

MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2024

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18th, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwomen Shelia Walker, Alderman Fred Stottlemyre, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Attorney Sean Smith, City Clerk, Barbara Rodgers, Economic Developer Kevin Buck, Sergeant Travis Thompson and Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Mortensen.

Alderman Sam Kelley was absent.

Mayor Narancich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Narancich 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 Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderman Romines to approve the minutes for November 12th, 2024, regular meeting. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to approve the minutes for November 12th, 2024, closed session. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payroll dated for November 18th for November 4th through November 17th, 2024. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payment of invoices for November 18th, 2024 (\$276,654.51) as presented. 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			

Guests:

Janice Weddle with University of Missouri Extension presented a plaque to City of Houston for Missouri’s Most Neighborly City 2024. City of Houston received first place for small city population under 5,000. City Administrator Wells was presented the plaque.

Kelly Beets, MIRMA senior loss control consultant announced the City of Houston was awarded a Risk Management Grant for the items applied for through the program. The items applied for were police department car camera, public works emergency flood lights and gas detectors. The award was presented to City Administrator Wells.

Jeff Gettys, TCMH Director Office of Projects & Foundation gave an update on the CID budget and the cost certifications. The cost certifications were \$2,000 counsel fees, \$1,883 legal fees, and \$170,620 equipment fees. Alderman Romines stated the city has failed to collect a 1.5% from the monthly tax for administrative fees.

Brad Rees reported the light is up at Acorn Street and the residents appreciate it. Rees responded to Doug Gaston’s comments from the last meeting concerning a neighborhood dispute regarding a barrier between his residential property and Gaston’s new commercial gym. Rees reported that the daily harassing calls to police was due to loud music and that it has gotten better. He just wants the laws applied equally.

Public Comments:

Doug Gaston asked the council if they had any questions. Doug reported that trees have been planted as a barrier.

Bill 114 to become Ordinance 2024-114 (Definitions). The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to place Bill 114 on first reading by title only. The final reading will be on the agenda of the next scheduled council meeting December 2nd, 2024. Motion passed 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Bill 115 to become Ordinance 2024-115 (Declaration of nuisance, maintenance thereof, Penalties). The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to place Bill 115 on first reading by title only. The final reading will be on the agenda of the next scheduled council meeting December 2nd, 2024. Motion passed 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

A survey bid from Archer-Elgin Engineering of Rolla for \$8,900 was presented to the council. This was the only company that was recommended by Mid-State Pipeline. No action was taken. City Administrator Wells will get RFQ's for only surveying for the ball field project.

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to postpone 2025 Utility Rates to the next scheduled council meeting on December 2nd, 2024. Motion carried with four 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			

Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Mortensen reported one RFQ for the quadplex has been received from Midstate Pipeline. Director Mortensen stated Midstate Pipeline has done a good job on the new quadplex and recreation center in Belle, MO. A survey will have to be completed before knowing excavation costs. Mayor Narancich asked City Administrator Wells and Parks & Recreation Director Mortensen to invite Midstate Pipeline to the next scheduled council meeting on December 2nd, 2024. Alderman Stottlemyre requested an update on the water pump at golf course. Mortensen stated the parts have not come in and it will take two to three weeks for testing after the pump is installed. The pump should be up and running by Spring. Mortensen also gave an update on the sidewalk project at Bridges Park.

The remaining ARPA funds need to be allocated for 2025. APRA funds will be discussed in the budget meeting November 25th, 2024.

Mayor Narancich stated the Park Board would like to appoint Jake Brookshire and P.J. Murray to the Park Board. The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to appoint Brookshire and Murray to the Park Board. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

City Administrator Update:

City Administrator Wells stated the update was answered by Parks and Recreation Supervisor Mortensen regarding the water pump at the golf course.

Miscellaneous:

None

Comments from Mayor and Board of Alderman:

Alderman Romines stated the brush needs to be cut back at Augusta and Highway 17.
 Alderwomen Walker stated the street signs are missing at Ozark and Airport. Mayor Viki ask that the missing signs to be reported to Administrator Wells.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection (1) Legal, Section 610.021 subsection (3) Hiring and Section 610.021 subsection (12) Contracts. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Barbara Rodgers

Minutes Taken By

[Signature]

Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Rodgers

City Clerk

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Mayor Viki Narancich opened the session at 7:48 P.M. at Houston City Hall, 601 S. Grand with the following members present Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman, Don Romines, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers and City Attorney Sean Smith. Absent Alderman Sam Kelley.

A motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to go back into open session at 8:21 P.M. Motion passed with five roll call 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			
Alderman Romines	X			

Barbara Rodgers

Minutes Taken By:



Mayor

Barbara Rodgers

City Clerk

**MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HOUSTON CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

The Houston City Council met in budget workshop session at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, November 25th, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Viki Narancich, Alderman Fred Stottlemyre, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, and City Administrator Lloyd Wells.

Mayor Narancich called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Narancich led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Narancich established a quorum.

Alderman Don Romines arrived at 5:38 P.M.

Discussion on the budget, concerns on passing cost onto citizens and discussion on long range planning for maintenance on infrastructure.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to adjourn at 7:25 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

Barbara Rodgers
Minutes Taken By:


Mayor

Attest:
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