

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

City Council Special Called Meeting

5:00 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

Vision Statement

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 by Robert K. Nelson at 5:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**PRESENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Becca Sitz
Councilman Benjamin Flores
Councilman Jim Folse
Councilman Blayne Finlay

ABSENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing began at 5:01 p.m.

Interim City Manager, Scotty Jones, stated that the budget is posted online, in the City Secretary's office, at the Library, and in the newspaper. She commented that there was no new revenue last year and this year's proposed rate dropped. The city has a robust capital plan and is looking into a lot of good things for next year. The city also has a great strategic plan we are looking forward to implementing. She invites our citizens to provide their input in the future.

- 1. Public Hearing ~ Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the Bay City Community Development Corporation proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager
- 2. Public Hearing ~ Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Bay City's Proposed Capital Improvement Program.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager
- 3. Public Hearing ~ Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Bay City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager

- 4. Public Hearing ~ Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the City of Bay City's proposed Property (Ad Valorem) Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager

No public comments. The public hearing closed at 5:07.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 5. Budget ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve postponing the final Budget vote for Fiscal Year 2025 until September 24, 2024.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager

Motion made by Councilman Folse to postpone the final Budget vote for Fiscal Year 2025 until September 24, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Sitz, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried.

- 6. Discuss and review Utility Rates.**

Interim City Manager, Scotty Jones, reviewed last year's option compared to the changes to this year's rates. It was selected and approved by council. Rates will be presented to council at the September 24, 2024, regular meeting.

- 7. Presentation: ~ Discuss, Consider, and adopt the Tourism department's strategic plan for FY2025-2027.**

Samantha Denbow, Communications and Cultural Arts Director presented the new Visit Bay City logo that will be used on all the new marketing materials. Councilman Folse appreciates how the logo is starting to envelope the whole county. Councilman Finlay stated that it seems that Tourism is on the right path to making great things happen. He also pointed out that the committee needs more energy, there is a lack of participation. Councilman Flores likes the logo. He thanked Tourism for their efforts and stated that he noticed more participation from the County side but wants to see even more participation. Mayor Pro Tem, Becca Sitz, feels like we have good volunteers, but we need more. She wants to find ways to encourage volunteers to do a lot of the work and not have that on the employees. She pointed out that coordination is very important to our City as we grow.

Motion made by Councilman Flores to adopt the Tourism department's strategic plan for FY2025-2027, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Sitz, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Finlay to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Sitz, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 8th day of October 2024.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY