

MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2024

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, October 7th, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Tim Ceplina, 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, Police Chief Brad Evans and Economic Developer Kevin Buck.

Mayor Narancich 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 Ceplina to approve the minutes for September 23rd, 2024, 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 Stottlemire	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for September 23rd, 2024, closed session. 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the minutes for September 27th, 2024, special 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			
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 September 27th, 2024, special closed session. 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payroll dated for 9-9-24 through 9-22-24. 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to table the payroll dated for 9-23-24 through 10-6-24. 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve payment of invoices for October 3rd & 7th, 2024, (\$528,851.59) 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			
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 9-23-24 through 10-6-24. 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Guests:

Laura Koonce from Woolpert Aviation was present for updates regarding the recent airport project. Laura announced the project has been completed, along with the flight check. She plans to meet with the Public Grounds and Airport Committee to discuss future needs.

Public Comments:

None

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

Council members discussed gathering public comments and holding a public hearing to get feedback before completing a second reading. Police Chief Evans voiced some concern about ordinance enforcement.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to postpone the reading of Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-16 (Definitions) Bill 114. 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

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

Similar to Bill 114, council members discussed also gathering public comments and holding a public hearing to get feedback before completing a second reading.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to postpone the reading of Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-17 (Declaration of nuisance, maintenance thereof, penalties) Bill 115. 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			
Alderdwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderdwoman Gettys	x			

Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Article IX, Section 22-231 Bill 118:

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to place Bill 118 Amending Chapter 22 Article IX, Section 22-231 on second and final reading by title only to become Ordinance 2024-118. 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			
Alderdwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderdwoman Gettys	x			

Planning and Zoning Board Update:

City Administrator Wells reported the Planning and Zoning Board met on 10-3-24 to discuss the property located just east of C.W. Harry. The current property owner would like to rezone the property to a C1 vs agricultural since it does not meet qualifications for agriculture zoning. (Currently, it is a 2.18 acre lot). Discussion took place about holding a public hearing for a potential rezone. Wells to follow up. Also, Charlie Shea (Chairman) would like to step down from the Planning and Zoning Board, requiring the mayor to appoint a new member.

City Administrator Update:

City Administrator Wells updated the council members on several items-

- The bus barn roof is on hold, awaiting further information from MIRMA.
- Department supervisors are still completing employee annual evaluations. Some have been turned in.
- The golf course is still waiting on the new pump to arrive which should be in mid-October. The city fire department is continuing to water the greens.
- Parks and Recreation Supervisor Robbie Mortensen is working on the end of year report for seasonal activities.
- The Amick project on Oakhill has been delayed due to a pond build defect. The city is not holding up progress.
- The canopies at the city pool should be down for the season closure.
- The election will be held in the storm shelter, as usual. A plan will need to be created to cover parking due to ongoing construction.
- The sunshades for city parks are still in progress. The city plans to order more picnic tables.

MISC:

Alderman Stottlemire brought up questions about the murals that were recently taken down near Lonestar Plaza. City Administrator Wells reported the murals were removed at the owner's request and will be displayed in a museum. There is a plan in place to replace them with new paintings.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN:

Alderman Kelley discussed potentially trading in the current Ditchwitch machine and upgrading equipment. He also brought up questions regarding the grass/hay at the airport and suggested having the Public Grounds Committee meet to discuss options.

City Administrator Wells updated that the FEMA flood maps have been placed on the wall inside City Hall for public viewing.

Alderman Romines brought up questions about 2025 electric rates. The Utility Committee will meet to discuss the topic.

Alderman Romines also asked about utility pole agreements. Administrator Wells reported the electric department is currently counting attachments on the 1345 city poles. He estimates this will take about 3-4 weeks.

Alderman Romines mentioned the upcoming MML meeting on October 22, 2024.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:20 P.M. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection (1) contracts. Section 610.021 Subsection (3) disciplining. Section 610.021 Subsection (9) Negotiations. Motion carried with six 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to adjourn at 8:15 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 Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Minutes Taken By:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk