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Here is the summary for this week:

- Airport Meeting-** Ciera and I have scheduled a meeting in mid-July with Paul Hoback to discuss public art opportunities at the airport.
- Budget Report from Planning Department-** This was forwarded to you today.
- Consolidated Plan for 2026-2030 and One Year Action Plan for 2-26-2027-** This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26**.
- Cultural Heritage Display-** “Echoes of Sarasota” is now on view in City Hall and the Van Wezel. A new virtual tour is also available featuring artwork images, interpretive text and historic context for each piece.
- Economic Development & Real Estate Manager-** We will be wrapping up our interviews early next week.
- Fresh Fridays-** On 7/3/26, a special “America 250- Light Up the Sky” Fresh Fridays event will take place. This will also include an interactive projection art component at the library.
- Habitat for Humanity Houses-** A celebration was held yesterday for the closing and/or occupation of four Habitat for Humanity homes located on 41<sup>st</sup> Street. The Mayor, Commissioner Battie and Cindy were in attendance.
- Historic Preservation Board Report-** This is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 8/17/26**.
- Hurricane Preparation-** Parking staff met with Rachel to discuss parking for those who will be working at the EOC and how we will handle the City’s parking garages before, during and after storm events.
- McCown Towers-** Met with William Russell, and he will forward to the city the latest plans they have for their project.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation- National Coastal Resilience Fund Grant-** We submitted for a \$500,000 grant this week for the proposed Bayfront Drive Shoreline Restoration Project.
- Parking Changes-** I will be joining Parking staff Sunday morning to help put up the new signage reflecting our changes to Sunday hours. These changes will be in effect starting this coming Monday.
- Payne Park Tennis Center-** Installation of the selected public art piece will take place in late July.
- Plan and Permit Reviews-** Planning staff continues to provide comments at DRC Meetings and attend field visits for historic preservation permits.

**-Planning Website-** Active Zoning Text Amendments scheduled for hearings for the PB and CC will be posted on our website so that citizens can get the latest on what is being proposed.

**-Public Art Committee Annual Report-** The PAC Annual Report is scheduled to be presented at the **CC Meeting on 7/20/2026**.

**-Public Art Committee Meeting-** The PAC approved a wall mounted public art piece for The Vue, and wall murals called “Where Time Meets Community”, “Where Home Takes Root” at Amaryllis Park Place and “Spoonbills of the Suncoast”

**-Ringling College Projection Art-** We’re working on a new projection art program for the November Fresh Friday event.

**-State Legislation Update-** Attended a session on the latest approved State legislation and how these bills will affect the city.

**-Trolley Grant Funds from State-** This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26** and totals \$371,057.

**-Transit to St. Armands/FDOT Meeting-** Attended meeting with Breeze and FDOT to discuss how operations are going with the Bay Runner, and to address any future FDOT projects in the area that may have an impact.

### **Project Update**

**-Aspinwall Street Vacation-** This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26. This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26**.

**-Batch ZTAs-** Staff is working on a new set of Batch ZTAs, and these are projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 9/9/26**.

**-Comprehensive Plan Update-** The Transportation Chapter Update and population projections were approved at the PB Meeting on 5/13/26 and are projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 8/3/26**. Conceptual goals of the Historic Preservation Chapter were discussed at the HPB Meeting on 5/12/26. A meeting with the Argus Foundation was held on 6/5/26. Meetings were held with two CCNA Board members on 6/8/26 and the Chamber of Commerce on 6/12/26. A public workshop on the Inter-Governmental Coordination Chapter will be scheduled later this summer.

**-Condo Hotels-** A discussion on this topic is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26**.

**-Downtown Master Plan Update-** The Selection Committee met on 3/24/26 for its initial review. The Ad Hoc Committee met the Principal in Charge and the Project Manager of the MKSK Consultant Team at their meeting on 3/31/26. A final interview was held on 4/1/26, and MKSK received unanimous support from the six members of the Selection Committee. A discussion on the procurement process, summary of the Ad Hoc Committee meetings and the contract was held at the CC Meeting on 5/18/26. These items were continued by the CC to a future date to be determined.

**-Mobile Food Trucks in Downtown Bayfront ZTA-** This is scheduled to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26** for discussion.

**-Osprey Court Street Vacation-** This is scheduled for the **CC Meeting on 7/6/26**.

**-Traffic Concurrency ZTA-** This was approved at the PB Meeting on 6/10/26. This is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26**.

**-1819 Wisteria Street-** An appeal of the HPB's decision to deny a demolition permit is projected to go to the **CC Meeting on 7/20/26**.

**-1660 Ringling Plan Amendment-** This is projected to go to the **PB Meeting on 7/8/26**.

Hope you have a fun weekend,

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