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Your City, Your Team: Meet the City Secretary



Jeanna Thompson

City Secretary and City Records Manager Since 2020

PD Office Manager and City Records Manager 2007-2020

Deputy City Secretary and Records Manager 2004-2007

Can you briefly describe the responsibilities of your department and how it serves the community?

Keeps accurate minutes of all official meetings of the City Council; Prepares and distributes City Council agendas and support material; Maintains, safeguards, and records all documents approved by the City Council, such as resolutions, ordinances, and other legal documents of the City; Make available to the public the City records required by State law, as requested; Administers oath of office; Serves as the elections administrator for all City elections

What inspired you to pursue a career in public service or city government?

Did not intend on a career in public service or government but here I am!

What do you enjoy most about working for Bay City?

Working with those who take pride in their work for citizens.

What is a project or accomplishment you're particularly proud of in your role?

Electronic archiving of older records.

What are your goals or vision for your department in the next few years?

Public access to search records and provide full web page of each board.

February 2026 Events

First Saturday of Each Month
Go Wild at Riverside Park
10am Tejas Pavilion

Second Wednesday of Each Month
Senior Fish 10am-Noon
Riverside Park

Second Saturday of Each Month
Fishing 101
10am Tejas Pavilion

Wilderness Run
7 Feb. 9am
Riverside Park

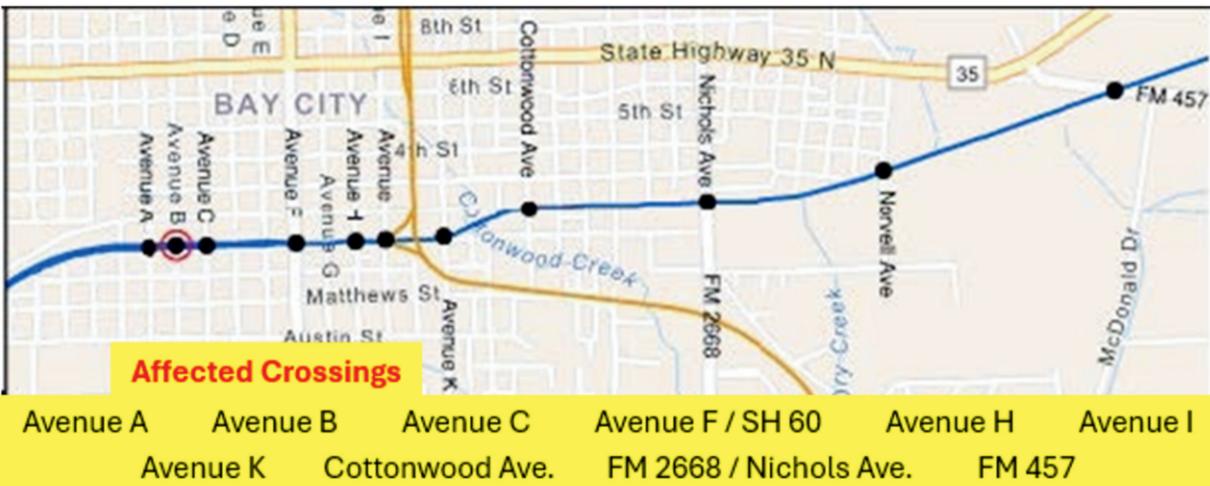
Main Street and Historic Advisory Board
11 Feb. 10am

Movies in the Park - "Moana"
20 Feb. 6:30pm
Le Tulle Park

Regular Council Meeting
24 Feb. 6pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Visit the City's event calendar for all City Sponsored Events.
<https://www.baycitytx.gov/calendar.aspx>

Railroad Quiet Zones in Bay City: What Residents Should Know



Bay City is working toward creating **Railroad Quiet Zones** within city limits to help reduce routine train horn noise while keeping residents safe at railroad crossings. This effort focuses on improving quality of life while meeting strict federal safety rules.

What Is a Railroad Quiet Zone?

A Railroad Quiet Zone is an area where trains **do not routinely sound their horns** as they approach crossings. However, safety remains the top priority.

Here's what that means:

- **Reduced Horn Noise:** Train horns are not used as part of normal operations at crossings.
- **Safety Upgrades Required:** To make up for quieter crossings, the City must install additional safety features, such as:
 - Raised medians or channelization devices
 - Four-quadrant gates that block all lanes
 - Other barriers to prevent unsafe crossing
- **Emergency Use Only:** Train engineers will still use horns if there is an emergency or immediate danger.

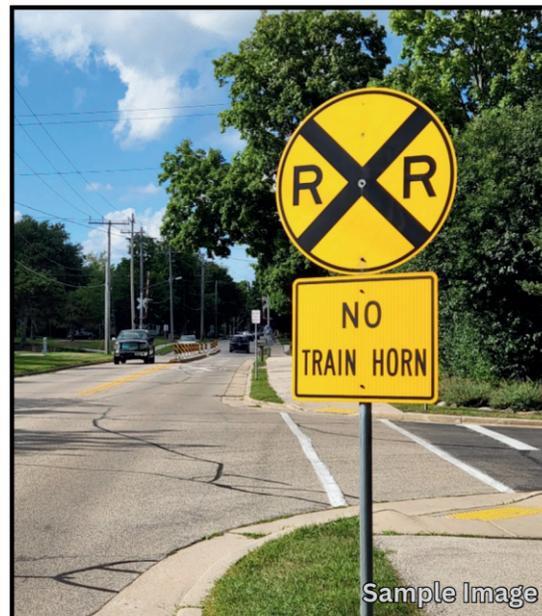
Bay City's Current Status

Bay City is currently in the **study and development phase** for Quiet Zones along two rail lines. This work is complex and costly because the City is responsible for paying for the required safety upgrades.

Key Timeline Highlights

- **December 2023:** The City and Bay City Community Development Corporation hired HDR Engineering to study the feasibility of Quiet Zones.
- **Early 2025:** Engineers reviewed all crossings to identify required safety improvements.
- **May 2025:** A public town hall was held to gather community feedback.
- **May-June 2025:** City Council reviewed the study and prioritized the Union Pacific (UP) rail corridor.
- **December 19, 2025:** A formal Notice of Intent was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).
- **Currently:** The City is waiting for FRA approval before moving forward with construction. This approval process can take 12-18 months.

For more information about Public Works projects, including the Railroad Quiet Zone, call 979-323-1659 or visit the City's website to view departmental reports.



SERVE ON A CITY BOARD

Let the City know of your interest and qualifications to serve on a City board or commission.

Contact the Mayor's Office at 979-245-2137 or drop by City Hall at 1901 5th Street with any questions

- Bay City Community Development Board
- Main Street Advisory Board
- Tourism Advisory Council
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Variance Committee
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board

