

**CITY OF BAY CITY**  
MINUTES • JUNE 13, 2023

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**COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS | 1901  
5th Street**

City Council Workshop

4:30 PM

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1901 5TH STREET  
BAY CITY TX, 77414



**Mayor**

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Robert K. Nelson

**Councilman**

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Blayne Finlay

**Mayor Pro Tem**

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Jim Folse

**Councilman**

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Bradley Westmoreland

**Councilwoman**

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Becca Sitz

**Councilman**

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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 4:31 pm.

**CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Quorum certified.

**PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jessica Shepard, Bay City Tourism Board member, is concerned that added responsibilities to the Tourism Director will impact performance. Ms. Shepard also stated that city communications published in the paper should also be in Spanish.

**REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL**

1. **Planning ~ Discuss the City's Strategic Plan and Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2024.** Shawna Burkhart, City Manager

Council finalized the strategic plan. Councilwoman Sitz wanted property acquisitions for new roads and drainage opportunities. Councilman Westmoreland requested that its clear in the plan that we are seeking grant funding. Councilman Folse requested a priority list.

2. **Discussion on health insurance for Councilmembers.** Shawna Burkhart, City Manager

Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney, stated that a resolution would be needed. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, stated that we can take this up at the next insurance bid date.

3. **Presentation of the use of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for assistance in solving crime and proactively assist in the reduction of crime.**


Hector Solman Valdez, Flock Safety, gave a presentation of the Automatic License Plate Readers and benefits. Clayton Ryman, Lieutenant of Bay City Police Department, stated that Flock and the Department reviewed areas and determined

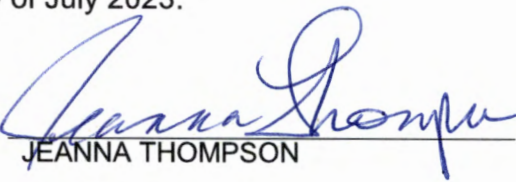
that 8 cameras would be needed to start. Jessica Russell, BCCDC Director, added that they will assist with funding, and they determined that 12 cameras were needed. There were discussions to update the ordinance requiring new subdivisions to install and HOA to provide funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

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

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

  
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JEANNA THOMPSON  
CITY SECRETARY

