

CITY OF BAY CITY
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**COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street**

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

**1901 5TH STREET
BAY CITY TX,77414**



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Councilman

Blayne Finlay

Mayor Pro Tem

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilwoman

Floyce Brown

Through a united and collaborative effort, we seek to grow the City of Bay City with a diverse culture that is proud to call Bay City home. We envision a thriving family-centered community where citizens are involved in the future development of our city. We desire our citizens to work, play, worship and shop in the community in which we live. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged to enjoy the friendly environment and amenities the citizens and business owners have created together.

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 6:02 pm. A quorum was present.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Councilwoman Floyce Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse
Councilwoman Becca Sitz

ABSENT

Councilman Brad Westmoreland
Councilman 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."*

Councilwoman Floyce Brown

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Bay City is committed to fostering future economic growth by collaborating with our citizens, employers, current and future businesses, as well as the Community and Economic Development Centers. We strive to deliver superior municipal services and to invest in quality-of-life initiatives such as housing, businesses, jobs and activities for all citizens. We make a concerted effort to respond to resident's concerns in a timely and professional manner in order to achieve customer satisfaction.

Councilwoman Floyce Brown

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the agenda, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben Flores discussed his candicy and challenged Councilwoman Floyce Brown to a debate.

David Torrez stated that he was concerned about kids crossing 12th at Nichols and that the city should concrete that path.

Christella Rodriguez, Chief of Police, introduced new animal control officers and the new patrol officer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

There were no acknowledgements from the City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**1. Regular Council Meeting minutes of February 28, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the minutes with corrections, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**2. Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Bay City Community Development Corporation to enter into a contract with Bay City CFA Series LL c/o Lisciotti Development Corporation; providing incentives not to exceed a total amount of \$250,000 over the term of the agreement (Second Reading).** Jessica Russell, BCCDC Executive Director

Councilwoman Sitz stated that this was a wonderful program for developers.

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the resolution, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

3. Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a partnership between the City of Bay City, Texas and Bay City KIDS, daycare & education center.

Miracle Rivers stated that she runs a four star center in Houston adding that this center will provide children the foundation to be ready for kindergarten. The partnership will provide city personnel a discount.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the agreement, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

4. Report ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the Police Department Annual Report and Racial Profiling Report.

Christella Rodriguez, Chief of Police, presented and reviewed the Racial Profiling Report and the annual report noting that in early 2022 the department was short staffed which is reflected in the stats.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the report, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro

Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

5. Development ~ Discuss, consider and/or approve support of the Matagorda Harbor "Matagorda Rising Project". Robert K. Nelson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to support the Matagorda Harbor and directing the Mayor to complete and submit the letter of support, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

6. Contract ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve awarding the bid to K.B. Electric, LLC for the Hardeman Park Soccer Lighting Project and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract to form by the City Attorney.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, presented the contract for council approval stating that this is funded through the American Rescue Funds. Ms. Jones added that it is more than the original quote because they had to add lights.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to award the bid to K. B. Electric, LLC in the amount of \$452,200, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

7. Ordinance ~ 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 2023"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.. Scotty Jones, Finance Director

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the Ordinance amending the budget, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

8. Facility Maintenance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve allocating funds for building repairs of the Whitson Street facility leased by Economic Action Committee.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, reviewed the need repair of 3 doors and duct work as the EAC facility. Ms. Jones stated that the cost may increase due to breakage since they got estimates. Ms. Jones asked council to approve up \$11,000.00 funding for repairs.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve the funding up to \$11,000.00, Seconded by Mayor Nelson. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into an executive session at 6:49 pm.

9. **Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**
10. **Personnel ~ Closed meeting to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Title 5, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (To discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, responsibilities and duties, reassignment, discipline or dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: City Manager**

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened into a regular session and took no action on items #9 & #10.

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

Councilwoman Brown stated that she was overwhelmed by the repairs of Whitson and JP Davis and damage to home driveway. Councilwoman Brown also stated that she is still waiting on trenching on Willow and Hwy 60 and that the ditches need to be cleaned out.

Mayor Pro Tem Folse stated that the welds on the Fire Department Tanker have broken again.

Shawna Burkhart stated that the ISO rating went from 4 to 6 and we will need a discussion and \$28,000 to embrace a plan to get back up to 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried and council adjourned at 7:44 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 28th day of March 2023.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY