

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present Mayor Protem Don Romines, Alderman Kevin Stilley, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Michael Weakly, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, Officer Travis Thompson, and City Attorney Brad Eidson were also present.

Mayor Protem Romines established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Protem Romines led council in the pledge of allegiance.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Stilley to approve the minutes for February 20, 2023, regular meeting with correction on motion regarding city attorney receiving cola since it was passed with the budget. Motion passed with four yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley		x		
Alderman Weakly		x		
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley not to correct minutes in regards to cola motion. Motion not passed.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley		x		
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker		x		
Alderman Romines		x		
Alderwoman Gettys		x		

The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of February 27th , 2023. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Stilley to approve payment of invoices for March 3rd & 6th, 2023 (\$106,646.53) as presented. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Guest:

Kristie Miller with the chamber spoke about revisions that still need to be made to the contract. Goals, memberships, finances and seeking a director were also discussed.

Bill 101R to become Resolution 2023-101 (Housing Incentives). The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Stilley to place Bill 101R on first and final reading by title only with correction on year. Motion passed with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Public grounds committee will meet to discuss mower bids.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to table trencher bids till the next meeting to discuss where the expense will be taken from in the budget. Motion was passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to approve phases two and three of Lauderdale construction. Motion was not passed due to a tiebreaker from Mayor Protem Romines.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker		x		
Alderman Romines		x		
Alderwoman Gettys		x		

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to table resolution 2023-100R till the next meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderwoman Walker for the city to go into an agreement and allow the mayor to sign a waiver of liability on Lawson property. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk