

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 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 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 Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Romies to approve the minutes for July 18, 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 Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for July 18, 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 Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve payment for payroll of July 18, 2022. 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve payment of invoices for July 29th and August 1st 2022 (\$108,454.23) as presented. 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			

Guest: Chief Brad Evans presented policy on take home cars for officers, he also asked to pull funds from police tax to purchase Taurus from Piney River Ford.

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve resolution 2022-102R with policy 3.1.3. 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 purchase 2019 Ford Taurus from Piney River Ford and do not exceed \$19,178.00. Motion was 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			

Public Comments: Daren Medlock spoke with civil engineer about diverting water from his storage units. He is asking the city to look into a solution to prevent damage on his property.

Karen James with Drury gave update on new course to come.

Charlie Shea inquired about time frame to hire a city administrator. He also had concern with council question relating to audit. Last he wanted to know if the city was cutting land owners ditches.

Mayor Walker addressed his reason for vetoing hot mix bid and advertisement for city administrator.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Stilley asking the question shall the bill pass the objections of the mayor thereto not withstanding to move forward with Willard Asphalt bid in the amount of \$169,941.00. 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 Walker asking the question shall the bill pass the objections of the mayor thereto notwithstanding to move forward in advertising for city administrator. 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 Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to support the library through federal funding. 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 Weakly and seconded by Alderman Stilley 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 Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker 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 Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Romines to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed with six yeas 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