

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 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, Lieutenant Matt Woodmansee 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 Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the minutes for November 1, 2021, regular meeting. Motion passed with four 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 the minutes for November 1, 2021, closed meeting. Motion passed with four 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 Gettys and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the minutes for November 9, 2021, special 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 Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of November 8, 2021. 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 approve payment of invoices for November 12th & 15th, 2021 (\$233,261.03) 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:

Chris Strickland CEO at TCMH, wanted to give an update on health care workers and the deadlines for them to be vaccinated. So far 180 employees have not had the vaccines. Chris is unsure what the plan is with the employees and how that will affect TCMH. A committee has been formed to look at exemptions related to health and religion. Chris will keep us informed as more information comes about.

Ewell Lawson with MPUA presented the City with Robert Williams System Achievement Award. This award is for providing exceptional customer service, affordable utility cost, quick response time and launching of fiber.

Bill 115 to become Ordinance 2021-115 (Budget). The motion was made by Alderman Weakly and seconded by Alderman Kelley to place Bill 115 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			

The motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Kelley to accept bid from ADF for E-ticketing equipment in the amount of \$11,204.00. 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			

The motion was made by Alderman Stilley and seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve

bid from Feld Fire in the amount of \$13,893.00 for two SCBA's. 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 Walker to adjourn at 7:31 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