



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, June 23, 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 6:01 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse
Council Member Susan Reardon
Council Member Blayne Finlay
Council Member Brad Westmoreland
Council Member Cory McCray

ABSENT:

Council Member Benjamin Flores

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilwoman Susan Reardon

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.

Councilwoman Susan Reardon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

CEREMONIAL

- 1. Appointment ~ Swearing in for newly elected Council Member for Position #1 and Position #2.**

Mayor Robert K. Nelson and City Secretary, Jeanna Thompson, conducted the swear-in of newly elected Council Member, Cory McCray. Mr. McCray immediately took his position at the dais as City Council Member Position #1.

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 2. Presentation ~ Recognition of Benjamin Flores for his years of service to the City of Bay City as a Council Member.**

Council Member, Benjamin Flores, was recognized for his years of service as City Council Member Position #1 from May 23, 2023, to June 23, 2026.

- 3. Recognition of Police Department personnel for outstanding work and achievements within the Narcotics Division.**

Police Chief Christella Rodriguez and Mayor Robert K. Nelson, recognized Sgt. Bruno and Detective Hallman for their outstanding work in the Narcotics Division.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, thanked the Public Works Department/ Street & Bridge crew for drainage improvements in the Norvell Addition ahead of recent rain events. She then gave a shout-out to Susie and Abi for gathering information and creating a user-friendly page for the Library. The Resource Guide will be going live soon. She also thanked Chris and the IT Department for working diligently to set up the Westlaw Computer Terminal at the Library. Ms. Jones then gave a thank you to Ashley Nelson at the Airport for going above and beyond by researching and successfully replacing the AC motor, saving the City both time and money. She also announced, weather permitting, the permanent runway markings will be installed and final grading will be completed, bringing the runway project to completion. Phase 1 is complete, moving into Phase 2 of the Fire Hydrant Preventative Maintenance Program. This phase includes hydrants that were unable to be tested during Phase 1 and will continue eastward throughout the City. She then announced TXDOT bridge closings for upcoming bridge construction projects. The closings will last up to 6 months. Parks and Recreation had 12 participants for the Star Toss and Patriotic Putt Putt event and congratulated the winners. Ms. Jones also announced interviews have begun for the Youth Advisory Council. There were 13 applicants and 11 interviews. Lastly, she announced upcoming City events.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Blayne Finlay announced a recent loss in the community, Priscilla Robinson. He spoke briefly about her impact. She will be missed and prayers will be sent for her friends and family. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse, recognized his father, a 20-year veteran of the Airforce and a twice retired teacher. He thanked him for his service and hard work. Mayor Robert K. Nelson reminded the community that on July 4th, a time capsule from the Museum will be opened after 50 years. It is the first time the City will be doing this.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

4. **Council Workshop meeting minutes of June 9, 2026.**
5. **Annual rotation of Council Members as Liaisons to City Divisions.**
6. **Approve the re-appointment of Alisha Cornett and Erandi Allison to the Bay City Community Development Board.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve all Consent Agenda items. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay, Council Member McCray. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7. **Communications & Cultural Arts Division Report.**

Communications & Cultural Arts Director, Samantha Denbow, Library Manager, Amanda Garcia, and Communications Manager, Ray Beltran, presented the Communications & Cultural Arts Department Report.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

8. **Discuss, Consider, and/or Approve an Ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas adopting a "Budget Amendment #1" to the "Annual Budget of the City of Bay City, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2026"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.**

Finance Manager, Jennifer Davis, presented and discussed Budget Amendment #1. Jennifer stated an Ordinance approval is needed to adopt Amendment #1 to the annual budget for FY26.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve the first set of budget amendments for FY26. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay, Council Member McCray. A poll was taken. Motion carried.

9. **Bid ~ Discuss, consider, and/or award the bid for the Del Norte Lift Station and Force Main Rehabilitation to the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract approved to form by the City Attorney between the City of Bay City and Matula & Matula Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$474,699.00.**

Assistant Public Works Director, Krystal Mason, announced that Matula & Matula Construction was the lowest bidder of the bids received for the Del Norte Lift Station and Force Main Rehabilitation Project. There were 4 bids. With this choice, the City will save almost \$200,000.00. She recommended awarding Matula & Matula Construction.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve awarding Matula & Matula Construction for the Del Norte Lift Station and Force Main Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay, Council Member McCray. Motion carried.

10. Bids ~ Discuss and consider construction quotes for the Fire Station and Municipal Service Building (MSB) Weatherproofing Projects and take any action deemed necessary.

City Manager, Scotty Jones, presented slides showing the degradation of the Fire Station and the Municipal Services building and spoke of preserving City buildings. 8 companies bid. Each building will be a separate project. There are savings leftover from other utility projects that could be put toward these projects. Working out of separate funds, savings coming from projects from this year in the Utility Fund, and may have to go to reserve in the General Fund but will most likely be able to find funds from Department Savings. The combined for all projects are under Alternate 5 listed in the packet. A slight amendment for \$35,000 from the General Fund may need to come to Council for approval. The Fire Department's roof is still under warranty and the building will be weather sealed. The projects will be done by one contractor, one project immediately after the other. It's a 4-6 week process for getting custom colors, but the entire project should be completed by September 30th, weather permitting.

Motion made by Council Member Reardon to approve accepting the Alternate 5 bid from FW Walton plus Window Pros of Texas. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay, Council Member McCray. Motion carried.

11. Policy ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the selection of Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Folse, nominated Council Member Blayne Finlay as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve Blayne Finlay as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026-2027. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Folse, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay, Council Member McCray. Motion carried.

12. Discuss Strategic Plan and take any action deemed necessary.

City Manager, Scotty Jones, asked Council to review the Strategic Plan changes or additions and bring them back to Council for comments and suggestions, then approval.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Not needed. No Executive Session.

RECONVENE AND ACTION

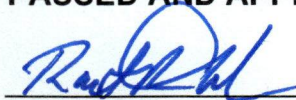
ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse welcomed newly elected Council Member, Cory McCray.

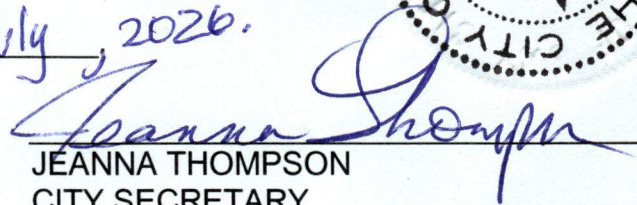
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 28 day of July, 2026.



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



JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY

