

MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2024

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, September 23rd, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Don Romines, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Attorney Sean Smith, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Moore, Fire Chief Robbie Smith and Police Chief Brad Evans. Mayor Viki Narancich was absent.

Mayor Pro tem Romines called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
Mayor Pro tem Romines led the council in the pledge of allegiance.
Deputy Clerk Moore called roll call.
Mayor Pro tem Romines established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve the minutes for September 3rd, 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 Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the minutes for September 3rd, 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 Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for September 11th, 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for September 11th, 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 Alderwoman Gettys to approve the minutes for September 12th, 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for September 12th, 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 Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve payroll dated for 8-26-24 through 9-8-24. 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 Stottlemyre to approve payment of invoices for September 20th & 23th, 2024 (\$1,387,562.12) 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			

Guests:

Lisa Linn- The Brushy Creek Management Proposal was presented to the council discussing vegetation management at The Brushy Creek Riparian Buffer. The buffer- located at the intersection of Walnut Street and Oak Hill Drive- was established in 2008. However, many invasive species of vegetation have established within the wildflower opening and the wooded corridor. With proper management, the area could contribute to improved water quality, reduction in sedimentation, proper filtration of pollutants, slow the flow of water runoff, limit impacts of severe flooding and provide a habitat for wildlife.

In partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Quail Forever and with monthly volunteer events, the city could work to restore and maintain the natural area with limited costs. The city would invest approximately \$3,000 in addition to 40-man hours within the first year for initial vegetation management. Afterwards, maintenance cost would decrease to approximately \$300 with 10-20 man hours needed, annually. Emily Lear, MDC land conservationist, explained cost share opportunities available for reimbursement (up to 50%).

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the Brushy Creek Management Proposal. 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			

Public Comments:
None

Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-16 (Definitions) Bill 114 and Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-17 (Declaration of nuisance, maintenance thereof, penalties) Bill 115:

Mayor Pro tem Don Romines voiced additional questions. He discussed postponing both ordinances for an additional 2 weeks along with potentially posting it online to gather community comments and then further review with council in approximately 30 days.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to postpone both Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-16 (Definitions) Bill 114 and Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 11-17 (Declaration of nuisance, maintenance thereof, penalties) Bill 115 for 2 weeks. 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			

Electric Supply Quotes:

City Administrator Lloyd Wells presented the council with quotes for necessary materials for BBC Electric to continue with the additional 53 utility pole replacements.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to purchase the material list totaling \$49,797.33 from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company. 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			

Utility Committee Update:

Alderman Sam Kelley updated that the Utility Committee held a meeting Wednesday, September 11th, 2024.

Fiber Ordinance- A new amendment was presented to council in Bill No. 118- Amending Chapter 22 Article IX, Section 22-231 to implement a Fee Schedule.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill No. 118- Amending Chapter 22 Article IX, Section 22-231 on first reading by title only. 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			

Pole Charges- Alderman Kelley presented to council a proposal to charge \$15 per pole per year per attachment for companies utilizing city utility poles.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to charge \$15 per pole per year per attachment for company use of utility poles. 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			

2025 BUDGET FOR TCMH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID)-

The TCMH Community Improvement District Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 was presented to the council members.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the TCMH Community Improvement District Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year. 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			

Quadplex- Project Manager RFQ and Engineering (Civil and Electrical) RFQ:
 City Administrator Lloyd Wells presented a letter from Parks and Recreation Director Robbie Mortensen, discussing the potential for the city to hire a project manager for the quadplex project. Wells to discuss Request For Qualifications (RFQ) with City Attorney Sean Smith.

CD Renewals:

Mayor Pro tem Don Romines presented terms and rate options from both Security Bank and West Plains Bank and Trust where current CD's have matured.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to roll over the full amount at Security Bank (\$104,974.56) for 12 months at 4.25% interest and West Plains Bank and Trust (\$106,979.70) for 12 months at 4.15% interest. Signatures to include Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Don Romines, Treasurer Joe Honeycutt and City Clerk Barbara Rodgers. 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			

Aviation Project Agreement:

City Administrator Lloyd Wells presented to the council an Aviation Project Consultant Supplemental Agreement No. 1 pertaining to consulting fees for repair work at the airport. This total was not to exceed \$17,264.82 and a motion was made but quickly withdrawn to confirm project completion.

Miscellaneous:

City Administrator Lloyd Wells reported to council members the green rubber nuggets for use around the playground equipment at city parks arrived but were brown in color. The Parks and Recreation Dept will have to wait on the correct shipment to arrive before being able to install these.

Alderman Sam Kelley raised questions about trenching services for fiber internet installs. City Administrator Wells reported that the city had not received any bids.

Alderwoman Gettys reported the work has not quite been completed yet for the bus barn/ electric shed roofs after sustaining storm damage.

Alderman Fred Stottlemyre asked for an update on the pump house at the golf course. City Administrator Lloyd Wells reported they are still awaiting the arrival of materials (pump). Fire Chief Robbie Smith reported the city fire dept will continue to water the golf course until the pump house reaches completion. Due to the recent rain, they have been able to decrease daily watering efforts.

Council members provided updates on activities and classes taken during the 2024 Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference.

Comments From Mayor and Board of Alderman:

City Administrator Lloyd Wells gave a huge thank you to all of the crews who worked Friday, September 20th, 2024 at the Houston School to help restore the lights for the football field in time for Homecoming.

Mayor Pro tem Don Romines welcomed Barbara Rodgers (City Clerk) to start September 30th, 2024.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:40 P.M. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection (1) contracts. Section 610.021 subsection (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting. 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 Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to adjourn at 9:11 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:

Deputy City Clerk