

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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, March 3, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Ave. with the following present: Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Fred Stottlemyre, 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 Chief Brad Evans, Parks and Recreation Director Robbie Mortensen, Fire Chief Robbie Smith, City Treasurer Joe Honeycutt

Absent: Mayor Viki Narancich.

Mayor pro tem Romines 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 pro tem established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve the minutes of the Closed Special Meeting on February 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes of the Regular Session on February 19, 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes of the Closed Session on February 19, 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to approve payroll dated for February 24, 2025 for period of February 10 through February 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payments of invoices for February 28 and March 3, 2025 (\$135,427.51) 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 Stottlemire	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to allow alcohol to be served at the CASA Texas County Golf Tournament on May 17, 2025 as has been done in past years. 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			
Alderwomen Walker		X		
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to set the date of June 28, 2025 for Fireworks Display at the Houston Municipal Airport. 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to authorize Megan Ashworth to host the Fall Fest. Motion carried with six yes votes.

The Fall Fest is scheduled for September 13, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

	<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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

Parks and Recreation Director Mortensen presented the bid that was submitted for the Aquatic PIP Surfacing Bid. The council directed Mortensen to go back out for bids. Aquatic PIP Surfacing Bids will be on the next regular council meeting agenda March 17, 2025.

City Administrator Wells requested to continue bids for a dump truck for the water department to the next regular council meeting March 17, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the purchase of a SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) from Field Fire Inc. in the amount of \$12,440.39. 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

Police Chief Evans ask to re-visit Police Drones at a later date allowing time to look at more bids.

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to amend Resolution 2025-102R to correct a name spelling error. 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to authorize Mayor Narancich to sign Resolution #2025-102R Adopting Naming the City of Houston’s Municipal Pool the “Toni M. McKinney City of Houston Municipal Pool”. 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

Mayor pro tem referred the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)-Houston School to the Utility and Building Committee for a recommendation. MOU-Houston School will be on the next regular council meeting agenda March 17, 2025.

A certificate of Deposit (CD) at Simmons Bank will mature on March 6, 2025 for \$108,433.73. The current rate and term options were provided to council that included The Bank of Houston, Progressive Ozark Bank, Security Bank, Simmons Bank and West Plains Bank and Trust.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to renew the CD at West Plains Bank and Trust for a 12 month term at 4.25%. 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			
Alderman Gettys	X			

Show Me Courts will be on the next regular council meeting agenda March 17, 2025.

Public Comments: Kevin Stilley addressed the council regarding electric rates in 2025. Stilley requested the city's kilowatt-hour cost and would like a copy of the 2021-22 rate study.

City Administrator Wells reported that a list of roads to receive asphalt treatment in 2025 will be proposed at the next regular council meeting March 17, 2025.

City Clerk Rodgers continues to investigate cybersecurity insurance carriers in the area.

Alderman Kelley stated that a couple lights needs to be put on Thomasville Road near the Head Start facility and dead end.

Alderwomen Walker appreciates MoDOT for painting traffic lines at US 63 and Holder Road.

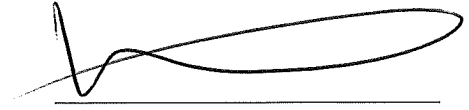
The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwomen Walker close the regular session of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting and Subsection (12) Contracts. Motion carried with six yes votes.

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

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to adjourn at 9:01 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			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderman Gettys	X			

Barbara Rodgers
Minutes Taken By


Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Rodgers, City Clerk