



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, March 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

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."

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.

Councilman Bradley Westmoreland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve the agenda with item number eight being tabled. 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

There were no Public Comments.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Proclamation declaring Month of April 2026 as "Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month."**

The Proclamation was read and presented by Mayor Robert K. Nelson to the Matagorda County Crisis Center.

2. **Presentation of 2025 TMLDA Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.**

Communications & Cultural Arts Director, Samantha Denbow, presented Library staff with the 2025 TLDA Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award. Bay City Public Library is 1 out of 101 libraries in the state that received this award, putting Bay City Public Library in the top 20% of public libraries in the state of Texas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, acknowledged and presented awards to Parks & Recreation staff members Martina Paniagua, Eric Cortinas, and Brian Trevino, for their quick response and efforts to save a co-worker during a medical emergency. Ms. Jones then gave attaboys to the Public Works staff that worked on the striping upgrades on 6th Street, and also on Nichols from 16th Street to Speedy Stop. She also gave brief TXDOT updates. She stated there is striping being done on Highway 60 and Highway 35. Downtown area restriping is coming soon. There will be a 2nd public meeting on May 21st regarding the relief route. Lastly, she spoke of past and upcoming City events and updates on the Animal Ordinance.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Folse, announced the Lion's Pancake Supper this Thursday at the KC Hall, and the EAC Senior Prom on April 16th. He also stated the Great Steak Cook-Off this past Saturday was a nice and well-attended event. Mayor Nelson asked Public Works Director, Herb Blomquist, about the timing of the traffic lights.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve all consent agenda items. 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.

3. **Ratify the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bay City and Calhoun County regarding housing of Bay City inmates in the Calhoun County jail.**
4. **Agreement between the City of Bay City and the YMCA of the Golden Crescent for the operation of the Hilliard Pool from May 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.**
5. **Declaration of unusable vehicles, equipment, supplies, and/ or materials as surplus and authorize staff to sell said surplus vehicles, equipment, supplies, and/ or materials through the use of an online auction or other means.**

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 6. Budget ~ Discuss the FY 27 Budget Calendar and Budget Process and take any action deemed necessary.**

Finance Manager, Jennifer Davis, presented the FY 27 budget calendar and budget process. She pointed out changes to a few topics and stated there was a shift to the capital planning input sessions to May instead of June. This is taking what was adopted in FY 2026 and rolling it forward, which is the key reason for the change in the packet. June 9th is an open space holder for a potential Special Called meeting. August 18th is the presentation of the budget. The budget can be adopted on September 22nd.

- 7. Resolution ~A Resolution of the City of Bay City, Texas authorizing a Downtown Façade Improvement and Resiliency Program to support code compliance and revitalization efforts with funds from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1.**

City Manager, Scotty Jones, addressed the focuses and what improvements the program will allow. This program will also assist in offsetting the costs for the state required upgrades and repairs. The City will be able to assist by putting more money into compliance and historic projects.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folsie to approve a Resolution authorizing a Downtown Facade Improvement and Resiliency Program to support code compliance and revitalization efforts with funds from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

- 8. Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Bay City and Bay City Community Development Corporation for an Aquatic Center Project.**

This item was tabled.

- 9. Resolution ~ Discuss, consider and/or approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026 Downtown Revitalization Program.**

Engineering Tech, Gabriel Lopez, discussed the TxCDBG Mainstreet Program application development process. Authorization from Council is needed to submit the application and also to commit to a 5% match. The full award is 1 million dollars, putting it up to \$50,000.

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026 Downtown Revitalization Program. Seconded by Council Member Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

- 10. Bids ~ Discuss, consider and/or approve authorizing the advertisement for bids for the Area 14 Drainage Improvements Project under GLO Contract No. 24-065-149-F008.**

Engineering Tech, Gabriel Lopez, discussed the 3.18 million dollar grant from GLO related to drainage improvements. The City received authorization to use grant funds. The project is split into 2 areas; Area 14 - Whitson/ Duncan area. Mr. Lopez stated he is comfortable moving forward with bids. Area 19 is still under design and will be brought forth to Council at a later date. Area 14 will be brought back to Council so the lowest bidder can be granted.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve authorizing the advertisement for bids for the Area 14 Drainage Improvements Project under GLO Contract No. 24-065-149-F008. 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.

- 11. Financials ~ Discuss 2026-2027 TWIA and AmRisk Windstorm Policy Renewals and take any action deemed necessary.**

Accounting Specialist, Ashley Girlinghouse presented and discussed the 2026-2027 TWIA and AmRisk Windstorm Policy Renewals. The City is projected to save \$21,000 from the projected year.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve 2026-2027 TWIA and AmRisk Windstorm Policy Renewals. 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.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into Executive Session at 6:43 PM.

- 12. Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (Deliberation regarding Economic Development).**
- 13. 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 7:19 PM. No action was taken.

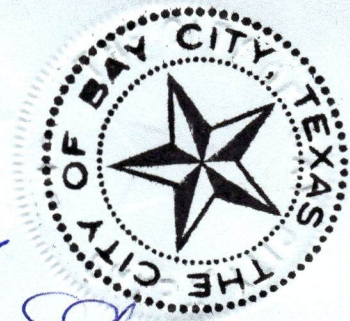
ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

Council Member Flores asked for an electronic copy of the budget calendar.
Council Member Westmoreland asked for updates on his previous request on increasing the hours of the Recycling Center. City Manager, Scotty Jones, stated they are exploring some options, but she would get updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 7:21 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 28 day of April, 2024



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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY