

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

Becca Sitz

Councilman

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilman

Blayne Finlay

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 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilman Benjamin Flores

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.

Councilman Benjamin Flores

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Barley, 1335 FM Wharton, stated that his truck was searched and impounded because dope was found and he was arrested. Mr. Barley claimed the District Attorney dismissed the case and he wants his truck back.

Harry Brooks, Thompson Drive, stated that the Bay City ISD alumni were denied a permit to use the park for their annual reunion that they have had there for years due to alcohol. Mr. Rhodes claimed that they were not given any explanation and given a hard "no".

PUBLIC HEARING**1. Public Hearing of the City of Bay City, Texas, regarding the levy of assessments within the Russell Ranch Public Improvement District.**

Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager, and a P3 Consultant provided an overview of the Public Improvement District. Jessica Russell, Bay City Community Development Executive Director, thanked the City for their work. There was no public commentary on the subject.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager, announced the premiering of the City Newsletter to citizens and thanked Darve Smith. Ms. Jones acknowledged Chasidy Llanes for her work on the coordination of the career online high school program. Ms. Jones announced the Go Wild programs at Riverside Park.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Finlay stated that the Shop with a Cop was a successful event, and he enjoyed it. Councilman Finlay also stated that he wanted the public to know that the City is looking into repairs on Nile Valley Road between Thompson and Highway 60. Councilman Flores requested statistics on unsightly conditions, a report on Fire Code 2021 as to why we cannot meet this at this time, and an emergency plan. Councilman Folse stated that he saw the brush truck picking up and residents putting more brush out. Councilman Folse asked the City Attorney to look into a charter change for the election to change Councils positions three and four to being two years for the next term and then reverting back to the three year terms to stagger elections more evenly. Councilman Folse also stated that the District Judge made a summary judgment regarding the farm on Hamman Road. Mayor Pro Tem Sitz asked for an update from Code Enforcement regarding vacant buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 2. Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 11, 2024.**
- 3. Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 25, 2024.**
- 4. Council Workshop Meeting minutes of July 16, 2024.**
- 5. Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 16, 2024.**
- 6. Ratify extension of the contract by and between the City of Bay City, Texas and DebrisTech, LLC for debris removal services.**
- 7. Ratify the extension of the contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for debris removal.**

8. Ratify the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and TX Health Benefits Pool.

Motion made by Councilman Folsie to approve the consent items with correction to Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2024, Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**9. Police Department Reports and Updates.** Christella Rodriguez, Police Chief

Sgt. Bruno and Lt. Ryman gave a presentation on narcotic activity in the area and increase in investigations.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**10. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas approving a Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Russell Ranch Public Improvement District (The "District"; making a finding of special benefit to certain property in the district; levying assessments against certain property within the District and establishing a lien on such property; providing for payment of the assessment in accordance with Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended; providing for the method of assessment and the payment of the assessments; providing penalties and interest on delinquent assessments; providing for severability and providing an effective date.** Scotty Jones, Interim City Manager

Motion made by Councilman Folsie to approve an ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas approving a Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Russell Ranch Public Improvement District, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

11. Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas authorizing the Bay City Community Development Corporation to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Bay City for a project to provide Public Safety Facilities (First Reading). Jessica Russell, Executive Director BCCDC

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas authorizing the Bay City Community Development Corporation to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Bay City for a project to provide Public Safety Facilities, Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

- 12. Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas authorizing the Bay City Community Development Corporation to enter into a contract with Los Cucos Mexican Cafe Bay City, Inc., for a term not to exceed two years and providing incentives not to exceed a total amount of \$70,000 over the term of the agreement (First Reading).** Jessica Russell, Executive Director BCCDC

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sitz to approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay City, Texas authorizing the Bay City Community Development Corporation to enter into a contract with Los Cucos Mexican Cafe Bay City, Inc., Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Voting Abstaining: Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

- 13. Lease ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a commercial lease agreement with Williams Energy for leased space at the Bay City Regional Airport.** James Mason, Airport Manager

Motion made by Councilman Westmoreland to approve a commercial lease agreement with Williams Energy for leased space at the Bay City Regional Airport, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

- 14. Grant ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the City of Bay City's issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for disaster recovery management service providers to complete application and project implementation for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs, administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board.** Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Technician

Motion made by Councilman Finlay to approve the City of Bay City's issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for disaster recovery management service providers to complete application and project implementation for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem Sitz. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned and went into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

- 15. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:02 p.m. and took no action.

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

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 10th day of September 2024.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY