

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

City Council Workshop

4:30 PM

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



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem

Becca Sitz

Councilman

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilman

Blayne Finlay

Councilman

Benjamin Flores

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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Mayor Pro Tem Becca Sitz
Councilman Benjamin Flores
Councilman Jim Folse
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

ABSENT

Councilman Blayne Finlay

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL

- 1. Discuss, consider, and/or approve an ordinance of the City of Bay City amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, adopting updated editions of the International Building Codes, with certain additions, deletions, and amendments, as the building code of the City of Bay City; providing for a cumulative & conflicts clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date. (Strategic Goal - Planning & Development)**

Public Works Assistant Director, Krystal Mason, presented and discussed approving an ordinance of the City of Bay City amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, adopting updated editions of the International Building Codes, with certain additions, deletions, and amendments, as the building code of the City of Bay City; providing for a cumulative & conflicts clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date. (Strategic Goal - Planning & Development).

Ms. Mason stated that the City is currently on 2015 codes across the board except for 2014 NEC. She provided a spreadsheet to show the differences in 2018 and 2021 code, and that not all codes were updated. There were some conflicts in 2015 when the ordinance was updated. Uniform Admin Code (UAC) Admin & Enforcement part of the code, conflict was UAC has all same as IBC or IRC chapter are exact same. So to clean the ordinance up and make it more straight forward, the UAC was repealed. Across all codes, all of fees were in the body of the ordinance, those were removed because they were addressed in appendix B. All regulations of signs in the sign ordinance were pulled completely out of the building code and made their own article.

Ms. Mason stated there were conversations with local builders and contractors and these changes will not affect them in any way. With building codes, the more current we stay, the better insurance rates the community has. Councilman Brad Westmoreland stated he doesn't want to do anything that is going to be more expensive for citizens. He only wants to see improvements, not go backwards. Mayor Robert K. Nelson requested there be a wording change on page 62 under section 22465 C3, the highlighted area says "inspector" and needs to be "Building Official" to match the rest of the code. Ms. Mason asked how Council feels about leaving bond in the ordinance pertaining to house moving as is, council agreed to leave it in place. Mayor Nelson thanked Ms. Mason and stated that she and her department are doing a great job.

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve an ordinance of the City of Bay City amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, adopting updated editions of the International Building Codes, with certain additions, deletions, and amendments, as the building code of the City of Bay City; providing for a cumulative & conflicts clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date. (Strategic Goal - Planning & Development). , Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland. Poll taken, all in favor, no apposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 14th day of January 2025.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY