

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

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 AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Blayne Finlay at 6:11 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Mayor Pro Tem Finlay

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Finlay

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jay Howard with Texas Disposal Systems discussed the RFP for waste collection and the inefficient time allowed between the award time and start date of two weeks and doubts anyone will bid because of this. Mr. Howard stated that it takes two to three months for start up setting up accounts, routes, and equipment needs. Mr. Howard believes gives current contractor the advantage because they already are set up.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

There were no acknowledgements.

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

Councilman Folse requested the Waste Management RFP be on a future agenda. Councilman Folse commented that Chick-Fil-A was coming along and that Tepeyak road was looking good. Councilman Flores agreed and thanked the street crew. Mayor Pro Tem Finlay reminded council of the 100 Club Banquet Friday. Mayor Pro Tem Finlay also added that tonight's workshop was the hardest meeting he's done.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 1. City Council Regular Meeting minutes of July 25, 2023.**
- 2. City Council Regular Meeting minutes of August 8, 2023.**
- 3. City Council Workshop minutes of August 10, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilman Westmoreland to approve consent items with changes to minutes of July 25th and August 8th, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 4. Public Works Reports and Updates.**

Krystal Mason, Assistant Public Works Director, provided council with a presentation reviewing work order stats and project updates.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 5. Tax ~ Consider placing a proposal to adopt a Tax Rate for the 2024 Fiscal Year as an action item on the agenda of a future Council meeting, specifying therein the desired tax rate and publishing notice thereof.**

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, reviewed tax calculations and recommended a tax rate of 0.58000. Councilman Westmoreland stated that he did not want new revenue, adding that citizens and businesses are struggling and emphasized he desired the "no new revenue" rate.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve placing a proposal to adopt a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024 as an action item on the September 26, 2023 Council agenda with a rate of 0.56995 per 100 value and publishing notice thereof, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz.

Council was polled:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Blayne Finlay Yea

Councilman Jim Folse Yea

Councilwoman Becca Sitz Yea

Councilman Brad Westmoreland Yea

Councilman Benjamin Flores Yea

Motion carried.

6. **Tax ~ Consider setting a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Fiscal Year Tax Rate for Thursday, September 7, 2023.** Scotty Jones, Finance director

Item removed from agenda, not required.

7. **Budget ~ Consider setting a Public Hearing on the City of Bay City's proposed 2024 Fiscal Year Budget and the City of Bay City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Thursday, September 7, 2023.**

Items 7 and 8 were discussed by Council regarding attendance on September 7th and a quorum was not available.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to set a Public Hearing on the City of Bay City's proposed 2024 Fiscal Year Budget and the City of Bay City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Thursday, September 21, 2023, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

8. **Budget ~ Consider setting a Public Hearing on the Bay City Community Development Corporation's proposed 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Thursday, September 7, 2023.** Scotty Jones, Finance Director

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to set a Public Hearing on the Bay City Community Development Corporation's proposed 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Thursday, September 21, 2023, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

9. **Services ~ Discuss, Consider, and/or Approve Harrison, Waldrop, and Uherek L.L.P. to provide Audit Services for the City of Bay City for the Year Ending September 30, 2023.** Scotty Jones, Finance Director

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve HWU audit services, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

10. Bid ~ Consider and award of a bid regarding purchase of the surface only of real property (no improvements owned by City) located at 2318 Avenue K, Bay City Texas, described as Bay City Original Townsite, Block 145, Lot 9-12.

Motion made by Councilman Folse to award purchase of the surface only of real property (no improvements owned by City) located at 2318 Avenue K, Bay City Texas, described as Bay City Original Townsite, Block 145, Lot 9-12 to Girl Scout Troop 156085, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Westmoreland to adjourn, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried and council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

BLAYNE FINLAY, MAYOR PRO TEM
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY