

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

Mayor Pro Tem

Becca Sitz

Councilman

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilman

Blayne Finlay

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 AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 6:18 p.m.

PRESENT

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilman Jim Folse

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.

Councilman Jim Folse

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilman Finlay to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Romero Martinez, JP Davis Street, complained about noise, water leaks, flooding, and brush. Barbara Mitchell, JP Davis Street, complained about noise from vehicles up and down her street.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager, announced the Parks & Recreation and Gas Company's Bike Ride-On event at the new BMX Bike Park and the Library Summer Kick Off. Ms. Jones stated the new City App is available and there have been a few instances and asked to email if you are having issues.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Jim Folse stated that over by Fit For Life, across from theater, that there is no handicapped parking painted and no access for wheelchair. Councilman Ben Flores stated that he attended HGAC on Rail Grants 101 and has spoken with Gabriel on possible grants to assist with our study. Mayor Pro Tem Becca Sitz recognized Public Works for their drainage work on 3rd street. Mayor Nelson reminded council of the Shop with the Cop fundraiser at Stone Market on July 11th at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

1. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Van Vleck I.S.D. the Library Cards for Students Program.**
2. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Bay City I.S.D. the Library Cards for Students Program.**
3. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Palacios I.S.D. the Library Cards for Students Program.**
4. **Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 23, 2024.**

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve the consent items, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

5. **Presentation ~ Introduction of FGM Architects, Inc. as the proposed design team for the City's new Public Safety Center.**

Christella Rodriguez, Chief of Police, introduced Brian Meade with FGM Architects. Mr. Meade provided background information on the company and reviewed the process options.

6. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider and/or approve a professional services agreement between the City of Bay City and CivilCorp, LLC, for professional engineering services for the design and plan preparation for Moore Addition Subdivision street, drainage, water, and sewer improvements.**

Herb Blomquist, Public Works Director, presented and added that this is a Capital Improvement Plan carry-over from last year.

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve a professional services agreement between the City of Bay City and CivilCorp, LLC , Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Voting Abstaining: Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

- 7. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve and Ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas, amending the Fee Schedule labeled "Appendix B" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bay City, Texas; adopting fees for Chapter 38 Environment; providing for repeal; providing for ratification; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

Dan Shook, Fire Marshal, presented and requested a fee set for mowing now that they have a City Mower. Councilman Flores stated that he felt that it would be challenged as prorated.

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve the Ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas, amending the Fee Schedule labeled "Appendix B" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bay City, Texas; adopting fees for Chapter 38 Environment with alteration to fee set at \$175.00 for 12" and above with caveat for structures , Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

- 8. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 "Fire Prevention and Protection"; Article II ("Fire Marshal"); amending section 42-35 and 42-37; providing for a cumulative and conflicts clause, providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.** Dan Shook, Fire Marshal

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve an Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 "Fire Prevention and Protection"; Article II ("Fire Marshal"); amending section 42-35 and 42-37, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned and went into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

- 9. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters)**

10. Personnel ~ Closed meeting to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Title 5, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:17 p.m.

A statement of record was read by Mayor Nelson that the City is deferring the approval on an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Bay City, Texas Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024E to the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Council took no other action.

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

There were no items from Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sitz to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried and Council adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 13th day of August 2024.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY