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City Manager's Community Update

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To: The Atlantic Beach Community & City Commission

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on many of the primary administrative and community-focused initiatives underway in our office. Our office remains focused on maintaining momentum across key infrastructure, environmental, and intergovernmental projects. City Manager's Community Updates, including related links, are available on the City's [website](#) and across official digital channels.

1. Paid Parking Update

- **Beaches Town Center:** The City of Neptune Beach has committed to presenting a revised Interlocal Agreement for our review this week. We will provide a follow-up report following an evaluation by staff and the City Attorney.
- **18th & 19th Streets:** The Police Department intends to contract with T2, the same vendor currently utilized by Neptune Beach. We are on track to present a proposed agreement for Commission consideration at the Feb. 9 meeting.

2. Farmer's Market RFP

The draft Request for Proposals for the management of the Atlantic Beach Farmer's Market is under final review. We expect to submit the document to the Finance Department this week, with a formal public solicitation ("on the street") to follow shortly.

3. Atlantic Beach Athletic Association (ABAA)

We are working closely with ABAA leadership as they prepare for the spring baseball season. A meeting to update the Facility Use Agreement is scheduled for this Friday; our goal is to present a finalized proposal for Commission approval in February.

4. Community Survey (FlashVote)

The City will soon launch FlashVote, our first comprehensive community polling initiative in recent years, if ever. This platform delivers statistically valid data on resident priorities,

offering a more representative sample than traditional public meetings. To ensure candid feedback and resident privacy, the service is managed independently. These insights will directly inform our data-driven decision-making and departmental goals. This initiative aligns with a Fiscal Year 2025-26 Commission priority.

5. Interlocal Agreement – City of Jacksonville

Evaluating our Interlocal Agreement with the City of Jacksonville is a top priority. Proposals from consultants to assist in this comprehensive review are due this Thursday, Jan. 29. The City Manager's Office is collaborating directly with City Attorney Gabriel and Mayor Ford to ensure our shared services are cost-effective and beneficial.

6. Marsh Oaks Community Center

Construction is wrapping up. Upcoming phases include parking lot paving, landscaping, and the development of programming for the [center](#). We are targeting an early July opening.

7. Strategic Priority Setting

Our annual Priority-Setting Session, facilitated by volunteer Linda Lanier, marks the first milestone of the 2026-27 budget process. This session will define our strategic focus areas, ensuring our fiscal resources align with the long-term vision of the Commission and the community.

8. Urban Forest & Tree Protections

The recent loss of iconic trees for residential development has sparked a vital community conversation. While current City Code left the City powerless to prevent this specific removal, we have [published detailed reports](#) on our website explaining these administrative constraints.

9. Other Reports

- **Public Workshops (March 2, 2026).** We have scheduled back-to-back workshops, the first beginning at 6 p.m.:
 - **Chapter 23 (Tree Protection):** Focus areas include redefining "Legacy Trees," increasing mitigation fees, and exploring protections for heritage-sized live oaks.
 - **Environmental Stewardship Committee:** A discussion to ensure our environmental policies reflect the high value residents place on the Atlantic Beach canopy.

- **Sherry Drive Traffic Calming Request**

The Police Department has issued a pedestrian crossing safety improvements report following its initial review, and a comprehensive staff review is underway. We anticipate utilizing a traffic engineer's services in the near term.

- **Online Utility Payment System Transition**

As part of a city-wide digital modernization project (ERP), we are upgrading our utility payment platform to enhance security and user experience. This transition specifically impacts customers using Bill2Pay for online or automated payments. Residents who pay via mail, in person, or through their personal bank's bill-pay service will experience no changes to their current process.

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Mission

The place to be -- through exceptional public services.

2040 Vision

In Atlantic Beach, we have a strong sense of belonging and safety. Our citizens and government care deeply about community character, and we understand that unified support is required to preserve it. We are graced with the functional beauty of our beach, our marsh, and our tree canopy. Our shady streets and multi-use paths connect our welcoming neighborhoods and vibrant local businesses. Our city supports our diverse, multigenerational, socially linked community with green spaces, active lifestyles, parks, and programming.

City Commission Priorities

In 2018, the Atlantic Beach City Commission began undertaking an annual exercise that results in it establishing [priorities](#) for city government. This endeavor is facilitated by Atlantic Beach resident Linda Lanier, who volunteers her services.