

**Town of Bayside  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Sharon Scott, Mayor Pro Tem David Vega, and Councilmembers Place II Charmaine Briseno, Place III Donna Easton, Place IV Daniel Molina, and Place V Van Williams were present.

**3. Discuss/Consider/Act on making a ruling on the variance request from Jeff Bernsen**

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Easton made a motion to approve the variance for Jeff Bernsen – to make a ruling. Councilmember Williams informed Council he had researched it thoroughly. I went over the state statutes on it. I read the ordinance statues on it. There is nothing in there that says it meets the variance requirements on this. Rockport, Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Portland, only one of them allows permanent power to a structure and they have a lot of caveats in that. Everyone else says no. I drove by your place but didn't go on the property, and I saw that it is connected to your garage. I think that is a different circumstance. I think there are exceptions. I don't see that you qualify for a variance but do qualify for an exception. That being said, I think that by having permanent power to the garage while you're constructing your house, if there is no power going to the house from that permanent structure tying into the main box there, I don't have a problem approving it, so I'll second that. Councilmember Vega voted no. The motion carried.

**4. Discuss Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy**


Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on the policy, putting our own restrictions, the supervisor or mayor monitoring the phones, and there shouldn't be any social media on city phones.

**5. Adjournment**

Councilmember Briseno motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Connie Cramer  
City Secretary