

Town of Bayside
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sharon Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Silent Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Sharon Scott, Mayor Pro Tem David Vega and Councilmembers Place II Charmaine Briseno, Place III Sandra Haley, Place IV Daniel Molina, and Place V Steven Nix were present.

3. Items by Citizens

Ken Dahl spoke on the budget. He informed Council. We got great news at the last meeting that FEMA is actually going to pay up which is fantastic. It looks like, from the numbers I got, \$183,272.00. We still owe the contractor \$55,128, and we have a General Fund deficit of \$66,281.90. I would suggest we pay the contractor and cover our deficit first. That leaves a balance of \$61,862.00. Last year's General Fund balance, even with the \$30,000.00 we paid, we still had a surplus. So, we did pretty good last year on the budget. My suggestions on how to spend the \$61,000, the first thing I would do, I would go ahead and refund the economic development foundation. These guys have done a lot of good things for Bayside, and to stop funding them could really hurt us in the long term. Right now, they got the grant, and they are working on the boat ramp which is going to benefit Bayside. After the hurricane, they had facade grants, which I know the nursery and the store both took advantage of. So, the money is coming right back to Bayside. There are so many things they could do, and it's another avenue for grants, and we are always looking for grants. So, that would be one thing. The next thing I'd say is spend \$5,000 to get this whole building so WIFI works. When we moved the office over there, one thing we talked about was making the old office the Emergency Management Headquarters for any emergency that comes up. It would be great to have WIFI back there so computers work and whatever. Another \$5,000.00 dedicated to getting our generators and the canopies over the top of them, getting them wired and working. I'm not sure where we are on that but I would say there is more work to be done. This has all been passed in the past and authorized. We also have fifteen street signs. First responders have been getting a lot more calls for first responders. We do have an aged community, so it's nice to know that they know where the streets are especially the hundred blocks, so they know where to turn. That would be beneficial. It was going to cost us \$5,000.00, when we first were going to do it, that is why we didn't do it because we didn't have the money. I'm dedicating \$6,000.00. I'm sure it went up in price. I would say dedicate \$7,000.00 for a PA system. It is so hard to hear for us out here to hear the conversations up here. I know we had a bid a while back for a state-of-the-art PA system for a little over \$6,000.00, so I dedicated \$7,000.00. I would ask to increase the park budget from \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 each year. That's our number one asset and put that money in a park account, so we could accumulate those funds, so we don't use them. A playground is going to cost 25 to 30 thousand, so we would need several years to accumulate funds. Put \$4,000.00 to repair the tractor, so we can do our own leak repairs and get your money right back by utilizing it. And then \$4,500 to haul off the abandoned RV on Vega Road. The person who owned that is probably dead by now. In fact,

they sold the property, so the only way it's going to go is if we take care of it. It's an eye sore, and it's in Bayside. That still leaves you a balance of \$26,362.00. So, if something cost more, you got money. If not, you've still got money in the bank. So, that's just my suggestion.

Tim Delaney signed up to speak on the storm piles. Tropical Storm Alberto happened in June 2024 but we still have two piles out there on Copano Bay Drive, our scenic highway through Bayside. I'd like to see the piles removed.

4. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving minutes from the Workshop on December 2, 2025 and the Regular Meeting on December 9, 2025

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to approve with changes. I found a couple of misspelt words and on the minutes from January 13th, on a question and answer paper from TML on due process, I made Connie a copy of it, I said the question is, "Is it required by law to send a disconnect notice before shutting off someone's water for non-payment?" The response was "Yes. The US Constitution demands that a customer must be given notice of the possibility of termination and the opportunity to contest the termination as well as the State to Texas requires the same notice." Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving paying new expenses/bills

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There were no new expenses/bills. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving building permits, culvert permits, and permit extensions

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. The first permit was for an electrical permit at 1314 Second Street to run electrical to a shop in back. Councilmember Nix moved we approve it. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second permit was for a building permit at 404 First Street. The city inspector signed off on it, and the setbacks have been checked. Councilmember Nix made a motion we approve this. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The final permits were for a building permit and a temporary construction trailer at 636 Second Street. There was a discussion on the setbacks being checked from the road because the fence was locked, the site plan not having the storage building on it, and the total square footage having 10,000 square feet on the permit. Mr. Favela was asked for the total square footage of the building. He informed Council 1,920. Discussion continued on whatever is on the property has to be on the site plan, the house square footage should be on the permit not the lot square footage, the setbacks needing to be rechecked, an email sent in that the gate was dummy locked, Mike not having that information, and the permit saying temporary pole and then house. When questioned about he temporary pole, Mr. Favela informed Council it was for building purposes and the trailer. There was additional discussion on the temporary trailer permit saying \$1,000 deposit, having stopped doing that, and having a different form. Mayor Pro Tem Vega pointed out where he put temporary pole and then house needs to go on the back. There is nothing filled out on the back of the permit. We need a sight plan. Councilmember Haley input. The site plan needs the house, fence, and storage building, so he has them when he goes out to check the setbacks. Mayor Scott asked for a motion and stated it

needs to have everything before it is voted on. Councilmember Nix moved to approve the permit based on correcting the permit application errors pointed out, and the provision of the site plan, and the setbacks being checked. I make that motion. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed Council. With this deal right there, we are approving all these permits, and we're not getting no money for it. There was a short discussion on money not being paid yet and adding pending payment to the motion. Councilmember Nix revised his motion to include and pending payment. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. After a discussion on the temporary construction trailer application. Councilmember Haley made a motion to approve their temporary permit strike out \$1,000 deal. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving proposed Ordinance 38E Amendment C repealing Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Number 38E so as to not allow shipping containers within the Corporate Limits; repealing all ordinances in conflict; proving a severance clause; providing a penalty and providing for publication and an effective date

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and announced our attorney made it Ordinance 38E Amendment C. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 38E so as to not allow shipping containers within the Corporate Limits; repealing all ordinances in conflict; proving a severance clause; providing a penalty and providing for publication and an effective date. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Consider/Act on allowing Ray Rendon to proceed with moving a structure into the Town of Bayside

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno informed Council this was carried over from the last meeting. She spoke to Kenny. It is over 50% salvageable and can be moved. There was a discussion on him having to follow the procedure, it being for 324 First Street, 1,150 square feet, and a security deposit. Councilmember Haley made a motion to allow Ray Rendon to proceed with moving a structure into the Town of Bayside after the application and everything is complete and the deposit is received, and it comes back to us for approval. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving Special Events Permit Application

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to approve the Special Events permit for Easter Sunday. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss/Consider/Act on appointing member(s) to the Park, Pier, & Recreation Committee

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There is one person asking to be on the Park, Pier, & Recreation Committee. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to accept Sandra Polzin for the Park, Pier, & Recreation Committee. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss/Consider/Act on request from property owner at 1815 First Street for reimbursement for water leak repair

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on the leak being on the city's

side, it being on the water meter worksheet as the customer's side, the property owner being informed and calling a plumber, and it being found to be on the city's side. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to reimburse 1815 First Street. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act on purchasing a new mosquito London Fogger from Vesperis

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed Council this is from Vesperis through the BuyBoard for \$14,982.00. The exact same one from Northern Tools is \$17,470.00. It can go on the truck or trailer. We repaired it last time. It is twenty years old. We budgeted for it. Councilmember Nix moved to purchase the London Fogger from Vesperis. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. There was a discussion on the warranty. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed Council he thought it is five years. They will come out and do a yearly calibration on it and a whole training. They had one for \$3,000 more with GPS that controls the amount of spray as you drive.

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on how to address the utilities services to resident in Bayside "Town of Bayside"

Mayor Scott announced the agenda item. There was a lengthy discussion on there being a lot of broken cleanouts, the location of water and sewer taps on city property vs private property, the fairness of the location, a five to six foot radius from the property line, who's responsibility it is to repair broken cleanouts, rain infiltrating the sewer system through broken cleanouts, getting legal guidance on this issue, the cleanout at the Baptist Church, if the cleanout is on the property owner's side it is their responsibility vs if it is on the city's side it is the city's responsibility, and what happens if someone puts a fence up. Discussion continued on broken cleanouts should be fixed, we just need to find out who is responsible, it not being a black and white issue, looking at each one, it being hard on the pumps, broken cleanouts at locations where homes were lost from Hurricane Harvey, water going into the system, not being able to go on private property, someone buying a house and the cleanout was on the property when they bought it, getting our guys to fix them, cost, and having to be careful. Mayor Scott asked for a motion of what Council wants to do. Mayor Pro Tem Vega made a motion to send it to the attorney as far as a cleanout within so many feet from the property line or, you know, is it the homeowner's responsibility fix that. After further discussion, Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. Councilmember Briseno abstained. Councilmember Molina voted no. The motion carried.

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on setting workshop for utilities notice and utilities application to include utility ordinance

There was a discussion on the Constitution requiring you to send notice, why you can't call instead, having to send notice, changing the ordinance, about twenty-six people a month paying late, and when to have the workshop. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to have a workshop on February 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss/Consider/Act on setting workshop for employee education reimbursement to create a policy/ordinance

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion same day, same time. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss/Consider/Act want to revisit the decision made on playground items allowed at the community center (outside) as like moon jump - water slide...etc

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed the Council he put this on the agenda because he had been approached by two locals and two out of town people. He reviewed. It had been sent to the Planning Commission on May 10, 2022 and been brought back to Council by the Commission on June 19, 2025. There was a lengthy discussion on personal liability, allowing activities in the park, the Planning Commission getting guidance from TML, moon jumps and water slides blowing away with kids in them, different levels of liability, allowing people to come in the community center is a liability, allowing people in the community center being a lower liability, waivers, waivers not holding up in court, and water balloons and water guns at the 4th of July being a liability. Discussion continued that we know slides and moon jumps are a huge liability, this would have to go back to the Planning Commission and go through the procedure again, and the Planning Commission having checked with TML legal who advised them don't do it. There was more discussion on wind taking them because they are not secured, insurance, the moon jump owners making you sign that they are not responsible, being high risk, any activity taking place is a risk, water guns, having to be a risk manager, not being able to be kids anymore, the playground having screws hanging out and we're allowing kids to play on it, and just having to say no. Councilmember Haley made a motion that we leave the decision as it stands not to allow the water slides and the moon jumps. There was no second. The motion died. Mayor Scott asked what the Council wanted to do. Mayor Pro Tem Vega suggested sending it back to TML and question them, and see what their recommendation is. The Council was informed if a motion dies you have to move on to the next item.

17. Discuss/Consider/Act on purchase and trips for purchases

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno informed Council she gave y'all information she got, research through our purchase orders and found that they are going to town every five to ten to fifteen days. Not just one, but two, are going repeatedly to town to purchase things wasting time and money, repeating the same places when they go. If they're going to go, they can go maybe once every two weeks not every two or three days, four or five days and go to all the places at once instead of going back and forth wasting time and money and gas. The other because it was asked about, Council knowing what the cost of everything is, I put water leaks on here as well, relocating the flush, the fire hydrants that we budgeted for, they have been done. I just think that some of the purchases and the trips for the purchases, we need a little bit more intuit and make a policy or something. So, council is more aware of what the taxpayer's money is being spent on. Ken Dahl suggested making a list and going every two weeks. Councilmember Briseno responded. That's with purchases. I'm saying all purchases. There's some in here that Council don't even know that are being done. So, all purchases, I think, if it's not a necessity, then it needs to go to Council before it's bought. Councilmember Briseno continued. The water leaks are being fixed. What happens with the water leaks is, the gentleman will charge us for each trip. So, we try to wait till we have three and then call, and we only get charged for one trip. Plus, it's a little bit less than. Ken Dahl input. Which is totally against TCEQ rules. You can't leave a leak go on and on and on and on until you get two more. Councilmember Briseno responded. Well, we've been told we don't have the funds to fix the leaks as well. So, what do we do? Ken Dahl asked. What do you mean you don't have the money? Mayor Pro Tem Vega responded. That's what I was told. How are we going to fix it? We don't have the funds. Ken Dahl asked. You have zero money in the bank account? Mayor Pro Tem Vega responded. I don't know sir.

That is what I was told. When asked. By who? He responded. By the Mayor. Mayor Scott asked. Do what? Mayor Pro Tem Vega answered. In a workshop, when we were working here. It was actually a budget deal, and I said Mayor we have three leaks. How are we going to pay for it? We don't have any money. That's what you said. Mayor Scott responded. We budgeted so much when we did the budget to fix water leaks. Mayor Pro Tem Vega responded. But before when we had water leaks. I said. Mayor, we have some water leaks right now. What do we do about them? You said I don't know. Ken Dahl input. We should fix our own leaks except when there is a bore underneath the highway or a street. Then you would get JD in here but we used to fix all our own leaks. A citizen asked. What kind of purchases are being made? Councilmember Briseno responded. There were purifiers made for the office. The councilmembers did not know about it. Um. Let's see. On a lot of these, they don't even tell you what they're for. They say see attached. A lot of the classes for the maintenance, if it's not the main operator or that backup, the extra one that we have, those need to go to Council. I don't think we should just sign up for classes because we've already spent over \$700.00 on him, and Mike and Alex are the two that are our main operators. Citizens input how they think purchases should be handled. Mayor Scott input. I thought it was discussed for him to get his water licenses but he had to take classes. I thought that was what the Council wanted. Councilmember Briseno responded. It was discussed and then he came and didn't get his classes in time. So, like I said we spent over \$700.00. Mayor Scott responded. He did get his classes in time. Councilmember Briseno asked. Does he have his licenses? Mayor Scott responded. I got word that he needed to take a test. I said you need to come in and get it taken care of. What he needs to do. He needs to come in and sign up a time period to go over to Corpus to get his water licenses. It cost \$20.00. But he has to do it on his own. I can't do it for him. There was a discussion on him having had a license but he had to renew it. Councilmember Briseno questioned. Then why did we pay for his license in November? In October, we paid \$111.00 for his license, and then in December, we paid \$113.75 for his license. Then we paid one, two, three, four, classes already for him. Ken Dahl asked if he is upgraded. Mayor Scott responded. No, he is just trying to get his water license. I thought y'all wanted it. He was renewing his license. He had to take so many classes, so I got in there and got the classes for him to take for renewal. You have to take so many classes to be able to renew your license. So, if the Council don't want him to get his license. I thought that is what you wanted. Barbara Gray asked. So, is he obligated for here for like a year's time? Mayor Scott responded. No, there's nothing like that. Councilmember Briseno input. That's why we're having a workshop for reimbursement. We talked about it before but it fell behind closed doors (session). So, I put it back on the agenda for us to do it again. Because like I told him. He's a backup. Mike is the main operator, and when Mike is not there, Alex is stuck with it. We don't need a third one but it's a good idea if something does happen. Then we do have someone there. So, it's not mandatory that he has his licenses. He was not hired as a water/sewer operator. He was hired for maintenance. Ken Dahl commented. First time we've had three people with licenses. That's a good thing. Councilmember Briseno responded. Well, he does not have his license. He had to reapply. Mayor Scott input. All he has to do is go take the test. Councilmember Briseno added. Anyway, I'd like to put this on the workshop as well to have some form of policy for purchases. After a silence, Councilmember Molina asked her. Is that a motion? She responded. Mhmm. Councilmember Molina stated. I second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss/Consider/Act dead end signs requested by three individuals to be installed where needed in dead end areas

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed Council he was asked about three dead end/no outlet signs - past Lorraine Short on Sandpiper, by LaHaye, and by Howie. There was a discussion on doing it throughout the whole town, pricing signs and poles, signs costing \$24.00 to \$36.00 without the hardware, and needing to look to see if we budgeted for signs. Councilmember Haley made a motion to explore the option of getting a solid count and checking on the cost and the availability of funding. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

19. CLOSED SESSION: Discuss Personnel Matters as per Government Code 551.074 to discuss the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and discipline of Town of Bayside water/sewer and maintenance employees

Mayor Scott announced Closed Session to discuss personnel matters as per Government Code 551.074 to discuss the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, and discipline of Town of Bayside water/sewer and maintenance employees. The time is 7:53 p.m.

20. Return to Open Session: Discuss/deliberate/act on matters discussed in Closed Session

Mayor Scott announced the time is 9:01 p.m. We are back in Open Session to discuss/deliberate/act on matters discussed in Closed Session. Councilmember Nix moved in order to clarify line of communication between Council and employees that our policy will be that Councilmen will bring employee maintenance issues to the Mayor who will provide a weekly list to Mike who will distribute job responsibilities to the maintenance and water employees, and he will also bring back any needs they have to the Mayor for Council action. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Vega made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Cramer

City Secretary