

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2024**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5th, 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, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Moore and City Attorney Sean Smith. Alderman Fred Stottlemire was absent.

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 Alderwoman Gettys to approve the minutes for July 15, 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 Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve the minutes for July 15, 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 Stottlemire				x
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payment for payroll of July 15st, 2024. 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 Alderman Ceplina to approve payment of invoices for August 2nd & 5th, 2024 (\$245,159.22) 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:

Karen Duhart presented to members a plan for a city-wide trap and release program pertaining to cats only. She believes there is a better alternative than fining residents who are attempting to help strays. Administrator Wells to gather further information about potential grants to assist with funding.

Economic Developer Kevin Buck presented information regarding Placer AI- an analytic data collection service. \$7,000 annual subscription.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Robbie Mortensen brought up discussion regarding food/drink (alcohol potential) at the golf course. Currently, there is no food or drink available to purchase. Discussion took place regarding the use of the upstairs for serving purposes. Adam Vandiver spoke about a potential contract with the City of Houston with he and his wife, Willa, to handle those sales. Further discussion to take place with Wells and be presented to the council. Robbie Mortensen also spoke on the quadplex. Discussion occurred about potentially scheduling a meeting to discuss the prelim budget and plan with the current contract provider or potentially using a bond vote and completing only two fields initially.

Public Comments:

Carmen Roeder spoke about her concern for sewer rates. She would like to see a fixed rate cost vs related service charge. Mayor Narancich requested Administrator Wells gather further information from neighboring towns regarding sewer rates and billing.

Bill 114 to become Ordinance 2024-114 (11-64 Definitions) was placed for a 2nd reading but Narancich requested further review before a 2nd reading. Discussion was held about splitting the ordinance into two policies: commercial and residential.

Bill 115 to become Ordinance 2024-115 (Nuisance declared) was placed for a 2nd reading but will also go back under further review by the Police and Fire Committee.

Bill 116 to become Ordinance 2024-116 (tax levy). The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 116 on first reading by title only. 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			

Bill 116 to become Ordinance 2024-116 (tax levy). The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 116 on 2nd and final reading by title only. 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 Alderman Kelley to propose curb, sewer and electric request for qualification for engineering. 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 Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to increase mileage from 5 miles to 20 miles. 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 Alderman Ceplina to make no amendment to the current contract with Complete Splicing Solutions. 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to use up to \$45,000 of ARPA funds for upgrades. 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 Alderman Ceplina to approve \$7,000 of ARPA funds be used for the annual subscription of Placer AI. 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			

Misc:

Alderwoman Walker discussed concern for the number of stray cats. Administrator Wells to gather further information from the City of Willow Springs about a potential grant.

The upcoming MML conference will be held in Branson. Alderwoman Gettys, Alderman Romines and Alderwoman Walker planning to attend. Alderman Ceplina unsure currently. Alderman Kelley will not be in attendance.

Special Executive Council Meeting to take place Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 at City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Ave at 6:00 P.M. to discuss a potential tax/bond to aid in potential quadplex costs. Alderman Ceplina will be unable to attend.

The fire hydrant by Sonic on S. Sam Houston Blvd is inoperable. Mayor Narancich suggested placing a new fire hydrant closer to the Cozumel Restaurant which would provide appropriate coverage to the Sonic location. Fire Chief Robbie Smith agrees with the recommendation.

Alderman Kelley with concern regarding the condition of the Cozumel Restaurant parking lot. City Attorney Smith to review ordinances and gather further information about potential options.

Comments:
None

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to close regular session of the meeting at 8:12 P.M. and move to executive session in pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection (3). 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			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to adjourn at 9:06 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			

Minutes Taken By:

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk