

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 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, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, City Administrator Mark Campbell, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, and Chief Brad Evans were also present.

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

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve the minutes for November 7, 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 Weakly and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of November 7, 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve payment of invoices for November 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (\$75,470.16) 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: Stace Holland, CEO at Texas County Memorial Hospital introduced himself and expressed how excited he was to be a part of the community.

Max Murray, GFL spoke on increase based on CPI (6 percent) and a 5 percent increase for diesel fuel cost. He also spoke about sending a amendment to accompany our contract in regards to dumpster and fees.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to approve the increase presented by GFL in the amount of 6% CPI and 5% fuel charge unless diesel falls below \$5.00. 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			

Ross Richardson wanted to thank the city, especially Mark Campbell, Bill Ramsey and the public grounds crew for preparing the beds for the flowers to be planted.

The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to allow two candidates to attend the police academy beginning January 4, 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 Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Weakly to approve quote from Harry Cooper in the amount of \$108,111 for restock on transformers. 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			

Bill 112 to become Ordinance 2022-112 (Budget). The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to place Bill 112 on first reading by title only. Motion not passed with four no votes.

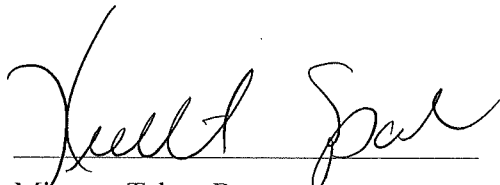
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley		x		
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker		x		
Alderman Romines		x		
Alderwoman Gettys		x		

The motion by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to sign the core fiber contract. 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 Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 7:40 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			

  
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Minutes Taken By

  
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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk