

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present Mayor Willy Walker, Alderman Kevin Stilley, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Michael Weakly, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, City Administrator Scott Avery, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, Chief Brad Evans, and City Attorney Brad Eidson were also present.

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

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Stilley to approve the minutes for May 2, 2022, regular 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 Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve the minutes for May 2, 2022, closed 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 Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for May 9, 2022 special 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 to approve payment for payroll of May 9, 2022. 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 Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve payment of invoices for May 13th & 16th, 2022 (\$61,482.04) 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: Chase with Connell insurance gave update on new rates and options for the upcoming renewal.

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderman Kelley to continue paying family insurance for employees in the monthly amount of \$37,822.82. 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 | | | |

Daren Ice thanked the mayor and board for continuing health care coverage for employees and their families.

Charlie Shea spoke about different powers and duties for the mayor and board of alderman.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Weakly to allow CASA permission to sell alcohol at annual golf tournament for donation. Motion passed with five 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 Romines and seconded by Alderman Stilley that bill shall pass objection not withstanding ordinance 2022-105. 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 Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys that bill shall pass objection not withstanding ordinance 2022-106. 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 to approve bid from ECCO in the amount of \$28,167.00 for grounding grid. 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 Weakly and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve Mayor Walker's appointment for municipal judge, Conway Hawn for two-year term. 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to remove city attorney Brad Edison. Motion did not pass with four no 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 | | |

Bill 108 to become Ordinance 2022-108 (Fire dept manual). The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Stilley to place Bill 108 on first reading by title only. 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 | | | |

Bill 108 to become Ordinance 2022-108 (Fire dept manual). The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to place Bill 108 on second and final reading by title only. 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 | | | |

Bill 109 to become Ordinance 2022-109 (P.D. manual). The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 109 on first reading by title only. 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 | | | |

Bill 109 to become Ordinance 2022-109 (P.D manual). The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to place Bill 109 on second and final reading by title only. 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 | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Romines to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (3). 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 | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Stilley to go back into open session. Motion was 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 | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 9:00 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