

**Town of Bayside
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025**

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 Donna Easton, and Place IV Daniel Molina were present. Councilmember Place V Van Williams was absent.

3. Administer Oath of Office to newly elected officials - Councilmember Place I, Councilmember Place IV, and Councilmember Place V

Mayor Scott administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials - Councilmember Place I David Vega, Councilmember Place IV Daniel Molina, and Councilmember Place V Steven Nix.

4. Discuss/Consider/Act on appointing a Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Molina motioned to appoint David Vega as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. Councilmember Vega abstained. The motion carried.

5. Mayor's Comments

A. Update on BBQ Pits

Mayor Scott informed Council we are still waiting on the check from the foundation.

B. Update on roads

Mayor Scott informed everyone they started on the North end of town. It is slippery when it rains. They have spread some rock on First Street and on part of Third Street. They will be closing roads when they start, and they will let the office know. Julia Delaney asked about garbage service during the road work.

6. Items by Citizens

No one signed up to speak.

7. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on March 11, 2025 and the Special Meeting on April 14, 2025

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and asked for questions. Mayor Pro Tem Vega made a motion to approve. Tim Delaney asked if you are going to fix the mosquito sprayer. Mayor Scott informed him it is working. They are using it. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. The first permit was for a portable storage unit at 419 Copano Bay. The setbacks have been checked. Mayor Pro Tem Vega made a motion to approve one at 419 Copano Bay Drive. Councilmember Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The second permit considered was for front and back unenclosed porches at 719 Second Street. There was a discussion on the size of the porches. They are 6'x8'. Mayor Pro Tem Vega motioned to approve one at 719 Second Street pending payment. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The next permit considered was for 1314 Second Street. They want to enclose a carport. Mayor Scott questioned which carport they are enclosing. They have two next to each other. After some discussion, Councilmember Nix moved to approve one carport to be enclosed. Councilmember Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The fourth permit considered was for a fence at 701 Third Street. The setbacks have been checked but they need to pay. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The fifth permit to be considered was for a culvert at 734 First Street. Mayor Scott questioned if it was 20 feet from the existing culvert. She was informed Mike said it is. Councilmember Nix moved that we approve the permit. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The sixth permit under consideration was for a culvert at 404 First Street. The setbacks have been checked. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to approve. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The final item under consideration was a permit extension for 714 Copano Bay. Mayor Pro Tem David Vega made a motion to approve extension for 714 Copano Bay permit # 24008. Councilmember Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss/Consider/Act on request from property owner at 412 Fourth Street concerning animal control violation warning

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. The property owner was not present. There was a discussion between Council and citizens present on it being inhumane, unhealthy, there being seven animals in a 12'x6' pen, Christy Johnson not being present and her saying she has called different places about taking some of the dogs, State law and our ordinance allowing four dogs, contacting animal control, and seeing if the Sheriff's Department will enforce Texas law if not Bayside's. The agenda item is to discuss, consider, act on request from property owner at 412 Fourth Street concerning animal control violation warning, and she is not here. We don't know what her request is. Councilmember Easton motioned to take no action. She informed the citizens that means the violation stands. Councilmember Briseno added. The next step is to contact animal control. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss/Consider/Act on declaring the 2004 Ford F150 salvage property and disposition of said salvage property

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. We tried to give it to charity and we can't. Councilmember Easton motioned to declare the 2004 Ford F150 salvage property. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act on proposed Ordinance 119 Recreational Vehicle Ordinance

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Easton made a motion to approve

Ordinance 119 Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on permit process proposed by Planning Commission

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to take not action at this time. She informed Council the inspector cannot do permits. He can review plans. I have to go back and check it. Councilmember Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on items from the Planning, Zoning, & Substandard Commission

A. Proposed Ordinance 38E Amendment C to repeal shipping containers

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. We need a public hearing on this. It has to be in the newspaper 15 days before the hearing. After a short discussion, it was decided to put it in the newspaper for June 18th at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to have it on June 18th at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Nix seconded her motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 38E Amendment A addressing minimum square footage of 750 or 1,000 square feet

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno pointed out this also has the square footage definition. Councilmember Easton commented. If it ain't broke, why fix it? Mayor Scott input. You're going to vote on 750 square feet or 1,000 square feet. Councilmember Briseno motioned to keep it at 750 square feet. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss/Consider/Act on changing plan review fee for accessory structures not larger than 200 square feet including portable sheds and fences

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno informed everyone there is no plan review fee for an accessory structure under 200 square feet or a fence. The current fee is \$50.00 plus square feet and a fence is a flat fee of \$50.00. There was a discussion on what we have now and the difference between accessory structures over and under 200 square feet. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to change the accessory structures not larger than 200 square feet and the fence at a flat rate fee at \$20.00 plus the square footage and the linear feet. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss/Consider/Act on getting material to rebed remaining filox tank from Alpha Water and Power at \$8,750.00 for material and freight and labor, sanitizing, startup, and testing at an additional cost that is unknown at this time

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on the cost of the testing being around \$3,000.00 last time, this not being something we need to wait on, and it costing around \$11,750.00 up to \$12,000.00. Councilmember Easton made a motion to get the material to rebed remaining filox tank from Alpha Water and Power at \$8,750.00 for material and freight and labor, sanitizing, startup, and testing at an additional cost that is unknown at this time. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss/Consider/Act Bayside Musicfest requesting to have a flatbed trailer inside the park for Memorial Day event

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Scott Fredrick is not here. He is requesting permission to put an acoustic flatbed trailer in the park for a stage. Councilmember Molina made a motion

to have a flatbed trailer inside the park for Memorial Day event. Mayor Scott asked. If there was going to be an alternated decision in case we get any rain? Councilmember Molina added weather permitting. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss the role of the chair and members of the Park committee. Review the Park Committee Ordinance. Review and discuss the purpose and use of the budget for the park's maintenance and enhancements. Review the minimum number of members required for the park committee.

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Easton informed Council this has to do with park committee rolls and responsibilities. She mentioned Ordinance 110 that was signed in 2020 and Amendment A signed in 2022, the committee being approached due to lack of maintenance workers to gather volunteers to mow and weedeat. They said they would put it on there agenda and were told they couldn't. They have a right to put in on their agenda.

Barbara Gray informed Council she did not sign up to be an events coordinator. I think the park should be kept up. Every time I try to do something I'm told it's not my responsibility to the park. I've had several people come to me about planting flowers, about putting BBQs, which by the way I had suggested BBQs in the park three specific times and was told that it was a fire hazard. Don't even bother to approach city council. Now this person came, and it's already approved. No question. No one came to the park committee to ask them if they even wanted any new BBQs or could use the money in a different area. The park committee is not involved in any decisions. I shouldn't say decisions because it's not our decision. We're not involved in any of suggestions when it comes to the park. We're just told it's not our problem. She went on about asking her husband and his buddies to take turns mowing. When she tried to bring it up in the park meeting, she didn't know if it has to do with all the things we're told we are not allowed to do, but the girls in the park committee aren't interested in the park at all which upsets me because it's called the park and recreations committee. So, that's my problem. My problem is not so much, um, you know we have here on paper, and she read from the Ordinance 110: recommendations to the town council on maintenance, repairs, usage, improvements, and additions to both the parks and community center. She asked. So how come people keep telling me I have nothing to do with the park?

Councilmember Easton informed Council. I think what's happening right now is because of this lack of communication and this breakdown on what the roles are. It is frustrating for everybody. So, we need to get this straightened out. If the Council wants the park committee to be a party, social club then we need to redo the ordinance altogether because it does say in the ordinance. It wasn't expunged. It's still there. Barbara Gray talked about revamping the playground and having playground samples delivered to her house and when she tried to approach anyone about it. Councilmember Easton told her. Don't do that again. What you do is you put it on your agenda, and nobody can tell you not to put it on your agenda. When you put that on the agenda, discuss it, then that comes to Council, and you just email Connie and get it on the agenda. No one can tell you not to put stuff on our agenda. Then it is for these people to decide. Mayor Scott pointed out their committee would have to vote on it. Barbara Gray responded. Yes, the problem is, when I put it on the agenda the girls don't want to discuss it because of what their being told, so I need to remove it. Councilmember Easton responded. That is what I'm talking about right now. Your park committee members need to

know that is why it is called the park committee, and this ordinance was set forth for a reason, and the reason is in black and white. If they have no interest in participating in the park committee, they are on the wrong committee. It's as simple as that, and this going back and forth with this bs, I've had enough of it. I feel like it is becoming personal, and it's a waste of time. Barbara Gray responded. I feel like it is personal myself because when I came to Council to have a workshop when we had that big thing going around about the residence complaining about how horrific the bathroom was, and I came to discuss with the Council and said can we have a workshop with the park committee and maybe between all of us we can figure out what we are going to do to the park and am told it doesn't having anything to do with you. Councilmember Easton input. So, I'm going to ask this Council to support this committee. Barbara Gray interrupted her adding. It looks like I'm are not doing anything, and I'm really trying. Councilmember Easton continued. This is where I'm going next to support this park committee. What's been happening is I'm getting messages, and look we have the opportunity to decide when it gets to us but at least give them the opportunity to present us with the item. Again, she's been told they're not doing anything. Well, she is trying, and she keeps getting hamstrung. Barbara Gray added. I don't like to hear that the park committee is not taking care of their responsibilities because every time we try to move forward, we get shut down. So, it is not our fault that things are not happening, and I take it personally. I'm sorry. Councilmember Easton responded. I would too. This is so easy to fix. You do your job, and you talk to your committee, and you put those in writing and send it to Connie, and Connie presents it in front of this council, and then we decide here. It has always been that way, and like I said it's in black and white. I do feel like it is personal, and I want it to stop, and I'm adamant about it. So, this isn't an action item. It is just to clarify.

19. Discuss/Consider/Act on repairing lower deck of pier

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. The lower deck was completely taken out by a storm. She has contacted See Level Construction and left a message. Coastal Pier & Dock has been sent pictures, and they are going to come out. Kinsel Docks was going to call back and never did. Hi Tide was sent the pictures and is going to give a bid. A message was left with John Murphy. It is a requirement that we keep the pier maintained. Tim Delaney suggested Pier Pressure. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to repair the lower deck of the pier. Councilmember Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

20. Discuss/Consider/Act on vacant maintenance position

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There were no applications. It was in the newspaper, on Facebook, on the website, and on Texas Workforce. Councilmember Easton suggested we consider a broader net. Councilmember Nix made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21. CLOSED SESSION on Personnel Matters as per Government Code 551.074 for 90-day review of Assistant City Secretary

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and announced close session at 7:29 per Government Code 551.074 for 90-day review of Assistant City Secretary.

22. OPEN SESSION on Personnel Matters as per Government Code 551.074 to consider/act on 90-day review of Assistant City Secretary

Mayor Scott announced the Council is returning to open session at 7:45 p.m. to consider/act on the 90-day review of the Assistant City Secretary. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to give the Assistant City Secretary a \$1.00 raise. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

23. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Cramer, City Secretary