

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025
LOCATION: HOUSTON CITY HALL
601 S. GRAND AVE., HOUSTON, MO**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Ave. with the following present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, City Attorney Sean Smith, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers, Police Sergeant Josh Green, Police Lieutenant Matt Woodmansee, Electrical Superintendent, Mike Williams.

Absent: Joe Honeycutt, City Treasurer

Mayor Narancich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

City Clerk Rodgers called roll call.

Mayor Narancich established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Romines to amend the agenda to add to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 17, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve the minutes of the Closed Regular Council Meeting on March 17, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemire and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on March 24, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to approve the minutes of the Closed Special Council Meeting on March 24, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payroll dated for March 24, 2025 for the period of March 10 through March 23, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the Fire Department 1st Quarter Payroll dated for April 4, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve payroll dated for April 7, 2025 for the period of March 24 through April 6, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payments of invoices for March 31st, April 4th and April 7th, 2025. (\$796,042.81)
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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Public Comments:

Janet Fraley, member of the Texas County Library Foundation requested the asphalt bid information from the council. Fraley stated that the library is willing pay for part of the asphalt paving on the North side of the library.

A motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemire to approve payment up to \$10,620 toward the asphalt paving on the North side of the library parking lot. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Fiber was sold to STE on April 7, 2025.

Health insurance will be on the next regular scheduled council agenda on April 21, 2025. City Administrator Wells will notify Toni McKinney, insurance representative that the health insurance annual deductible will change to \$1,500 effective June 1, 2025.

City Administrator Wells presented bids for a digger truck from Altec Capital Services for a 2026 DT65E Freightliner and from Terex Financial Services for a Terex General 65.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to postpone the purchase of a digger truck to the next regular scheduled council meeting on April 21, 2025.

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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to postpone the purchase of electric poles to the next regular scheduled council meeting on April 21, 2025.

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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to rollover all nine CDs at the Bank of Houston for a term of nine months at 4.31 percent. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to allow alcohol to be served at the TCMH Golf Tournament on June 7, 2025. 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			
Alderwomen Walker		X		
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to postpone approval of asphalt bids to the next regular scheduled council meeting on April 21, 2025. This will allow time for the Public Grounds and Airport Committee to meet and evaluate the roads. The 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Cemify will be on the next regular scheduled council meeting on April 21, 2025.

Bill 106 to become Ordinance 2025-106 AN ORDINANCE ELECTING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON BE HEARD AND DETERMINED BY THE TEXAS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, ASSOCIATE DIVISION.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to place Bill 106 on a first reading by title only to become Ordinance 2025-106. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

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The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to place Bill 106 on a second and final reading by title only to become Ordinance 2025-106. 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Alderman Romines informed the council that he has been ask by several citizens about placing a columbarium at the cemetery.

Alderman Romines will research columbarium for the cemetery and share his findings with council at a future council meeting.

City Administrator Wells presented the council with a few updates.

Town & Country Supermarket easement for sewer lines is close to being finalized.

The pipe has been delivered for the water and sewer infrastructure connecting to a new subdivision on Oak Hill Drive.

Servicing for the water towers is on schedule. The North tower will be serviced in June and the South tower is scheduled for later this year.

City Administrator Wells and City Clerk Rodgers will attend District 143 Day at the Capitol Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to adjourn the regular session of the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting and Subsection (12) Contracts. Motion carried with six yes votes.

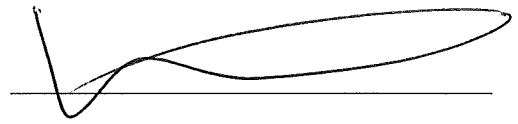
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	X			
Alderman Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to adjourn at 9:19 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 Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Barbara Rodgers

Minutes Taken By



Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Rodgers
City Clerk