

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present Mayor Willy Walker, Alderman Kevin Stilley, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Michael Weakly, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Ross Richardson, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, City Administrator Scott Avery, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, City Attorney Brad Eidson, and Chief Brad Evans were also present.

Mayor Walker established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Walker led council in the pledge of allegiance.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to approve the minutes for August 2, 2021, regular meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley				x
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Weakly to approve payment for payroll of August 2, 2021. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley				x
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for August 13th & 16th, 2021 (\$61,702.35) as presented. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley				x
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Alderman Stilley entered meeting.

Public Comments: Robbie Smith presented grant information from MO Conservation. The grant is a 50/50 match, he asked council for permission to apply for grant and use the money for 8 portable radios.

Jeremy St. John had questions regarding fire truck payment to reserves, when the F250 for fire department would be in and why the pool was now closed during the week.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Stilley to allow Chief Smith to move forward on applying for MO Conservation matching grant, city's part will be \$4000.00. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Bill 112 to become Ordinance 2021-112 (Zoning). The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to place Bill 112 on second and final reading by title only. Motion passed with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Bill 113 to become Ordinance 2021-113 (Tax Levy). The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 113 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Bill 113 to become Ordinance 2021-113 (Tax Levy). The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Richardson to place Bill 113 on second and final reading by title only. Motion passed with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderman Kelley to accept bid from Chad Freeman in the amount of \$40,075.00 for fiber splicing. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderman Weakly to accept settlement agreement with MIRMA in the amount of \$21,764.02 and allow the mayor to sign. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (1), (2) or (3). Motion passed with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Richardson to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Stilley	x			
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Weakly	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Richardson	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk