

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Attorney Sean Smith, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Moore, Economic Developer Kevin Buck, Police Chief Brad Evans and Fire Chief Robbie Smith. Alderman Tim Ceplina was absent.

Mayor Narnacich called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Narancich led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Moore called roll call.

Mayor Narancich established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve the minutes for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried with five yes votes.

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

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, closed session. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, special meeting. 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
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 October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, special closed session. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve payroll dated for 10-7-24 through 10-20-24. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for October 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, (194,092.95) as presented. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Guests:

Ann Tottingham- Mrs. Tottingham (representing the local community betterment group) spoke to council about the upcoming “fun run”. The Don Tottingham Memorial Walk/Run event is set for November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event started in 2019, honoring Don Tottingham who was a former mayor and an active resident of Houston. Mrs. Tottingham was requesting the city donate funds to cover advertising costs. The money raised will be used for Houston School projects and scholarships.

Public Comments:

Brad Rees and Dr William Wright spoke regarding City of Houston ordinances pertaining to barriers and buffers between commercial and residential properties. Complaints were voiced regarding both noise and light disturbances coming from a new commercial building. City Attorney Smith briefly spoke on the current ordinances and the city will be looking into possible resolutions.

Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-16 (Definitions) Bill 114:

Council members have agreed to hold a public hearing on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 5:30 P.M.- 5:50 P.M. to gather public comments. Further information is available on the houstonmo.org website, City of Houston Missouri Facebook page and in the Houston Herald.

Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-17 (Declaration of nuisance, maintenance thereof, penalties) Bill 115:

Similar to Bill 114, council members have agreed to hold a public hearing on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 5:50 P.M.- 6:10 P.M. to gather public comments on Bill 115. Further information is available on the houstonmo.org website, City of Houston Missouri Facebook page and in the Houston Herald.

Bus Grant:

Mayor Narancich has received annual paperwork for the city bus grant.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Kelley for City Attorney Smith to draft an ordinance allowing Mayor Narancich to apply for assistance through Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Archer Elgin Engineering:

City Administrator Wells reported he had not received any information at this time and the topic would be discussed at the next council meeting when further information is available.

CD Renewals:

Two certificates of deposit (CD) at Simmons Bank matured on 10-20-24 for \$124, 474.86 and \$42,980.58. Current rates and term options were provided to council to include The Bank of Houston, Progressive Ozark Bank, Security Bank, Simmons Bank and West Plains Bank and Trust.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Romines to move full total amounts of both CDs to West Plains Bank and Trust for 12 months at 4%. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Halloween Road Closures:

Police Chief Evans spoke about the road closures taking place on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 5 P.M.- 8 P.M. around Lone Star Plaza for the downtown Halloween event. The full block will be closed, which is a smaller area than last year. The only open business that is affected is The Office- which will be participating in the event.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to close the streets for the Halloween event as presented. The 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Christmas Lighting Contest/ Downtown Pole Decorating

Mayor Narancich discussed opportunities for both Houston residents and businesses to be creative and festive this holiday season. The event would be similar to last year's, where residents/ businesses on city utilities could receive a utility credit if they place within the top 3. Credits would be awarded as follows:

Residential- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$250.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$175.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100.00

Commercial- 1st Place \$500.00

2nd Place \$300.00

3rd Place \$150.00

Entry is free but participants must contact City Hall to register for judging.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to hold a lighting contest with winning residents/businesses receiving a utility credit, using rates identical to last year (as noted above). Motion carried with four yes votes.

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

City Administrator Update:

City Administrator Wells updated the council members on several items-

- The water tower on Cleveland Rd needs the inside to be sandblasted and painted. The bid from Cunningham Sandblasting is for \$73,150.
- The golf course pump should be installed in early November. The pump house should be operational by the end of November.
- Police Chief Evans was awarded a grant to purchase a new K-9 patrol vehicle. The grant would cover everything except the cost of a console and graphics. Piney River Ford provided a quote on a 2024 Ford F150 at \$49,940.

Miscellaneous:

Police Chief Evans spoke to council about the quotes on the Ford F150 for the K9 patrol vehicle. Evans reported that Piney River Ford has helped significantly to make this transaction happen. The vehicle in question is actually located at Lou Fusz but would be purchased by Piney River Ford and brought here for delivery. The payment would be made to Piney River Ford and then the City would be reimbursed for the cost once the grant processes.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to purchase the 2024 Ford F150 from Piney River Ford in the amount of \$49,940. The motion carried with four yes votes.

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

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve the bid from Cunningham Sandblasting in the amount of \$73,150 to sandblast and paint the inside of the water tower on Cleveland Rd. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			



The Revenue and Expenditure reported was discussed by Mayor Narancich.

Alderman Walker voiced concern about replacement of an umbrella cover for the pool. City Administrator Wells will follow up to ensure it is ready for next year.

Comments from Mayor and Board of Alderman:

Alderman Romines had a small survey that he provided to council members to rate topics they felt were important for the city.

The motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Romines to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:47 P.M. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection (1) contracts. Section 610.021 Subsection (9) Negotiations. Motion carried with five roll call votes.

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

Airport Contracts:

The motion was made by Alderman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Romines to allow City Attorney Smith to radify a contract for Mayor Narancich to sign for FAA-MoDOT agreement. 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
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Romines to adjourn at 8:48 P.M. 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
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