

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present Mayor Protem Don Romines, Alderman Kevin Stilley, Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, City Administrator Mark Campbell, City Clerk Heather Sponsler, Officer Travis Thompson, and City Attorney Brad Eidson were also present.

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

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for January 17, 2023, 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve payment for payroll of January 17th & 30th, 2023. 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for February 3rd & 6th, 2023 (\$135,474.28) 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Guest:

Chief Robbie Smith gave an annual update for Fire Department as well as projects for 2023 including a training tower.

Public Comments:

Bryce Williamson stated the mayor and council are hurting our town's reputation and is asking to get back to progress everyone deserves it.

Megan Ashworth asked to shut down Grand Ave on September 23rd from 9-3pm to hold event downtown.

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to allow Megan Ashworth hold event downtown on September 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm on Grand Ave. 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to allow City Administrator Mark Campbell to apply for a solid waste district recycling grant up to \$40,000.00. 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to approve bid for construction and materials for PON 3 and making splicing repairs on PON 1 in the amount of \$107,340.74. 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to hire an attorney from Jefferson City for union electric contract. 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (1), and (2). Motion passed with five 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Stilley to go back into open session. Motion was passed with five 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Kelley to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. 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 Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk