



CITY OF BAY CITY

MINUTES • JANUARY 22, 2019

Civic Center

Special Meeting – City Council

7:00 PM

201 7TH STREET
BAY CITY, TX 77414

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mark A. Bricker	Mayor	Excused	
William Cornman	Councilman	Present	
Becca Sitz	Councilwoman	Present	
Chrystal Folse	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Jason Childers	Councilman	Present	
Julie Estlinbaum	Councilwoman	Present	

2. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Pro Tem, Chrystal Folse certified a quorum was present. Mayor Bricker was excused.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as written by motion. The motion was made by Councilman, Jason Childers and seconded by Councilwoman, Julie Estlinbaum.

4. REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

1. Report

~ TOWN HALL MEETING - DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF BAY CITY HOME RULE CHARTER.

Bill Cornman, Councilman

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5. Ann Ryan spoke in favor of the City Manager form of government.
6. Jerry Evans thanked Council for the work that is being done toward the possibility of an Aquatic Center. He commended the Council and City Attorney for the work on the Charter changes. He recommended making changes to Section 4.06 - Meetings of Council, (a) (2) which discusses the procedure for placing items on the Council agenda.
7. Jerry Manning discussed issues with the Mayor and social media comments regarding the Bay City Housing Authority and how a City Manager form of government may eliminate some of the current issues.
8. Linda C. Leissner asked Council how easy/difficult it would be to remove a City Manager if they were not a good fit for the City. City Attorney, Anne Marie Odefey and Councilman, Bill Cornman addressed her question, stating there are required guidelines to follow.

5. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA NOTICES:

Action by Council Authorized:

The City Council may vote and/or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, pursuant to and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflict with the Open Meetings Act and may invoke this right where the City Attorney, the Mayor or a majority of the Governing Body deems an executive session is necessary to allow privileged consultation between the City Attorney and the governing body, if considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act. The City Attorney may appear in person, or appear in executive session by conference call in accordance with applicable state law.

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.

Executive Sessions Authorized:

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

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 Friday, January 11, 2019 before 7:00 p.m. Any questions concerning the

above items, please contact Mayor Mark A. Bricker at (979) 245-2137.

The facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 979-245-5311 or email, dholubec@cityofbaycity.org for further information.

David Holubec
City Secretary



City Council
1901 5Th Street
Bay City, TX 77414

SCHEDULED

DISCUSSION ITEM (ID # 3518)

Meeting: 01/22/19 07:00 PM
Department: City Secretary
Category: Report
Prepared By: David Holubec
Initiator: David Holubec
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 3518

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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