

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

City Council Workshop

5:00 PM

**1901 5TH STREET
BAY CITY TX, 77414**



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Councilman

Jim Folse

Mayor Pro Tem

Jason W. Childers

Councilman

Brent P. Marceaux

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilwoman

Floyce Brown

Bay City is committed to developing and enhancing the long-term prosperity, sustainability, and health of the community.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert K. Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Robert K. Nelson certified that a quorum was present.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Mayor Pro Tem Jason W. Childers
Councilwoman Floyce Brown
Councilman Jim Folse
Councilman Brent P. Marceaux
Councilwoman Becca Sitz

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were not any public comments.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL**1. Discussions regarding Utility fee changes.**

Barry Calhoun, Public Works Director, stated that the City is trying to gather funds for major capital improvement projects, 2 new water plants, improvements to existing water and waste water, and that the City has applied for low interest loan to help fund projects. We visited utility rates structure to see if can make adjustments to help fund projects and did a study. After fee adjustments customers were impacted and we received a lot of complaints. So we adjusted one section of utility rate to help alleviate cost and are seeking ratification on adjustment.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, added that the volume metric rate that nearly doubled in residential rate and the quick solution - took volume metric rate on water side, changed to 5000 rate instead of 10000 rate.

There are different customer class - residential, multifamily (apartments, condo, hotel), commercial, industrial; each charged a little differently.

Dan Olsen with Garver added that the conservation rate is referring to tiering structure based on what you use.

2. Discuss and consider location(s) for Splashpad.

Shawn Blackburn, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the location options suggested by the advisory board:

- 1. Amistad Park met all criteria - listed in master plan
- 2. Riverside Park would help create revenue, not easily accessible to foot traffic.
- 3. Hardeman Park, least favorite due to the youth soccer has lease for this land.

Mayor Nelson stated that Amistad Park was more localized. Councilman Marceaux asked about groups for birthday parties and Mr. Blackburn replied that they may need to get pavilion for it. Councilwoman Sitz stated that she is hesitant on Amistad, and asked if we only considered city properties that has facilities and Mayor Nelson replied that they did look at other properties but cost is more exponential. Councilwoman Brown stated that Amistad Park sounds great.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Folse to adjourn, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilman Marceaux, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried and Council adjourned at 6:09 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 9th day of March, 2021.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY

