

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025  
LOCATION: HOUSTON CITY HALL  
601 S. GRAND AVE., HOUSTON, MO.**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Fred Stottlemyre, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, Alderman Tim Ceplina, City Attorney Sean Smith, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers, Police Chief Brad Evans, Fire Chief Robbie Smith.

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

City Clerk Rodgers called roll call.

Mayor Narancich established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2024 closed session meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the minutes for the December 30, 2024 closed personnel committee meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to approve the minutes for the December 30, 2024 special council meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payroll dated for December 30, 2024 for period of December 16 through December 29, 2024. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve Fire Department 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payroll dated December 19, 2024. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payment of invoices for December 30 & 31, 2024 and January 6, 2025. (\$304,783.32) as presented. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Guests Brenda Senter (Emmett Kelly) and Jon (KPM Audit Report Review) rescheduled due to inclement weather. They will attend the next regular scheduled council meeting January 21, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging and the City of Houston to use the transit system for volunteers to deliver our frozen meals to homebound in the city limits of Houston. This agreement will renew each year on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

City Administrator Wells stated that the building permit fee schedule for commercial and residential structures are currently .05 cents a square foot. An ordinance will be created to state the building permit fee schedule.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to amend the personnel handbook Residential Requirements under Employment Policies. The City Clerk shall be required to live within a 20 mile radius of the Houston city limits rather than in the 65483 zip code area. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to purchase a budgeted drone for the police department from Unmanned Vehicle Technologies for \$13,782.58. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Fire Chief Robbie Smith presented the 2024 Houston Fire Department Annual Report. The department responded to 289 emergency calls for the year. The department received a Class 3 Insurance Service Office (IS) Public Protection Classification rating.

The City is waiting on the report for the RFQ from Archer Elgin.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to authorize Mayor Narancich to sign Resolution # 2025-101R Adopting the Texas County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The next regular scheduled council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 due to City Hall being closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

City Hall will be open Thursday, January 9, 2025. National Day of Mourning for the late President Jimmy Carter.

A motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the purchase of 5 transformers from Arkansas Electric Cooperative in the amount of \$9,250.00. This purchase is to replace backups that were used due to the recent winter storm. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			



City Administrator Wells reported to the council that GWorks, the City's software system, has significantly raised rates on multiple area municipalities.

Alderwomen Walker asked about the new pump at the golf course. The new pump is currently being tested before it is shipped.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:19 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (3). Motion carried with six yes votes.

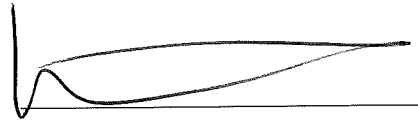
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Barbara Redger

Minutes Taken By



Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Redger

City Clerk