

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025
LOCATION: HOUSTON CITY HALL
601 S. GRAND AVE., HOUSTON, MO**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Ave. with the following present: Alderman Fred Stottlemire, Alderman Adam Vandiver, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderwomen Kimberly Bittle, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwomen Ann Tottingham, City Attorney Sean Smith, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers, City Treasurer Joe Honeycutt.

Absent: Mayor Samuel Kelley.

Mayor pro tem Don Romines called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

City Clerk Rodgers called roll call.

Mayor pro tem Romines established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemire and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 5, 2025. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Tottingham and seconded by Alderman Vandiver to approve the minutes of the Closed Regular Council Meeting on May 5, 2025. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemire to approve payroll dated May 7, 2025 (Retro Pay for Journeyman Status). Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve payroll dated for May 19, 2025 for the period of May 5th through May 18th, 2025. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve payments of invoices for May 19, 2025. (\$462,560.28) Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

Public Comments:

Morgan Patterson, Chamber President presented to the council that the chamber would like to host a day of events on June 28, 2025. This is when the City will be celebrating Independence Day with a fireworks display at the airport. The Chamber's vendor festival will include the police dunk tank, food trucks and various other vendors along with a parade that begins at 6:00 p.m. with line-up at 5:00 p.m. at the school parking lot. The council members expressed approval of the chamber's day of events.

Janet Fraley, Texas County Library Board thanked the council for approving the parking lot paving at First and Pine Streets for the new library. Janet also informed the council that the library is planning to purchase a plaque to recognize key contributors of the library project and would like to include a list of city council members that served during that time.

The motion was made by Alderwomen Tottingham and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to authorize Mayor Samuel Kelley to sign Resolution #2025-105R A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT SUCCESSOR DIRECTORS TO THE ARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TCMH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT by title only. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Tottingham and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to postpone all Ordinances amending Chapter 11 to add new Article IV, Section 11-62, 11-63, 11-64, 11-65, and 11-66 to the regular scheduled council agenda on June 2, 2025. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made Alderman Vandiver and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve road closures for the Halloween event in October. The road closures will include Frist Street from Walnut to Pine. Grand Avenue will be open. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderwomen Bittle to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Vandiver	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderwomen Bittle	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Tottingham	X			

Barbara Rodgers
Minutes Taken By

Samuel L. Kelley
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Mayor of Houston, Missouri

ATTEST:

Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Rodgers, City Clerk