



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 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 Robert K. Nelson at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

Council Member Benjamin Flores

Council Member Susan Reardon

Council Member Blayne Finlay

ABSENT:

Councilman Bradley Westmoreland

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilman Benjamin Flores

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 Benjamin Flores

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Finlay.

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

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.

Loy Sneary with Matagorda Wellness thanked Council for their leadership and as well as BCCDC and the County.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

Scotty Jones, City Manager, presented TxDOT's public meeting outcome regarding the relief route. Ms. Jones congratulated City employees Ashley Girlinghouse, Gabriel Lopez, Michael Burchard, Patrick Cervantes and Roxanne Gomez for making the City Leaders under 40 list. Ms. Jones recognizes Angela Hadash for completing her certification course work, the IT department for the work on the upgrades to their a/v system in the Council Chambers, and to Street and Bridge crew for restriping work. Ms. Jones also announced upcoming events hosted by the Library and Parks & Recreation.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Folsie gave a shoutout to Herb and Krystal's crew out on the streets who are always polite and informative. Mayor Pro Tem Folsie let Council know that CDC did send out the 380 or 381 agreement and the YMCA contract and hopefully get them on a future agenda. Councilwoman Reardon congratulated Park & Recreation for Riverside Park's Rally on the River and other events. Councilwoman Reardon recognized IT department work on the public displays at City Hall entrances. Councilman Flores announced that this is his last year serving as a Council and apologized for absences. Councilman Finlay gave a reminder that the rodeo is this weekend. Mayor Nelson gave a shout out to the City Manager for her hard work and long hours overseeing everything.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folsie. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

1. **Special Called Meeting minutes of January 13, 2026.**
2. **Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 27, 2026.**
3. **Election Services Contract between the City of Bay City, Texas and Matagorda County for General and Special Elections to be held May 2, 2026.**
4. **Consider and/or approve the award of bids for 2026 Public Works Road Materials (PW-RM-2026).**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5. **Bay City Police Department Annual Report for 2025.** Christella Rodriguez, Chief of Police

Christella Rodriguez, Chief of Police, presented the Bay City Police Department annual report showing overall crime went down. Chief Rodriguez stated that the reduction is a result of strategy, consistency and partnership.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

6. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Matagorda County to establish Public Access to Westlaw Legal Research Database.** Samantha Denbow, Communication & Cultural Arts Director

Samantha Denbow, Communication & Cultural Arts Director, presented an agreement with County providing funding and the Library providing internet, space, and printing to establish free public access to Westlaw Legal Research Database.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Matagorda County to establish Public Access to Westlaw Legal Research Database. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

7. **Resolution ~ Discuss, consider and/or approve the resolution appointing Patty Elder, Diana Gurecky, Kris Hurley, Martha Johnson, Stacey MacKenzie, and Donnye Stone to the Library Advisory Board.** Samantha Denbow, Communication & Cultural Arts Director

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve the resolution appointing Patty Elder, Diana Gurecky, Kris Hurley, Martha Johnson, Stacey MacKenzie, and Donnye Stone to the Library Advisory Board. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

8. **Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a resolution authorizing TxDOT Aviation to act as agent for the design of the APRON reconstruction project.** James Mason, Airport Manager

James Mason, Airport Manager, presented the resolution adding that the process of selecting an engineer was taking too long and that the resolution allows the City to act as the agent.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve and revise a resolution authorizing TxDOT Aviation to act as agent for the design of the APRON reconstruction project. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

9. **Discuss, consider and/or approve City of Bay City authorization to issue Requests For Proposals for Administrative Services (RFP) and Requests For Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the 2026 Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Programs, administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture.** Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech

Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech, presented the proposed RFP regarding rails and ramps within downtown district. Mr. Lopez stated that the grant had a 5% match.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve the City of Bay City authorization to issue Requests For Proposals for Administrative Services (RFP) and Requests For Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the 2026 Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Programs, administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

- 10. Discuss, Consider, and/or approve awarding a Depository Contract for the City of Bay City and authorize the City Manager to execute a Depository Contract in a form approved by the City Attorney.** Jennifer Davis, Finance Manager

Jennifer Davis, Finance Manager, presented the bids for the depository contract, adding that Prosperity Bank was the only bidder.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve awarding a Depository Contract to Prosperity Bank for the City of Bay City and authorize the City Manager to execute a Depository Contract in a form approved by the City Attorney. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

- 11. Discuss, Consider, and/or approve the City's updated Disclosure Policy.** Jennifer Davis, Finance Manager

Jennifer Davis, Finance Manager, presented the disclosure policy explaining that updates are made every couple years as recommended by the City's Bond Counsel.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve the City's updated Disclosure Policy. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

- 12. Discuss, consider, and/or approve the creation and appointments of a Human Resource Policy Review Committee for Fiscal Year 2026 amendments.** Scotty Jones, City Manager

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve the creation of a Human Resource Policy Review Committee for Fiscal Year 2026 amendments and appointing Council Member Finlay and Council Member Reardon. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

- 13. Executive Session ~ Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**
- 14. Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (Deliberation regarding Economic Development).**
- 15. 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 7:56 p.m.

Item 13 motion by Mayor Pro Tem Folse the approval to dispose of property on 4th and K via a realtor. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

No motions on items 14 and 15.

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

No items from Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 14 day of April.



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



JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY

