



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, May 12, 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 Pro Tem, Jim Folse at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Council Member Benjamin Flores

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

Council Member Bradley Westmoreland (arrived at 6:37 PM)

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."

Councilman Blayne Finlay

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 Blayne Finlay

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Proclamation ~ Proclamation ~ Declaring the month of May as National Preservation Month.**

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Folse, read a Proclamation, proclaiming May as National Preservation Month, and presented it to Tina Israel of Bay City Main Street.

2. **Proclamation ~ Proclamation ~ Declaring the month of May as Building Safety Month.**

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Folse, read the Proclamation, proclaiming May as Building Safety Month.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member, Benjamin Flores, recognized May as Asian American Pacific Islander Month and encouraged the public to talk to and interact with members of this group and get to know them. He also acknowledged that week as National Police Week and asked officers to be safe in their duties. Council Member Reardon seconded Mr. Flores's statement and thanked Police Officers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, announced the Hamman Road bridge is closed for a fully funded bridge rehabilitation through TxDOT for about 6 months. She also announced the City was recently awarded the Comp Plan, Gabriel worked very hard for this grant. The City will be looking at the Land Use Plan, how we want to grow and where we want to be. Once we get the grant award, it will kick off quickly. She then mentioned the volunteers who have come together to work toward volunteer efforts for disasters and community needs. She recognized Libbie Cruz for organizing the fire department and refreshing the paint around the building. She congratulated the most recent Library Career online graduates. This is the third graduation with 10 students completing the program so far. The 11th will be completed soon. Ms. Jones congratulated Jorge Rasso for receiving one of the two Employee of the Year awards from the Bay City ISD DECA program. She commented that they are getting a lot of feedback on the Community Resource page. Once it kicks off, it will be moved to the Library for maintenance. Main Street has received its 2026 Accreditation designation from Main Street America and the Texas Main Street Program for meeting national standards of performance for 2025. She announced Riverside Park now has a life jacket loaner station, made possible through a grant from the Sea Tow Foundation. She then mentioned upcoming City events and meetings. Lastly, Ms. Jones gave a brief update and timeline on the Public Safety building.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

3. Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 28, 2026.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Council

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. Reports ~ Bay City Regional Airport Report.

Airport Manager, James Mason, presented and discussed the Municipal Airport report. He also updated Council that the Airport runway opening has been delayed.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

5. Planning ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a letter seeking approval of the proposed rail alignment crossing TxDOT facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Folse spoke briefly about Lyondell tying into Union Pacific tracks.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve a letter seeking approval of the proposed rail alignment crossing TxDOT facilities. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

6. Property ~ Discuss, consider, and/ or approve a declaration of unusable equipment, supplies, and materials as surplus and authorize staff to transfer the items to the Bay City ISD Police Department.

Detective Dan Shook discussed declaring 7 SWAT helmets as surplus, to be donated to BCISD and replaced.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve surplussing 7 SWAT helmets. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

7. Election ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the canvassing of the General Election returns for the election held on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

City Secretary, Jeanna Thompson, gave a brief overview of the election and stated no one reached 50% of the votes and a runoff election is needed. Council Member Finlay asked how to avoid a runoff in the future, to which she replied that there would need to be a Charter revision. Council Member Westmoreland asked about changing election month to November. Ms. Thompson stated there would need to be a Charter amendment for that. Council Member Finlay stated that it should be considered.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve the canvassing of the General Election returns for the election held on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

8. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas, ordering a Runoff Election to be held on June 13, 2026; authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to enter into an agreement with

Matagorda County to conduct the Runoff Election on behalf of the City of Bay City; designating the places and manner of holding the election; providing for the posting and publication of notice; providing a savings clause; providing an open meetings clause; and, providing an effective date.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas, ordering a Runoff Election to be held on June 1, 2026; authorizing the Mayor, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Matagorda County to conduct the Runoff Election on behalf of the City of Bay City; designating the places and manner of holding the election; providing for the posting and publication of notice; providing a savings clause; and, providing an effective date. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. A poll was taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Contract/Agreement ~ Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a 380 Agreement with Bay City Community Development Corporation regarding the Aquatic Center. Scotty Jones, City Manager

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve a 380 Agreement with Bay City Community Development Corporation regarding the Aquatic Center. 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.

10. Discuss, consider, and/or approve acceptance of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) sub-grant award under Disaster No. DR-4485-0062 for the Critical Facilities Generators project, and authorize the Mayor to execute and return the award letter to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Engineering Tech, Gabriel Lopez, discussed the HMGP sub-grant award for the Critical Facilities Generators project. He stated the is from FEMA under the COVID disaster DR-4485-0062. The City was notified of the award in April for the amount of \$1,287,588.76. It is 90% federally funded with a 10% local match. There will be 4 permanent generators: 2 at the Airport, 1 at the Parks and Recreation building, and 1 at the City Hall Annex for IT.

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve acceptance of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) sub-grant award under Disaster No. DR-4485-0062 for Critical Facilities Generators project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute and return the award letter to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). 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.

11. Discuss, consider, and/or approve Task Order #DR-4332-0330-01 for the Cottonwood Creek Diversion, Phase II project, issued in accordance with Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Bay City and GrantWorks Inc.

Engineering Tech, Gabriel Lopez, discussed Task Order #DR-4332-0330 for grant administration services. The grant is related to Hurricane Harvey and is not to exceed \$32,080.25. It is 100% federally funded with no local match.

Motion made by Council Member Flores to approve Task Order #DR-4332-0330-01 for the Cottonwood Creek Diversion, Phase II project, issued in accordance with Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Bay City and GrantWorks, Inc. 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. **Discuss, consider, and/or approve authorization to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services, including design, bid phase services, and construction inspection and management, for the Critical Facilities Generators project under HMGP DR-4485-0062.**

Engineering Tech, Gabriel Lopez, discussed and requested authorization to advertise a Request for Qualifications for professional engineering services for the Critical Facilities Generators project under HMGP DR-4485-0062, including design, bid phase services, and construction inspection and management.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve authorization to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional services, including design, bid phase services, and construction inspection and management, for the Critical Facilities Generators project under HMGP DR-4485-0062. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

13. **Discuss, consider, and/or approve Task Order #DR-4485-0062-01 for the Critical Facilities Generators project, issued in accordance with Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Bay City and GrantWorks Inc.**

Engineering Tech, Gabriel Lopez, discussed Task Order #DR-4485-0062-01 for Grant Administration Services for the Critical Facilities Generators project under HMGP DR-4485-0062. The grant is not to exceed \$44,448.10, being 100% federally funded with no local match.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve Task Order #DR-4485-0062-01 for the Critical Facilities Generators project, issued in accordance with Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Bay City and GrantWorks, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. **Executive Session ~ Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters)**

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:18 PM.

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:05 PM. No action was taken.

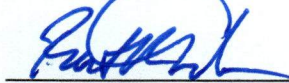
ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

Council Member Benjamin Flores wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

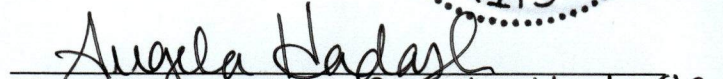
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 8th day of June 2026



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


~~JEANNA THOMPSON~~ Angela Hadas
Deputy CITY SECRETARY