



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, November 18, 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, Jim Folse, Bradley Westmoreland, Susan Reardon, 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 Pro Tem Jim Folse at 6:12 PM.

PRESENT:

Council Member Benjamin Flores

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

Council Member Bradley Westmoreland

Council Member Susan Reardon

Council Member Blayne Finlay

ABSENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Folse

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Flores stated he was opposed to approving the agenda because item number 16 was not descriptive enough.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve the agenda with the removal of item number 8.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Proclamation declaring "Priscilla Ann Robinson Day"**
2. **Proclamation supporting the City of Bay City's application for the Tourism Friendly Texas designation, a statewide initiative of Travel Texas and the Governor's Office for Tourism and Economic Development and proclaiming the City of Bay City as a "Tourism Friendly Community".**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, presented slides of acknowledgments and gave shout-outs to the Public Works crew for their quick work on the water main break at 10th street and Pine Avenue, as well as the improvements they made to the stormwater draining at Wyatt Avenue. Ms. Jones acknowledged the Tribune "Best of" awards given out to City departments and employees: Best Park - Riverside Park; Best Park Runner Up - LeTulle Park; Best Event Runner Up - CamoFest; Best Officer - Vickie Pursley; Second Best Officer - Dylan Wakefield. She then acknowledged that Bay City is now an affiliate with Keep Texas Beautiful. She then announced upcoming City events.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Finlay commented on the Day of The Dead event, stating the staff and volunteers did a great job. He also acknowledged Public Works for a job well done. Council Member Flores stated the Lions were talking about combining the Rice Festival Parade with the Veterans Day Parade in the future. He then stated that resources available for homeless veterans as well as mental health resources. He also announced that November is Native American Heritage Month. Public Works Director, Herb Blomquist gave a brief update on the lift station detection monitoring device and said that it will provide real-time data and updates. Mayor Pro Tem Folse spoke briefly about Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), a long-term disaster recovery group.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

3. **Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 23, 2025.**
4. **Special Called Council Meeting minutes of October 14, 2025.**
5. **Consider and/or approve the sale of an approximately 0.1196 acre tract out of the tract conveyed from Calvin Morehead to the City of Bay City recorded in Volume 114, Page 561 of the Matagorda County Official Records, and authorize the Mayor to execute a deed without warranty and all closing documents.**

6. **Declare unusable equipment, supplies, and materials as surplus and authorize staff to sell said surplus equipment, supplies, and materials through the use of an online auction or other means.**
7. **Resolution supporting the Bay City Police Department's grant application to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Grants, for Ballistic Windshields.**

Council Member Flores asked to amend item number four, stating there were two public comments made, and only one was listed.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve amending item number four, being that two public comments were made. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve all consent agenda items with the amendment made to item number four. . Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8. Public Works Department Report

Item number 8 was removed from the agenda.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

9. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Bay City and GrantWorks Inc. to amend the compensation and payment structure; and approve Task Order #DR-4485-0221-01 for the Storm Water Management Plan.** Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve Amendment No.1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Bay City and GrantWorks Inc. to amend the compensation and payment structure; and approve Task Order #DR-4485-0221-01 for the Storm Water Management Plan. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

10. **Planning ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a Letter of Support for the Union Pacific and Norfolk Merger.** Robert K. Nelson, Mayor

The Letter of Support for the Union Pacific and Norfolk Merger was read by Mayor Pro Tem Folse.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve a Letter of Support for the Union Pacific and Norfolk Merger. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council

Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Voting Nay: Council Member Flores. Motion carried.

11. Budget ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the amendments to the BCCDCs 2024-25 Budget. Jim Folse, Mayor Pro Tem

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve the amendments to the BCCDCs 2024-25 Budget. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

12. Resolution ~ A Resolution of the Bay City Community Development Corporation approving and adopting the amendments to the Bylaws of the Bay City Community Development Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Folse discussed the amendments to the Bylaws of the Bay City Community Development Corporation.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to table item number twelve until further notice. 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.

This item was tabled until further notice.

13. Report ~ Discuss, Consider, and/or Approve the City's Quarterly Financial and Investment Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025.

Finance Manager, Jennifer Davis, presented the City's Quarterly Financial Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2025. She stated they are very preliminary/ unaudited numbers. The final numbers will be available once the audit is presented.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve the City's Quarterly Financial Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

14. Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Bay City to cast its official ballot for the Board of Directors for the Matagorda County Appraisal District.

Mayor Nelson discussed a Resolution authorizing the City of Bay City to cast its official vote for the Board of Directors for the Matagorda County Appraisal District. He stated there were 342 available votes and 6 candidates; Jeanna Thompson will get all 342 of Bay City's votes. Council Member Flores pointed out that the resolution stated there are 328 votes. That will be corrected.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Bay City to cast its official ballot for the Board of Directors for the Matagorda County Appraisal District. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned and went into executive session at 7:11 P.M.

15. **Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**
16. **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: Personnel**

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:52 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve item number 15 extending the Evans Lease for 25 years. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried. No action taken on item number 16.

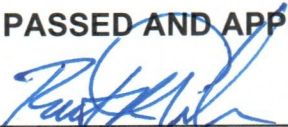
ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

There were no comments.

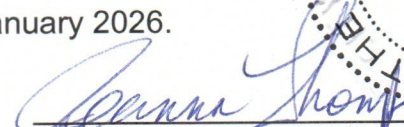
ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 13th day of January 2026.



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



JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY

