

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 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, Officer Travis Thompson and City Attorney Brad Eidson 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 Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for July 6, 2021, regular meeting. 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 approve payment for payroll of July 6th, 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 Stilley and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve payment of invoices for July 16th & 19th, 2021 (\$59,792.86) as presented. 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			

Guest: Ron Reed- expressed concern about upkeep on IDA property at Industrial Park. He also gave some history on Northeast Park and the obligation the city has when the grant was received.

Mayor Willy Walker recognized Alexis Kelly, Sheldon Starr and Veronica Douglas for saving a young child at the pool. They went above and beyond; we are thankful and appreciate them.

The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to make final purchase for water meters from Nexgrid in the amount of \$143,448.88. 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 Kelley and seconded by Alderman Stilley to reinvest our two maturing CD's in West Plains Bank and Trust, and split them into three CD's of \$100,000 each. 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 Alderwoman Gettys for the City Administrator Scott Avery to bring back solid numbers with the city to paying 50% of February Relief (\$356,571.28) to August 2nd meeting. 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 Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to adjourn at 7:38 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