Oaks at 7:00 a.m., this initiative reflects the town's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, coastal preservation, and employee engagement in supporting the community they serve. In consultation with the Town Attorney, Town Manager McKannay provided the following list for scheduled meetings: 1) a regular Council meeting on June 1, 2026; 2) a special Council meeting on June 3, 2026 for the London Bay project; 3) a regularly scheduled Town Management & Planning Session on June 4, 2026; 4) a regular Council meeting on June 15, 2026; and 5) a special Council meeting on June 29, 2026 for a similar purpose.

Council Member King asked about the status for the project updating the former Town Hall into a parking lot. Town Manager McKannay stated that the town staff is working diligently on this matter and will bring it forward to Council at one of the future pre-scheduled meetings. There will be a request for an exception for parking and other required approvals. He emphasized that staff will be ensuring that the process is followed properly, especially for lighting and drainage.

Mayor Allers commented that he hopes that concessions on the applicants' requests would not place an extraordinary strain on staff for deadlines, especially with the break in July. Town Manager McKannay confirmed that he has spoken with the planners and that the staff is comfortable with the dates. Town Attorney Stuparich noted that, during these proceedings, a continuance can be requested, which would be approved or denied by Council.

XIV. TOWN ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

No items.

XV. COUNCILMEMBERS ITEMS AND REPORTS

Council Member King congratulated the Anchorage Advisory Committee for their success in the Cruiser Appreciation Day event. He also thanked the Laguna Shores Homeowners Association for the invitation to their recent meeting.

Vice Mayor Safford noted that he will be requesting remote attendance for the Council meeting on June 15, 2026.

Town Attorney Stuparich provided that a motion will be considered at that meeting and thanked the Vice Mayor for letting the Council and staff know, as this information will help them determine if a quorum would be present.

Council Member Link acknowledged Fort Myers Beach Foundation for their successful casino night event. She expressed concern about the exceptions made in scheduling and meetings, stating that she is worried that it may set a precedent. Council Member McLean said that he was available during the month of July and would be happy to attend any meetings necessary. He hopes that staff is not too rushed in meeting the necessary deadlines. He also noted the success of the Cruiser Appreciation Day event, which had great community involvement. He recognized Chair King's ideas for the future, mentioning the strong positive outlook. He requested that the openings on the AAC and CELCAB be noticed.

Mayor Allers updated Council on his discussions with Commissioner Mulicka about the bicycle and golf cart parking at the base of the bridge. Their office and staff are looking at funding sources before presenting to the Commission for approval or denial. They have a month-to-month agreement with a contractor that is going to work on one of the gulfside businesses there. Council Member Link asked how this would impact the previous traffic studies, as this would introduce additional vehicles that may not have been considered before. Mayor Allers believes that both would still be considered as vehicles and that there would not be a significant impact, as there were no changes in the discussions on the design. Both the entrance and exit previously exist. The only potential change would be the addition of an outreach center. There were follow-up questions on the original plans for the area and on the final decision coming from the Commission. The Mayor responded that the original proposal was for storage but that Commissioner Mulicka's office offered parking as a potential use. He confirmed that it would be at the discretion of the Commission. He provided the historical background, noting the transition of ownership from Margaritaville to the town and then to the county. Mayor Allers explained that this use was brought up due to the shortage of bike parking spots in the Times Square area.

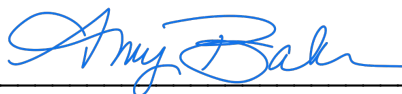
Vice Mayor Safford confirmed with Town Clerk Baker that there are no scheduled Council meetings on July 6 and July 20.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member King moved to adjourn. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Minutes adopted as amended, May 4, 2026. Motion by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member McLean.

Passed 5-0



Amy Baker, Town Clerk