

CITY OF BAY CITY

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COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street

City Council Workshop - Proposed Budget

4:00 PM

1901 5TH STREET
BAY CITY TX, 77414



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Councilman

Jim Folse

Mayor Pro Tem

Jason W. Childers

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilwoman

Floyce Brown

Bay City is committed to developing and enhancing the long-term prosperity, sustainability, and health of the community.

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Workshop was called to order at 4:00 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Quorum present.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jason W. Childers
Councilwoman Floyce Brown
Councilman Jim Folse
Councilwoman Becca Sitz
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

ABSENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Caroline Dickerson Kunkel, Sylvia Huey, and Joan Hawes all spoke about the road conditions in the Moore Addition. Jessica Medina, member of Bay City Youth Soccer Club board, spoke out in support of using Hardeman Park for the soccer fields. Josh Fortenberry, Vice President of the Youth Soccer Club board, advised that they are excited about using Hardeman Park but the biggest concern is getting the fields ready to be used.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND/OR AMEND THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BAY CITY FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR.

Finance Director, Scotty Jones, advised that both regular items would be discussed together.

She started with the Parks projects, mainly the soccer fields and ARP funding. The amount that the city will need to contribute to the project of getting Hardeman Park ready for the Bay City Youth Soccer League will depend on the amount of ARP funding that is received.

The new tax rate was also brought up for discussion. The budget was balanced with a rate of \$0.635. There is the option of selecting a higher rate of \$0.640 or \$0.645, both of which are below our current rate of \$0.655. Mayor Pro Tem Jason Childers stated that if we set the proposed tax rate at \$0.645, we could lower it once the employee

compensation plan is looked at but it could not be raised if the lowest amount is selected.

Councilwoman Becca Sitz brought up the subject of the roundabout that will be built by TXDot. The project is still in the proposal phase and is outside the city limits.

Councilwoman Floyce Brown questioned why the city would get involved to make sure that we do not interfere with TXDot's plans.

HR Director, Rhonda Clegg, addressed the compensation and staffing plan with input from City Manager Shawna Burkhart, Public Works Director Barry Calhoun, and Chief of Police Robert Lister.

Mrs. Burkhart also provided a list of items that were not in the budget including the full time Warrant/Bailiff Officer, a part time utility billing clerk, Police K9, an administrative assistant for Code Enforcement and additional mowing funds for Code Enforcement.

2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE THE BAY CITY BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL POLICY.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, reviewed the Budgetary and Financial Policy. Council took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 26h day of October, 2021.

ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR

CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON

CITY SECRETARY