



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP CITY OF BAY CITY

**Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 1901 5th Street**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem: Blayne Finlay

Council Members: Cory McCray, Jim Folse, Bradley Westmoreland, Susan Reardon

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 4:02 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

Council Member Jim Folse

Council Member Bradley Westmoreland

Council Member Susan Reardon

Council Member Cory McCray

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Blayne Finlay

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 1. Receive and discuss the Bay City Hotel/Motel Budget Proposal for the 2027 Fiscal Year.**

City Manager, Scotty Jones, presented and discussed the Bay City Hotel/ Motel Budget Proposal for the 2027 Fiscal Year. Communications & Cultural Arts Director, Samantha Denbow, discussed the Tourism budget, plans and updates; and Chamber President, Mitch Thames, discussed the Civic Center Budget, plans and updates. Ms. Denbow commented that they received quotes for a larger marquis sign in front of the Civic Center. If replaced, the current sign can be utilized in another City location. Mrs. Jones stated there is money earmarked for this project. Council Member Jim Folse thanked Mr. Thames for his assistance at the Aquatic Center groundbreaking.

- 2. Receive and discuss the Budget Proposal from Other Organizations for the 2027 Fiscal Year.**

Finance Manager, Jennifer Davis presented the budgets for other organizations. Council Member Bradley Westmoreland asked for an update on the County's contribution to the Bay City Volunteer Fire Department. Economic Action Committee Executive Director, Kristie Pustejovsky, announced the upcoming grand opening on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

3. Receive and discuss the Bay City Community Development Budget Proposal for 2027 Fiscal Year.

Executive Director, Melanie Townsend, presented and discussed the Bay City Community Development Corporation's Fiscal Year 2026 accomplishments and Fiscal Year 2027 goals and objectives. She gave a presentation of the groundbreaking of the Matagorda County Aquatic Center, then a brief overview of the Bay City CDC budget.

4. Discuss, consider, and/ or approve the Health Insurance plan options for the 2027 Fiscal Year.

Human Resources Director, Rhonda Clegg, presented and discussed the Health Insurance plan for the 2027 Fiscal Year. She also introduced Derrick and Liliana from Texas Health, who presented further information on the benefits available to employees. After all options were discussed and compared, Mrs. Clegg recommended option 2 of the choices presented.

Motion made by Council Member McCray to approve option 2 for employee health insurance coverage for the 2027 Fiscal Year. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member McCray. Motion carried.

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

City Manager, Scotty Jones commented that on August 11, 2026, the Five-Year Capital Plan will be finalized. Public Works Director, Herb Blomquist, announced the City had purchased a new dump truck and invited everyone outside to take a look.

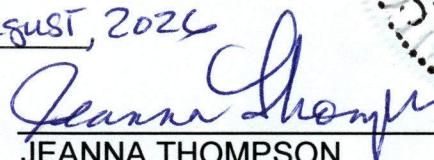
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 11th day of August, 2026



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



JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY

