

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025
LOCATION: HOUSTON CITY HALL
601 S. GRAND AVE., HOUSTON, MO**

The Houston City Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Ave. with the following present: Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Fred Stottlemire, Alderman Don Romines, Alderwomen Sheila Walker, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwomen Angie Gettys, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, City Clerk Barbara Rodgers, City Treasurer Joe Honeycutt, Police Sergeant Josh Green.

Absent: Mayor Viki Narancich, City Attorney Sean Smith.

Mayor pro tem 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.

Public Comments:

Leroy Motzkus, owner of Hungry Holler shared his concerns of his restaurant's sewer issues. Mr. Motzkus restaurant currently has a septic tank and requests that it be hooked into city sewer. The septic tank lateral lines are leaching into a neighbor's field.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to furnish the materials needed for a temporary hookup to the current four inch sewer pipe for Hungry Holler restaurant to keep the leach field lines from going into the neighbor's field. Mr. Motzkus will be responsible for installing the materials. Motion carried with six yes votes.

City Administrator Wells will contact the neighbor.

	<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			

Mr. Ross Richardson, member of the Texas County Library Foundation shared the members concerns regarding the plan to chip and seal a portion of the library's parking lot. The members would like for it to be asphalted.

City Administrator Wells will have the city's street crew get measurements of the parking lot. The council will consider asphaltting a portion of the library parking lot in the bidding process.

Resolution 2025-103R (DRA SEDAP Application) A resolution authorizing Mayor to act on behalf of City of Houston for Delta Regional Authority States' Economic Development Assistance Program.

A motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwomen Gettys to designate and appoint the Mayor of City of Houston to perform all duties and administration of said award. 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			

A motion was made by Alderwomen Gettys and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to provide additional funds in the amount of zero dollars to said award. 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			

A motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to make an in-kind contribution of zero dollars with a fair market value of zero dollars to said award. 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			

A motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to pass and approve and to authorize the City of Houston Mayor to sign Resolution #2025-103R (DRA SEDAP application). 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			

Kevin Ancell with Steelville Long Distance Inc. discussed the plans going forward with the purchase of the City of Houston Fiber System.

Mayor pro tem stated a couple of buildings on Grand Ave. have roof damage that need attention. City Administrator Wells will contact the business owners.

A motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwomen Walker to close the regular session of the meeting at 6:36 p.m. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 Subsection (1) Legal Action 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			

Mayor Viki Narancich and City Attorney Sean Smith were present for the closed portion of the Special Council meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Kelley to adjourn at 7:41 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

[Signature]
Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Rodgers, City Clerk