

CITY OF BAY CITY
MINUTES • AUGUST 15, 2023

**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 5:00 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**PRESENT**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City employees Katy Plunkett, Tina Israel, Sgt. Chris Hadash, Chief Christella Rodriguez, Joan Perez, and Susie Corpus each address council regarding their concerns over the increase in health insurance.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL

- 1. Discuss, consider, and/or approve the 2023-2024 City of Bay City Employee Benefits Plan.**

Rhonda Clegg, Human Resources Director, yielded to Allison Benefits Consultants who reviewed the negotiated rate plans. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, stated that there is an approximate 21% increase of what the city spent last year and presented rough numbers while recommending plan options. Councilman Folse requested to see the difference if city increased their contribution to rates to 90% on HMO dependent plans. Councilman Westmoreland requested to see differences if the city decreased their contribution rates to 70% on the PPO Buy Up plan. Councilman Flores requested to see difference if the city increased their contribution rates to 80% on PPO Buy Up and 85% on PPO base plan.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Ms. Burkhart recommendations with an increase to 90% City contribution on the HMO plan, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:32 p.m.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and/or amend the Proposed Budget of the City of Bay City for the 2024 Fiscal Year.**

Council reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, reviewed the Proposed Budget of the City of Bay City for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

Councilwoman Sitz requested that a restroom on the square be put in the Capital Plan. Ms. Jones stated that TIRZ funds could be used for that. Councilman Westmoreland requested that the Hilliard Pool plaster work be held until a pool plan was in place. Kelly Penewitt provided photos of the condition of the pool. A 3% COLA to be added.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Folsie to adjourn, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 12th day of September 2023.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY