

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S, Grand Ave. 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, Joe Honeycutt City Treasurer, Police Chief Brad Evans, Adam Stevenson, Officer and K-9 Omen.

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 Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2025 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 Gettys and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2025 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 Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve payroll dated for January 27, 2025 for period of January 13-26, 2025. 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 Alderwomen Walker to approve payments of invoices for February 3, 2025. (\$186,011.08) 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 Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Guests:

Jon Kummings, CPA with KPM presented the City of Houston's 2023 Audit.

Sheena Postlewait with Park and Recreation board presented to the council a request to re-name the pool to Toni M. McKinney Pool. Sheena shared with the council the work and dedication that Toni has given to the pool over the years.

Bethany Wells also shared with the council what an honor it would be to re-name the pool and shared with the council the dedication and hard work Toni has put into the pool over the years.

Re-naming the pool will be on the next regular council meeting agenda February 19, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Kelley to rescind a motion of prior action of vote from the December 12, 2024 special council meeting that was to recode the south chamber land back to rural on the assessors records due to clerical error. Motion carried with five 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			

Guest Morgan Patteson, Chamber President ask if police and fire departments would now apply to the property. Mayor Narancich stated it would.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve fiber repair near the airport in the amount of \$8,470.00. 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 purchase a one-year plan of text messaging service with Houston Hearld in the amount of \$4,000 to better communicate with our citizens. Motion carried with six yes votes.

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

Building permits and building codes were discussed by the council. The council directed City Administrator Wells to research information on building permits and building codes. Mayor Narancich will have a proposal at the next council meeting February 19, 2025.

City Administrator Wells reported that Tuesday MoDOT will be working on Holder Drive and U.S. 63 to paint traffic control lines.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025 due to MML Legislative Conference.

Alderman Kelley asked that election signs from previous elections be removed around town. He also requested a light on Thomasville Road near the daycare be put up and ask if the streets are still being swept.

Alderman Romines asked about the MPAU study. City Administrator reported MPAU will be conducting a study and they are approximately two month out on scheduling.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (1) Legal, Subsection (3) Hiring, Disciplining or Promoting and Subsection (12) Contracts. 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			


A motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve the City's 2023 Audit 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			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to adjourn at 9:04 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 Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Barbara Rodgers  
Minutes Taken By

  
Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Rodgers  
City Clerk