

BAY CITY CITY COMMISSION

Synopsis of Regular Meeting

June 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Christopher Girard at 5:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: Craig Kokaly, Andrea Burney Obershaw, Benjamin Tenney, Alexander Dewitt, Christopher Runberg, Joseph Charlebois, and Cordal Morris, 7; Mayor Christopher Girard.

Absent: None.

A presentation on the Bay Future Update was given.

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The following items were approved:

- Accounts and Claims in the amount of \$909,749.55 and Investments and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,186,183.54 (6/9/25), and Accounts and Claims in the amount of \$975,927.34 and Investments and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$227,200.54 (6/16/25)
- Payroll in the amount of \$1,407,701.06 (6/5/25)
- Daniel Fennel of Major League Fishing, requesting permission to hold the MLF Bass Pro Tour Stage 7, August 7-10, 2025, using Golson Boat Launch and Wenonah Park
- Budget amendments in the amount of \$0 for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget
- Traffic Control Order #2025.004 to establish parking on the north side of Smith Street, between Litchfield Street and Patterson Avenue
- Traffic Control Order #2025.005 to prohibit parking on Smith Street, between Henry Street and Litchfield Street
- Traffic Control Order #2025.006 to allow parking on both sides of 2nd Street without time restrictions
- Traffic Control Order #2025.007 to prohibit parking on 25th Street, between Broadway Avenue and Fitzhugh Street
- Renewal agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, Livonia, MI, for the City's self-insurance and risk management services in the amount of \$616,780 plus \$31,735 for stop loss, less the Net Asset Distribution of \$69,782
- Land contracts with Mike Spencer, for the unused City-owned vacant properties located at 308 High Street, 1805 S Mountain, 201 E North Union and 220 S Sherman, in the amount of \$200 each to build single family homes
- Contract with Great Lakes Hydroseeding and Landscaping, Inc., Bay City, for cutting weeds and tall grass based on their unit pricing for the Code Enforcement Department
- Ratification of a three-year lease agreement with GM Financial / Burt Watson Chevrolet for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado EV in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year and authorizing the Electric Director to execute all related documents
- Resolution expanding the scope and purpose of the Public Safety Infrastructure Committee
- Resolution approving the term sheet for US Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Michigan in the matter of State Theatre of Bay City/Bay County v. Clements Electric, Inc., Serenus Johnson & Son Construction Co, Inc., and City of Bay City as presented by Lambert Leser Attorney Keith Schofner, in keeping with the direction, terms and conditions provided in the Closed Session
- Appointment of Scott Ellis, Kady Booth, Kendall Misiak, John Davidson, terms to expire January 1, 2028; Bethany Grotelueshen, Brandon Martini, Scott Fisher, terms to expire January 1, 2027; Logan Krause, Nancy Jo Baker, Aiden Manchester (Youth), terms to expire January 1, 2026, to the Parks and Recreation Committee
- Resolution recommending the ap-

pointment of Commissioner Kokaly to the Parks and Recreation Committee to serve as the Liaison

- Resolution approving the Millage Rates and City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the total amount of \$177,462,213

Ordinance amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 85-Signs was received for first reading and referred to next meeting for second reading and possible adoption.

Action Plan for System Improvements for the 26th Street Substation - June Update and Commissioner Hilliker's Letter of Resignation from 5th Ward Commission seat, effective June 3, 2025, were received.

Public Hearing was held regarding Millage Rates and City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the total amount of \$177,462,213 and Ordinance amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 - Administration, Article II - Commission, Section 2-26 - Rules of Commission, regarding removal of invocation and moving public input.

Denise Davidson, Kayla Harper, Matt Hewitt, Paul Kleinau, Matt Kowalski, and Bruce Eckhart spoke during public input.

Of Commission as a Whole:
Ordinance No. 2025-6

Be it Ordained by the City of Bay City:

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bay City, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Section 2-26, Rule 7 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-26. Rules of commission.

Rule 7. The order of business at every legislative meeting of the commission shall be as follows:

- Pledge of Allegiance;
- Calling of the roll;
- Closed session;
- Presentations, proclamations, awards and recognitions;
- Adoption of agenda;
- Consent agenda;
- Public input;
- Remarks of mayor and commission;
- Manager's report;
- Public hearing;
- Special orders;
- Unfinished business;
- Regular agenda;
- Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dewitt, seconded by Commissioner Runberg to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-6.

Motion approved by the following vote:
Yes, Commissioners Tenney, Dewitt, Runberg, Charlebois, 4.

No, Commissioners Kokaly, Morris, 2.

Abstain, Commissioner Burney Obershaw, 1.

Resolution requesting change to Code of Ordinance, Chapter 110-27, moving the enforcement date for cutting lawns to May 15th was referred back to staff

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Christopher R. Girard, Mayor
Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk