

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present Mayor Protem Don Romines, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderman Kevin Stilley, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, and City Attorney Sean Smith were also present.

Mayor Protem Romines called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and established a quorum. Mayor Protem Romines led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemire and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for February 20, 2024, regular meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Stottlemire	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 February 20, 2024, closed meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	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 Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	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 approve payment of invoices for March 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (\$486,385.59) as presented. Motion passed with six yes votes.

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

Public comments:

Greg Hinton has questions about the current land clearing on Oakhill.

Lisa Linn has concerns about the development on Oakhill. She would like to see stronger regulations implemented and restrictions on development.

Guest: Robbie Mortensen gave update on park and recreation programs, and projects. He also wrote a letter in regards to the need for two part-time employees to be hired.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to purchase police explorer from Piney River Ford in the amount of \$47,640.00 and sell the 2017 Charger to the Sheriff Department. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	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 Stottlemyre to accept the bid from Mid-Mo Concrete in the amount of \$17,200.00 for the concrete foundation of new training facility. Motion passed with six yes votes.

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

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to increase Chief Robbie Smith monthly pay by budgeted amount and back pay him from January 1, 2024. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	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 approve the school usage agreement and allow the mayor to sign the agreement effective for one year. Motion passed with six yes votes.

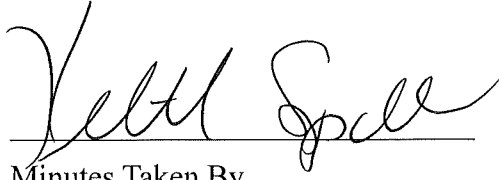
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Stottlemire	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemire and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the bid from S&H supply for Cub Cadet Pro Z 960L in the amount of \$11,613.32 for the water department. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	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 Alderwoman Gettys to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion passed with six yes votes.

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

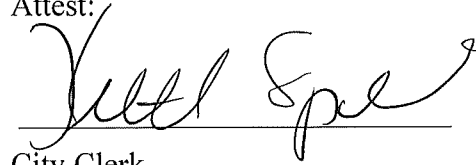


Minutes Taken By



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk