

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

Councilman

Blayne Finlay

Mayor Pro Tem

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 Robert K. Nelson at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Councilwoman Becca Sitz
Councilman Blayne Finlay
Councilman Benjamin Flores

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilwoman Becca Sitz

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.

Councilwoman Becca Sitz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Torrez complained about potholes and felt that the city needed to pay street workers more.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, asked that we honor Scott Sherrill. Scott Sherrill passed away and was a police officer and dispatcher with the city.

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

Councilman Flores thanked the Police Department for their patience regarding the longhorn that slipped in the ditch. Councilman Flores also thanked the directors for their support who he had met with.

Councilman Finlay reminded everyone about the fireworks on July 4th.

Mayor Nelson stated that citizens have been complimentary on the number of streets and potholes fixed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilman Finlay to approve the consent items, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. motion carried.

1. **City Council Regular Meeting minutes of April 25, 2023.**
2. **City Council Regular Meeting minutes of May 9, 2023.**
3. **City Council Special Called Meeting minutes of May 16, 2023.**
4. **Council Workshop Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023.**
5. **City Council Regular Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. **Public Works Reports and Updates.** Krystal Mason, Interim Assistant Public Works Director

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, on behalf of Krystal Mason, Assistant Public Works Director, provided a presentation regarding Public Works stats and project updates.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

7. **Ordinance ~ Discussions regarding the use of golf carts on city streets.** Darla Ortiz/Councilwoman Becca Sitz

Darla Ortiz requested the council consider amending city ordinance by allowing golf carts to be driven on city streets. Ms. Ortiz stated that she has spoken to the Chief of Police and Chief Rodriguez has her own concerns. Councilman Flores stated that he was concerned due to the bad drivers in town. Mayor Nelson stated that the topic would require a lot of discussion. Councilman Finlay added that we need to focus on public safety.

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

Item tabled till next meeting.

9. **Policy ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the appointment of Council Members as Liaisons to City Administrative Divisions.** Shawna Burkhart, City Manager

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve liaisons, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into an executive session at 6:42 pm.

10. **Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**
11. **Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to consult with its attorney on attorney client matters.**

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened back into regular session at 7:08 pm. Council took no action on item # 10.

Motion on item #11 made by Councilman Flores to remain on the same council meeting schedule with Dennis Arriaga attending as Assistant City Attorney on 4th Tuesdays, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried. Motion carried and council adjourned at 7:10 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 11th day of July 2023.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY