

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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 17, 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, City Treasurer Joe Honeycutt, Police Sergeant Travis Thompson, Water Department Foreman Dustin Hartman.

Mayor Narancich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the 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 Romines and seconded by Alderman Kelley to move agenda item “public comments” number twenty-one to item number seven. 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 Stottlemyre to approve the minutes of the Regular Session on March 3, 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 Session on March 3, 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 Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to approve the minutes of the Closed Special Session on March 13, 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 Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payroll dated for March 10, 2025 for the period of February 24 through March 9, 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 Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to approve payments of invoices for March 14 and March 17, 2025 (\$434,996.10) 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 Stottlemyre	X			
Alderman Ceplina	X			
Alderwomen Walker	X			
Alderman Romines	X			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

No public comments

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to move City Municipal Court to Texas County Circuit Court. 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 Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to not re-new the lease agreement for the McDonald’s sign located at US 63 and East Walnut Street and replace with a to be determined welcome to Houston sign. 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 Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to accept the bid from GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation for the Aquatic PIP at the splash pad in the amount of \$55,475.25. 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina to amended his previous motion regarding the Aquatic PIP. The bid will be accepted pending that no other bids are submitted by Friday, March 21, 2025. Alderman Kelley seconded the motion. 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 Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to amend the budget to make an additional pool payment in the amount of \$189,000 in 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 Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Kelley to make the additional pool payment in March, 2025. Payment will be made out of the Park and Recreation tax. 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 approve the purchase of 2015 Freightliner truck from Rolla Truck & Trailer, Inc not to exceed \$41,000. 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 Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to accept the Utilities and Buildings Committee’s recommendation to enter into an agreement with Houston R-1 School District to use a portion of the HALO (Houston Alternative Learning Opportunities) building for a small business incubator located at to be determined South First Street and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried with six yes votes. This agreement will begin on March 17, 2025 and commence on March 17, 2026.

The address of HALO was later determined to be 205 South First Street.

	<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			

Electric Poles & Purchases will be on the next regular scheduled council agenda on April 7, 2025.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Kelley to accept the recommendations from Public Grounds on the streets to pave and to go out for bids for asphalt overlay program. 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 Stottlemyre 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 May 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderwomen Walker and seconded by Alderman Romines to move STE to the next regular scheduled council meeting on April 7, 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			

City Administrator Wells thanked employees, especially the electric department for their work restoring power after the storm on Friday, March 14, 2025.

City Administrator Wells announced that Dustin Hartman has been promoted to Water Department Foreman. Bob Richards is working with Jerry Jackson in the sewer department for the transition after Jackson retires.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to enter into a contract with Cunningham for six years for washout & inspect for \$2,250.00 per tank alternating one tank per year and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to accept the bid from Cunnigham for the exterior power wash and overcoat for the Cleveland Road Tower in the amount of \$53,520.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. 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 Romines and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the purchase of water and sewer lines in the amount of \$30,000 to connect the loop for the Rawdon Tarn subdivision on Oak Hill Drive. 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 Romines and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to approve the bid from IDEXX in the amount of \$6,298.81 for E-coli testing for the waste water treatment plant. 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to allow alcohol to be served at the Shop With a Hero Golf Tournament on June 21, 2025 at the Houston Municipal Golf Course. 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 Walker to approve the printing of the City Guide in the amount of \$2,227.90. 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			

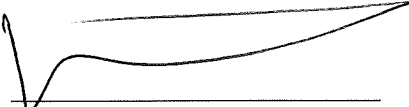
The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to close the regular session of the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting, Subsection (9) Negotiations and Subsection (12) 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			
Alderwomen Gettys	X			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Romines to adjourn at 9:46 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:

Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Rodgers, City Clerk