



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 1901 5th Street

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem: Jim Folse

Council Members: Benjamin Flores, Jim Folse, Bradley Westmoreland, Susan Reardon, Blayne Finlay

Vision Statement

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AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THIS OR ANY OTHER MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL UPON THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR, ANY MEMBER(S) OF COUNCIL AND/OR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAYOR THAT COUNCIL WILL RETIRE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY ON MATTERS IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (TITLE 5, CHAPTER 551, SECTION 551.071(2) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE).

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Texas State Flag Pledge: "Honor The Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance To Thee, Texas, One State Under God, One And Indivisible."

Councilwoman Susan Reardon

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Bay City promotes economic growth and invests in quality-of-life initiatives through collaboration. We respond promptly and professionally to residents' concerns and strive to deliver superior municipal services.

Councilman Bradley Westmoreland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

State Law prohibits any deliberation of or decisions regarding items presented in public comments. City Council may only make a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; recite an existing policy; or request staff place the item on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Budget ~ Receive public comment on the Bay City Community Development Corporation proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Scotty Jones, City**

Manager

2. **Budget ~ Receive public comment on the City of Bay City's Proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2026. Scotty Jones, City Manager**
3. **Budget ~ Receive public comment on the City of Bay City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Scotty Jones, City Manager**
4. **Budget ~ Receive public comment on the City of Bay City's proposed Property (Ad Valorem) Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026. Scotty Jones, City Manager**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER**ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS****CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**

5. **Council Workshop meeting minutes of August 26, 2025.**
6. **Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 26, 2025.**

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

7. **Budget ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve postponing the final Budget vote for Fiscal Year 2026 until September 23, 2025. Scotty Jones, City Manager**

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. **Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters)**

RECONVENE AND ACTION**ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER****ADJOURNMENT****AGENDA NOTICES:**

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Taxpayer Impact Statement on Median-Value Homestead Property

	2024	2025	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.56916	\$0.55772	Decrease of -0.01144 per \$100, or - 2.01%
Average Homestead taxable value	\$169,881	\$180,409	Increase of 6.20%
Tax on average	\$966.89	\$1,006.18	Increase \$39.29, or +4.06%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$6,854,997	\$7,177,737	Increase of \$322,740, or 4.71%

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

This is to certify that the above notice of a Regular Called Council Meeting was posted on the front window of the City Hall of the City of Bay City, Texas on **September 10, 2025 before 5:00 p.m.** Any questions concerning the above items, please contact the Mayor and City Manager's office at (979) 245-2137.



**AGENDA REQUEST
BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS**

Meeting Date:	9/16/2025	Date Submitted:	9/2 /2025
Prepared By:	Scotty Jones	Presented By <i>(if different)</i>	Scotty Jones
Department:	Finance	Type of Agenda Item:	Regular

ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing- BCCDC

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Public Hearing: Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the Bay City Community Development Corporation's proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5 PM

BUDGET HEARING WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING:

FY 2026 Proposed Budget- Bay City Community Development Corporation

All information pertaining to the Bay City Community Development's Budget can be reviewed at the following locations:

City Secretary's Office

Bay City Public Library

City of Bay City's Website- www.cityofbaycity.org/193/Budget

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS ADDRESSED:

											
Safety & Community Appearance	☐	Community & Civic Engagement	☐	Infrastructure	☐	Planning & Development	☐	Culture & recreation	☐	Operational Excellence	☒

FINANCIAL NOTES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: BCCDC Proposed Budget

Bay City Community Development Corporation
Proposed Budget FY 2026

Acct #	Description	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Amended FY 2025	Projected FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
REVENUE:						
3225	Sales tax collections	\$ 1,675,000	\$ 1,849,000	\$ 1,849,000	\$ 1,849,000	\$ 1,937,500
3300	BDC income	\$ 9,600	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 34,417
3401	Training Center lease (STNOC)	\$ 88,144	\$ 91,483	\$ 93,110	\$ 93,110	\$ 95,592
3402	Family Entertainment Center lease (SMBG)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3403	Schulman Note Payment		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
3500	Main Street revenue	\$ 72,000	\$ 111,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3504	TIRZ #2 income	\$ 150,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 175,000
3615	Interest income		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,094,744	\$ 2,386,483	\$ 2,272,110	\$ 2,272,110	\$ 2,347,509
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:						
415-4105	Salaries and wages	\$ 234,295	\$ 230,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 175,000
415-4110	Other compensation	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
415-4205	Payroll taxes	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ 14,917	\$ 14,917	\$ 17,600
415-4206	Unemployment taxes	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 351	\$ 351	\$ 1,500
415-4210	Retirement expense	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,149	\$ 19,149	\$ 25,000
415-4215	Workers Comp insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 1,000
415-4225	Employee health insurance	\$ 43,400	\$ 16,500	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -
415-4230	Travel and training	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,140	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,000
415-4310	General supplies (postage, freight, copies)	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,800
415-4315	Dues and subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 10,000
415-4330	Vehicle expense (fuel, insurance & repairs)	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,650	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
415-4405	General insurance	\$ 57,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ -
415-4410	Telephone and cell phones	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 6,216	\$ 6,216	\$ 4,000
415-4415	Utilities (electricity, water, & gas)	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,100	\$ 4,000
415-4420	Legal and professional	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 26,000
415-4424	Cleaning and maintenance	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,750
415-4426	Leasehold improvements	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
415-4427	Equipment rental	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,350
415-4428	Building rental	\$ 63,648	\$ 63,648	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -
415-4497	Business meals	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,500
415-4498	Misc furniture and equipment	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
415-4499	Miscellaneous expense	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500
415-4505	Repairs and maintenance- equipment					
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 511,145	\$ 530,898	\$ 383,293	\$ 383,033	\$ 294,500
PROSPECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES:						
420-4230	Travel	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 3,500
420-4425	Contract services	\$ 8,000	\$ 20,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,500
420-4460	Advertising	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 34,215	\$ 34,500	\$ 10,000
420-4461	Website development/maintenance	\$ 1,680	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
420-4497	Business meals	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,000
420-4499	Miscellaneous expense	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 500
	TOTAL PROSPECT DEVELOPMENT EXP.	\$ 34,680	\$ 70,000	\$ 44,615	\$ 44,400	\$ 87,500

Acct #	Description	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Amended FY 2025	Projected FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
PROJECT EXPENSES:						
485-4001	Matagorda County EDC	75,000	75,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
485-4002	Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	20,000	-	-	-	-
485-4003	Website grant	40,000	40,000	20,000	20,000	10,000
485-4009	Detention pond	-	-	-	-	-
485-4008	Family Entertainment Center (property taxes)	-	29,942	3,000	3,000	30,000
485-4010	Downtown parking lot	3,000	-	-	-	-
485-4012	Main Street	25,000	25,000	624	624	-
485-4020	Nile Valley Phase II	239,116	239,191	239,191	239,191	239,191
485-4021	CED insurance and maintenance	300,000	300,000	340,000	420,000	300,000
	Grant Writer (Patriot)		9,000			-
	Resiliency Loan		320,000	-		
485-2000	Entrepreneur program			-	-	5,000
485-4447	City Vision 2040 Plan	100,000	125,000	55,500	55,500	30,000
485-4002	Business retention and expansion	100,000	160,000	230,000	230,000	30,000
485-4004	Aquatic Center					200,000
485-0000	Regional Attraction					
485-4032	Rail Road Quiet Zone Study		28,900			
	Note Recieveable Chick-Fil-A		250,000			
485-4033	Public Safety Building		1,000,000			
485-0000	Flock System (Police)		26,500	36,000	36,000	36,000
	Reserve at River Bend infrastructure					35,715
	Airport expansion		56,150	-		-
485-4030	McCoy's land					
2251/2255	Debt principal payments	189,200	481,952	493,000	493,000	510,000
485-4810	Interest expense	57,200	97,961	90,000	90,000	73,000
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES		1,148,516	3,264,596	1,587,315	1,667,315	1,578,906
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,694,341	3,865,494	2,015,223	2,094,748	1,960,906
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		400,403	(1,479,011)	256,887	177,362	386,603



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Department:	Finance	Type of Agenda Item:	Regular

ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing- Capital Improvement Program

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Public Hearing: Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Bay City's proposed Capital Improvement Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5 PM

BUDGET HEARING WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING:

Five-Year Capital Improvement Program FY 2026-2030

All information pertaining to the City's Five-Year Capital Plan can be reviewed at the following locations:

City Secretary's Office

Bay City Public Library

City of Bay City's Website- www.cityofbaycity.org/193/Budget

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS ADDRESSED:

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Safety & Community Appearance		Community & Civic Engagement		Infrastructure		Planning & Development		Culture & recreation		Operational Excellence	

FINANCIAL NOTES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A



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Department:	Finance	Type of Agenda Item:	Regular

ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing- Proposed Budget

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Public Hearing: Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Bay City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5 PM

BUDGET HEARING WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING:

FY 2026 Proposed Budget- City of Bay City (Charter section 10.05 & LCG 102.006)

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FINANCIAL NOTES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A



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ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing- Tax Rate

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Public Hearing: Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Bay City's proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5 PM

Tax Rate Information	Adopted FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
Property Tax Rate	.56916	.55772
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	.53314	.53443
No-New Revenue M&O Tax Rate	.40308	.40542
Debt Rate	.13469	.12273
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	.56916	.55772
De Minimis Rate	.57914	.56700

FY 2026 Debt Service Requirement to be paid by property taxes \$1,721,043. See Debt rate (.12273) requirement above.

Tax Rate Information	Adopted FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
Maintenance & Operation Rate	.43447	.43499
Debt Rate	.13469	.12273
Total Property Tax Rate	.56916	.55772

Note: The City Council has lowered the City's tax rate over the past 6 years from .65500 to .55772 or 9 cents. This proposed revenue increase equates to 1.6% of the City's budget used to pay for maintenance & operations, capital, and debt.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS ADDRESSED:

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Safety & Community Appearance		Community & Civic Engagement		Infrastructure		Planning & Development		Culture & recreation		Operational Excellence	



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 1901 5th Street

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Mayor Pro Tem: Jim Folse

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Vision Statement

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 5:02 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

Council Member Benjamin Flores

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

Council Member Bradley Westmoreland

Council Member Susan Reardon

Council Member Blayne Finlay

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

1. **Receive and discuss the Bay City Community Development Budget Proposal for 2026 Fiscal Year.**

The Bay City Community Development Center Executive Director, Jessica Russell, reviewed the proposed budget for CDC.

2. **Discuss, consider, and review proposed amendments to Appendix B Fee Schedule.**

Bay City department Directors and anagers reviewed the proposed fee schedules and any recommended changes.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 1901 5th Street

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem: Jim Folse

Council Members: Benjamin Flores, Bradley Westmoreland, Susan Readrdon, Blayne Finlay

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 6:03 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

Council Member Benjamin Flores

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

Council Member Bradley Westmoreland

Council Member Susan Reardon

Council Member Blayne Finlay

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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Councilman Bradley Westmoreland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve the agenda with the change that item number seven be postponed indefinitely. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tina Israel of Bay City Mainstreet spoke about the Camofest profits and the purchase of downtown decorations. She thanked all who contributed and the Camofest attendees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, gave a shout-out to Street and Bridge for their work on Phase II of the LeTulle Park repaving project, then showed images and spoke of the recent Art Walk event. Ms. Jones gave a shout-out to Amanda Garcia of the Library for a job well done. She then thanked Jeanna and the IT department for their work on the City's security plans and helping all the staff through the changes.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse announced Barrio Energy is putting data centers in the area. He then spoke about the team of individuals that are helping get the Aquatic Center going. Council Member Brad Westmoreland talked about the striping on Sycamore and thanked the Public Works staff for their quick response.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

1. **Council Special Called meeting minutes of August 12, 2025.**
2. **Council Workshop Meeting minutes of August 19, 2025.**
3. **Approve the re-appointment of Thomas Battle and Cheryl Rutherford to a two-year term as Commissioners on the Bay City Housing Authority board.**
4. **Engagement letter with Harrison, Waldrop, and Uherek, L.L.P. for Audit Services for year ending September 30, 2025.**
5. **Amendment No. 1 to the Master Professional Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) projects.**
6. **Letter of Support from the Mayor and City Council requesting the Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy and Representative Troy Nehls consider approving an exemption on critical aircraft count required for AIP funding for Apron Expansion Project.**
7. ~~**Professional surveying services by CivilCorp, LLC for the Cottonwood Park area, as recommended by the TIRZ #1 Board.**~~

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve consent agenda items one through six. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

8. **Ordinance ~ An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas, exempting certain police vehicles from State of Texas inscription requirements and designation of authorized persons; and providing for the following: finding of fact; severability; and effective date.**

BCPD Lt. Ryman discussed the requirement of an ordinance to exempt certain vehicles from the State of Texas inscription requirements.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member

Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

9. **Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas, amending Chapter 14 "Animals" by amending Article I titled "In General"; providing for a cumulative and conflict clause, providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.**

Chief Christella Rodriguez discussed and reviewed an ordinance amending Chapter 14 "Animals", along with Susan Dancer, founder of the local SPCA and Texas Blessings Rescue, and Dottie Grandstaff of the City impound. There was much discussion about the changes, and it will be brought to the council on after everyone has more time to review. Mayor Pro Tem Folse suggested adding two items to a future meeting agenda: the size of the impound and future funding for the spay/ neuter of reclaimed animals.

10. **Tax ~ Consider placing a proposal to adopt a Tax Rate for the 2026 Fiscal Year as an action item on the agenda of a future Council meeting, specifying therein the desired tax rate and publishing notice thereof.** Scotty Jones, City Manager

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve a Tax Rate for the 2026 Fiscal Year as an action item on the agenda of a future council meeting, specifying therein the desired tax rate and publishing notice thereof. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried. Individual council member votes noted: All in favor.

11. **Tax ~ Consider setting a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026 Fiscal Year Tax Rate for Tuesday, September 16, 2025.** Scotty Jones, City Manager

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve setting a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 fiscal year tax rate for Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

12. **Budget ~ Consider setting a Public Hearing on the City of Bay City's proposed 2026 Fiscal Year Budget and the City of Bay City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Tuesday, September 16, 2025.** Scotty Jones, City Manager

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve setting a Public Hearing on the City of Bay City's proposed 2026 Fiscal Year Budget and the City of Bay City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

13. **Budget ~ Consider setting a Public Hearing on the Bay City Community Development Corporation's proposed 2026 Fiscal Year Budget for Tuesday, September 16, 2025.** Scotty Jones, City Manager

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve setting a Public Hearing on the Bay City Community Development Corporation's proposed 2026 Fiscal Year Budget for Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay.

Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned at 7:06 P.M. and went into Executive Session.

- 14. Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**
- 15. Executive Session ~ Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.**
- 16. Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters)**

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened at 10:23 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to reject item #14. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve item #15 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

No action was taken on item #16.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Pro Tem Folse asked for clarification on the upcoming change to agenda postings to three business days. The new posting day will be the Wednesday prior to Tuesday public meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 16th day of September 2025.

ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY



AGENDA REQUEST BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

Meeting Date:	9/16/2025	Date Submitted:	9/2 /2025
Prepared By:	Scotty Jones	Presented By <i>(if different)</i>	Scotty Jones
Department:	Finance	Type of Agenda Item:	Regular

ITEM TITLE: Budget- Vote to Postpone

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Discuss, Consider, and/or Approve postponing the final budget vote for Fiscal Year 2026 until September 23, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The City must take some sort of action at the conclusion of the budget hearing.
TEX LOC. GOV'T CODE 102.007

This could be the adoption of the budget, or else a vote to postpone the final budget vote. It is generally accepted that the City need not adopt the budget at the end of the hearing.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS ADDRESSED:

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Safety & Community Appearance		Community & Civic Engagement		Infrastructure		Planning & Development		Culture & recreation		Operational Excellence	

FINANCIAL NOTES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: N/A