

From the Mayor's Desk

Did you know that the saying “the dog days of summer” is because the brightest star in the night sky, Sirius, in the constellation Canis Major, the “Greater Dog” marked the beginning of summer for the ancient Greeks and the flooding of the Nile in Ancient Egypt. The dog days are certainly here in Surfside Beach where the “feels like” temperature has been over 100 degrees F for a week or more. I am anxiously awaiting fall.

Yesterday we had a meeting to review the status of all the grant projects pending. Here are some brief notes:

1. Pompano water and sewer/Shark Lane paving – a preconstruction meeting is to be scheduled. The project will be complete, and a Certificate of Completion is to be issued by January 31, 2027.
2. HGAC/GLO E570 sewer line replacement grant is in the environmental and design stage which should be completed by the end of this year. Then a construction contract can be awarded and an NTP (Notice to Proceed) will be signed in April 2027.
3. The Groin project with GLO bid package is expected to be sent out this month. The schedule has been pushed back numerous times and delayed but is finally proceeding.
4. The FEMA generator grant will be adjusted for an increase in price since it was first initiated in 2024. Once the paperwork is complete and approved, we will have the go-ahead to purchase and install.
5. The CDBG Seashell water line project Income Survey was completed, and we have qualified for the grant. Eric Ingram, our Utilities Director, is heading up this project.

I just want to thank all of our Directors and Supervisors for stepping up and supporting Christie Briones as Interim City Administrator and me as Mayor while we search for a new City Administrator. Everyone is going above and beyond to make our jobs easier and to “Build a Better Surfside”.

“Though she be but little, she is fierce!”

Mayor Marsha

