



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

Vision Statement

We envision Bay City as a thriving, family-centered community where our citizens can live, work, worship, and play, while welcoming visitors to experience our beautiful environment and diverse culture.

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

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

Councilman Bradley Westmoreland

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

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.

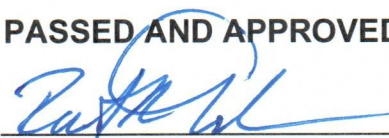
ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

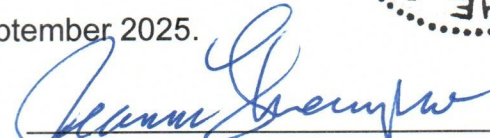
Mayor Pro Tem Folse asked for clarification on the upcoming change to agenda postings to three business days. The new posting day will be the Wednesday prior to Tuesday public meetings.

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

