

**Town of Bayside
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Mayor 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 Danial Molina, and Place V Steven Nix were present.

3. Items by Citizens

Mr. Larry Green informed Council he is proud of the new streets. Some of the commercial people, the garbage truck and school bus, are cutting across the corners and are going to tear up the roads. He advised Council to send letters asking them to be careful or make an ordinance saying contractors are responsible if negligent.

4. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on August 12, 2025, the Workshops on August 14 and 21, 2025, the Special Meetings on August 18 and 25, 2025

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and asked for questions or corrections. Councilmember Haley made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing and regular meeting on August 12th, the workshops on August 14th and 21st, and the special meetings on August 18th and 25th. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Molina made a motion to pay the new expenses. Mayor Pro Tem Vega 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. There was only one permit for a storage building for keeping fowl. Councilmember Nix moved we approve the building permit for a chicken coop at 2712 First Street upon payment of the building permit fees. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss/Consider/Act on Permit Application for Keeping Fowl at 2712 First Street

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a short discussion on Ordinance 69 saying you can have ten chickens, and you can have a rooster but it has to be kept quiet from 8:00 pm – 6:00 am. Councilmember Nix moved to approve the application for 2712 First Street for keeping fowl. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Consider/Act on adopting the proposed 2025-2026 Town of Bayside Budget by Record Vote

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to take to action.

We approved it last night. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Consider/Act on ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2025-2026 Budget

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Haley made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2025-2026 budget. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss/Consider/Act on adopting Ordinance 120 adopting a Tax Rate of .4489 per \$100 in Value by Record Vote

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Haley made a motion to accept Ordinance 120 adopting a Tax Rate of .4489 per \$100 in value by record vote. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Vega voted aye. Councilmember Briseno voted aye. Councilmember Haley voted aye. Councilmember Molina voted aye. Councilmember Nix voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss/Consider/Act on adopting a Debt Tax Rate of \$0.0585 per \$100 in value

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Haley made a motion to adopt a Debt Tax Rate of .0585 per \$100 in value. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Larry Green asked if this is to pay off existing debt. He was informed, yes, the sewer debt.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act on adopting a Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .3904 per \$100 in value

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Haley made a motion to adopt a maintenance and operation tax rate of .3904 per \$100 in value. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on accepting resignations from the Planning Commission and the Park, Pier, and Recreation Committee

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and announced you have the letters of resignation in your packets. There are five resignations. Upon questioning by Mr. Green, Mayor Scott read the resignation letters from Lori Bellows, Barbara Gray, Ken Dahl, Troy Campbell, and Jeff Bernsen then asked for a motion. Mrs. Sally Crofutt asked for the Council's feelings on the resignations. She was informed that was not on the agenda, so it could not be discussed. Councilmember Haley made a motion to accept the resignations from the Planning Commission and the Park, Pier, and Recreation Committee. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Barbara Gray wanted to give her opinion on the resignations. She was told that was not on the agenda.

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on filling vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Park, Pier, and Recreation Committee

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and suggested putting it out on Facebook and our website for anyone that would like to be on the Planning Commission. She asked the Council how they wanted to get the word out. After a short discussion on qualifications, Councilmember Haley made a motion to post the open positions for filling vacancies on the Planning

Commission and the Park, Pier, and Recreation Committee on our webpage and Facebook. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss/Consider/Act on setting a workshop date to discuss shipping containers

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a discussion, Councilmember Haley made a motion to have a workshop on September 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss/Consider/Act on purchasing a 2.5" fire hydrant gate valve to use to flush fire hydrants

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed Council if we open a hydrant and it doesn't seat when we close it, we lose a lot of water. This valve goes on the end, and you can shut it off if the hydrant doesn't close. We only need one of them. Councilmember Haley made a motion to purchase one 2.5" fire hydrant gate valve to use to flush fire hydrants. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss/Consider/Act on energy proposals from ADK Solutions, LLC Energy

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. She informed the Council we have TXU right now and are in a five-year contract. This is from a broker, and the cost of electricity is predicted to continue to rise. This contract won't start until May 1, 2030. She asked the Council what they wanted to do. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to go with TXU for electricity from May 1, 2030 to May 1, 2035 at a rate of .0763637. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss/Consider/Act on moving the November council meeting due to the second Tuesday falling on the Veteran's Day holiday

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a discussion on moving the meeting date, Councilmember Haley made a motion to move the November council meeting to Thursday, November 13th due to the Veteran's Day holiday. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss/Consider/Act on nomination to the Refugio County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Molina made a motion to nominate Lori Bellows. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

20. Discuss/Consider/Act on sending the city secretary to the Election Law Seminar December 1-3, 2025

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to send the city secretary to the Election Law Seminar December 1-3, 2025. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21. Discuss/Consider/Act on sending the municipal court clerk to the New Clerks Seminar in Austin

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to send the municipal court clerk to the New Clerks Seminar. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

22. Adjournment

Councilmember Briseno made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Cramer

City Secretary