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From the Mayor's Desk

That was fun. NOT. Kudos to our Emergency Management team. They remained on standby before and during Bertha. They held daily briefings and were prepared for any outcome. Special thanks to Chief Hester who went out during the thunderstorm on Wednesday night to chase swimmers out of the water. Lightening and water don't mix and I can't imagine what those people were thinking.

On Tuesday night Council voted to appoint our Finance Director, Christie Briones, as the Interim City Administrator. She stepped up to take on the additional responsibilities and help us out while we search for a replacement. Thank you, Christie, I look forward to working with you.

The first Budget Workshop for the 2026/2027 fiscal year was held on July 21. These workshops will continue throughout August. The dates and times will be posted on the Village web site. If you are interested in how we plan to spend your tax dollars, you should make it a point to attend. We welcome your input.

All city employees, elected officials and appointees will attend a Sexual Harassment Workshop on August 10. It saddens me that employers find it necessary to make this training a requirement. We as a civilization should do better.

The power outage on Wednesday night proved to me how valuable the FEMA grant for a generator for City Hall and the EMS and Police Building will be. All deliverables have been submitted to FEMA, and the grant has been approved. It's difficult to provide protection and rescue without power, when the only communication is two-way radios.

As I write this, we may still feel some effects from Bertha. We are sure to have some riptides and some wind and rain. Stay safe and have a wonderful weekend.

"Though she be but little, she is fierce!" (A Midsummers Night Dream, Act 3, Scene 2)

Mayor Marsha