

BAY CITY CITY COMMISSION

Synopsis of Regular Meeting

March 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Christopher Girard at 6:00 PM.

A moment of silence was held for retired Fire Marshal Gary McPhee.

Commissioners Present: Laura Kubit, Craig Kokaly, Katie Doyle, Benjamin Tenney, Mark Zanotti, Alexander Dewitt, Christopher Runberg and Joseph Charlebois, 8; Mayor Christopher Girard.

Excused: Commissioner Cordal Morris

(arrived 7:31), 1.

Absent: None.

A proclamation proclaiming Irish Week - March 8-15, 2026, was read and presented to members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Association committee. The Queens and Parade Marshal were introduced.

Year in Review Video was presented.

The following items were approved:

- City Commission Minutes (2/16/26 and 2/23/26)
- Accounts and Claims in the amount of \$561,993.35 and Investments and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,276,020.32 (2/25/26), and Accounts and Claims in the amount of \$2,359,500.12 and Investments and Wire Transfers in the amount of \$2,340,745.36 (3/2/26)
- Payroll in the amount of \$1,431,061.92 (2/26/26).
- Appointments of Ruben Rivera and Lucas Chaddah to the Downtown Management Board, terms to expire June 30, 2027
- Starr Henning of Tummy Ache Candy Store, approval of the special event permit for the "Tummy Ache 25th Celebration" special event on April 11, 2026, using the parking spots and sidewalks in front of 1116 N. Johnson
- Contract with Sinclair Recreation, Holland, MI, for the Carroll playground site improvements in the amount of \$1,000,000
- Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Flotation Docking Systems, Cedarville, MI, for an increase of \$239,110
- Resolution appointing Economic Development Project Manager to the Bay County Landbank, term expiring October, 2026
- Resolution regarding application from Linn Street Renaissance, LLC., for the creation of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District located at 108-110 N. Linn Street
- Resolution regarding application from Linn Street Renaissance, LLC., for a twelve-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate located at 108-110 N. Linn Street, in the amount of \$255,237
- Resolution adopting Downtown Management Board 2025-2029 Plan and directing the City Assessor to prepare the Certified Special Assessment Roll
- Professional services agreement with Vettraino Consulting, LLC, for the Executive Search for the Position of City Manager in the amount of \$15,500 plus advertising costs,

services outside the scope of work, and reimbursable expenses

- Temporary Employment Agreement for Dana Muscott to serve as City Manager, through April 30, 2026.

Robert Schindehette, Nancy Dobson, Jeff Reed, Andrew Thibodeau, Paul Kleinau, Josh Rogner, Dustin Kosik, Jill Causley, Jeff Doyen, Debie Rogers, Kelly Cole, Tracy Szenay, Janilee Rinz, Bruce Eckhart, Teresa Langin spoke during public input.

Request to vacate the right of way of the street between Columbus Avenue and 11th Street was received and referred to Planning and Zoning Department staff.

Ordinance amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 – Community Development, Article IV – Housing Project Exemptions, adding Division 6 – Newmarket Commons Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes was received for first reading and referred to the next meeting for second reading and possible adoption.

Bay Area Water Advisory Committee Report and Water Technical Advisory Committee Minutes (1/2026), Columbus Avenue Management Board Meeting Minutes (11/4/25 & 1/13/26), and Midland Street Management Board Minutes (10/28/25) were received.

Public hearings were held regarding application from Linn Street Renaissance, LLC., for the creation of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District located at 108-110 N. Linn Street. application from Linn Street Renaissance, LLC., for a twelve-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate located at 108-110 N. Linn Street, in the amount of \$255,237, and resolution adopting the Downtown Management Board 2025-2029 Plan and directing the City Assessor to prepare the Certified Special Assessment Roll.

Nancy Dobson, Jeff Doyen and Paul Kleinau spoke.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Christopher R. Girard, Mayor
Tema J. Lucero, City Clerk