

CITY OF BAY CITY
MINUTES • JANUARY 09, 2024

**COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street**

City Council Workshop

5:00 PM

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



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem

Blayne Finlay

Councilman

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilman

Benjamin Flores

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 5:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Quorum present

PRESENT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney, introduced Carter Keating who is a graduate of Texas A&M and has his Masters in International Affairs. Mr. Keating will be temporally working with their law firm.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL

- 1. Discuss, consider, and/or take action regarding the schedule of Regular Council Meetings.**

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, opened discussions stating that Councilman Westmoreland requested discussions regarding meeting once or twice a month. Councilman Westmoreland stated that he knows of Cities that meet once a month and meet for Special Called when needed. Councilman Westmoreland added that he wanted to push us to think differently about our agenda and wondered if that would drive up attendance of citizens if meetings were once a month. Councilman Folse requested that he would like a schedule of the meetings now to make a determination. Ann Marie Odefey, City Attorney, added that the Charter requires two meetings. Shawna Burkhart was concerned with intent of law of open meetings and knowing when we are having a meeting. Council decided that March, November, and December they would have two meetings on the 2nd Tuesday and review the schedule and draft Ordinance at the next meeting.

Councilman Westmoreland requested the Vision and Strategic Plan review start earlier this year. Councilman Flores requested a SWOT analysis on the Strategic Plan. Anne Marie Odefey added that Scotty Jones had discussed a consultant.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 27th day of February 2024.

ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR

CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON

CITY SECRETARY