

# CITY OF BAY CITY

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COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS | 1901  
5th Street

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

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1901 5TH STREET  
BAY CITY TX, 77414



## Mayor

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Robert K. Nelson

## Mayor Pro Tem

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Becca Sitz

## Councilman

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Jim Folse

## Councilman

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Bradley Westmoreland

## Councilman

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Blayne Finlay

## Councilman

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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.*

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**CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**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 Benjamin Flores***

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay to remove Item #3 and approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER**

Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager, announced the BMX Park grand opening ceremony will be Saturday, June 1st and Hilliard Pool is closed for renovations.

**ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Folse gave location of two fire hydrants, one laying on its side and the other leaking. Councilman Flores requested that cost of Nile Valley be tracked before we make a decision. Councilman Flores also asked if more could be done regarding the tall growth obscuring vision on turn from Hamman onto Nichols at the curve. Mayor Pro Tem Finlay commented on the trash left behind on City Fields by the public.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**

1. **Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 9, 2024**
2. **City Council Special Called Meeting minutes of April 16, 2024**
3. **Bay City Airport Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting minutes of April 23, 2024**

Motion made by Councilman Ben Flores to approve the consent items #1 and #2, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

4. **Public Works report and presentation.** Krystal Mason, Assistant Public Works Director

Krystal Mason, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the Public Works reports with stats and project updates. Ms. Mason also updated Council on the new mobile app that they are still working out the bugs and asked the public to be patient. Ms. Mason also presented the new Public Works logo.

### **REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**

5. **Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the selection of an administrative and construction management service provider for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Homeowner Reconstruction Program, administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.**  
Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech

Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech, presented the resolution. Council discussed the 15% match the City must commit to and past funding that had been available. Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve a resolution for the selection of an administrative and construction management service provider for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Homeowner Reconstruction Program,, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Nay: Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

6. **Aquatics ~ Discuss Pool Management option(s) for Valiant Pool and take any action deemed necessary.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager

Mayor Nelson summarized discussions of the Pool Task Force meeting to bring recommendations to Council. The committee recommends to shut down the pool but Aqua Cats would like to keep open until the end of July. Recommendation is to keep the pool open next two months with additional support, which Loy Sneary, Wellness Matagorda County, has offered to pay the difference and Bud Oliver, Golden Crescent YMCA, is also supportive.

Motion made by Councilman Folse to keep Valiant Pool open two more months with a caveat that should there be a major failure, the item must come back to Council, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, 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 2024"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz, Seconded by Councilman Folse.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz

8. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a partnership with CGI to install banners throughout the City.** Robert K. Nelson, Mayor

Mayor Nelson provided a presentation regarding a partnership with CGI to install banners, adding that it is the same as when they did the video. There is no cost to the city.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay to approve a partnership with CGI to install banners throughout the City, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

9. **Policy ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve amending the appointment of Council Members as Liaisons and the City Administrative Divisions.** Jeanna Thompson, City Secretary

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve amending the appointment of Council Members as Liaisons and the City Administrative Divisions, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

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**10. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the election of Mayor Pro Tem. Robert K. Nelson**

Council selected Councilwoman Becca Sitz as Mayor Pro Tem for 2024-2025 one-year term.

**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council adjourned the regular session and went into executive session at 6:52 p.m.

- 11. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**
- 12. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters)**
- 13. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.089(3) (Deliberation regarding Critical Infrastructure).**

**RECONVENE AND ACTION**

Council reconvened back into a regular session at 7:40 and took no action on items in executive session.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Sitz asked all to notice the new flags prominently displayed, adding that Councilman Folsie assisted. Councilman Finlay thanked the Mayor for nominating and trusting him to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, adding that the Mayor is a good mentor and doing a good job for the City. Mayor Pro Tem Sitz thanked council for their vote of confidence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Flores to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 25th day of June 2024.

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

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JEANNA THOMPSON  
CITY SECRETARY