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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. Priority-Setting: The 2026-27 budget process begins with our annual Priority-Setting Session, facilitated by Linda Lanier. Defining our strategic focus now ensures the upcoming budget directly supports the long-term goals of the Commission and the community. Pending confirmation of City Commission availability, the session is scheduled for April 6 at 6 p.m.

2. Beaches Town Center Parking: In early 2026, the City of Neptune Beach launched a new parking management partnership with T2 Systems to modernize the Beaches Town Center (BTC) program. This transition resolves previous systemic inefficiencies and provides advanced reporting capabilities -- including revenue transparency, occupancy analytics, and enforcement audits -- that were previously unavailable. These data points will be instrumental as the two cities negotiate a new interlocal agreement for BTC parking services.

3. Atlantic Beach Athletic Association: A new Facility Use Agreement for the youth baseball program at Russell Park will be presented to the City Commission on Feb. 23 for adoption via resolution. The outcome of this action will define the specific requirements for the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Farmer's Market Operator.

4. Ahern Street Traffic Safety Improvements: While construction of the Ahern to Ocean Drive project Florida Infrastructure, Inc. is pending material lead times and a power pole relocation, staff is coordinating local parking improvements with the HOA. Meanwhile, a change order is in progress to install in-roadway lighting and signage at the East Coast Drive and Ahern Street crosswalk; the City has requested traffic engineering services from the City of Jacksonville to evaluate further pedestrian safety enhancements for this intersection; and

the City is accepting bids through Wednesdays for widening Sturdivant Avenue sidewalks to eight feet and installing ADA-compliant ramps and drainage systems.

5. Stormwater Master Plan: The City has applied for an HMGP grant to secure \$300,000 in cost-share assistance. If awarded, this would expand the Stormwater Master Plan Update budget to \$400,000 while reducing the City's internal obligation to \$100,000. This increased funding would allow for high-fidelity modeling to analyze complex drainage scenarios with significantly greater precision. Because the grant does not permit retroactive reimbursement, these enhancements are contingent upon the award and cannot be funded in advance through City reserves.

6. Interlocal Agreement Consultant – City of Jacksonville: In partnership with the City of Jacksonville, we recently closed an RFP for consulting services to modernize our interlocal agreements. We received one formal response, which the joint Atlantic Beach-Jacksonville evaluation team will review for technical and budgetary alignment.

7. Interlocal Agreement – Fire Line Extension into Neptune Beach: City Attorney Gabriel and staff are finalizing a draft interlocal agreement with the development team regarding a fire line extension. The agreement is expected to be presented to both cities' governing boards for approval in March. This agreement facilitates potable water service for fire protection to a specific redevelopment project because Neptune Beach currently cannot meet the required fire flow standards.

8. Florida Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order: To resolve environmental violations for effluent limit exceedances occurring between 2021 and 2025, the City is implementing operational corrections and a mandated \$30,655 "in-kind" environmental project. By opting for an in-kind expenditure rather than paying a fine to the state's general fund, the City ensures these funds are reinvested directly into local environmental initiatives.

9. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project: The City has officially launched its new cloud-based BS&A ERP system, a comprehensive platform that replaces the legacy 1980s system to integrate financial management, utility billing, and HR services. While the initial learning curve may present short-term challenges for staff and customers, the transition will deliver significant long-term improvements in data integrity and operational efficiency.

10. Other Reports

- **Federal Dune Walkover Funding:** The City's \$1,080,000 dune walkover project funding remains secured in the recently signed FY26 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill. We are currently awaiting an "invite-only" solicitation from the Department of Commerce to formally apply for these funds.

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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.