

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 3, 2017 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Viki Narancich, Alderman David Arthur and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Police Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Tottinham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve the minutes for the December 19, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to approve the minutes for the December 19, 2016 closed meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of December 27, 2016. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Arthur and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for December 29, 2016 (\$132,619.45) as presented. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Narancich and seconded by Alderman Arthur to approve payment of invoices for January 3, 2017 (\$162,240.45) as presented. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

Guests: Bud Evans, Brad Rees, Dennis Wilson, Martin Fisher.

Bud Evans owner of the Oakwood Golf Club presented council with a proposal for selling the golf course to the city.

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2017-100. An Ordinance amending the 2017 Budget. (Bill 100 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 100 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2017-100. The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 100 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to adopt Bill 100 as Ordinance 2017-100. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
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| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

Administrator Report

January 3, 2017

1. Tonya and I renegotiated a new contract with US Cellular for city service. We will see a savings of approximately \$150.00 per month.
2. KPM was here Dec 27th to do the annual pre-audit in preparation for the full audit scheduled to be performed in February.
3. Mayor and I met with school Superintendent Moss to discuss school/city collaboration.
4. Have paid all the bills we've received for 2016. Budget has ended in the black once more.
5. Our new health insurance provider is having a wellness fair for staff Jan 5th. Will discuss wellness program and blood work while here.
6. Staff has been busy burning leaves, trimming power lines, etc. throughout town. Their continued hard work makes Houston the nicest town around.
7. Bross has striped the south end of Hwy 63 providing three lane (with turn lane in the middle) from Sonic south to city limits. Won't be able to finish the grinding and striping for the remaining project until warmer weather.
8. Looking forward to another busy year in 2017. Major projects include; 3-4 new box hangers at the airport, sidewalk along Hwy 63, continuing our asphalt program, replacing water and electric meters, installing additional

LED lighting, installation of new playground and exercise equipment at Rutherford Park, etc.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

Work continues on installing lighting at Rutherford Park.

Mayor would like for council to established some new goals as some of the current goals have been accomplished.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.011 (1) & (2). Motion passed with six roll call votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to return to open session at 8:01 p.m. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

Council would like to hear updates from department supervisors about their departments along with quarterly reports, and daily logbook from Ron Reed Economic Developer, and monthly park board minutes.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion passed with six yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstaining</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
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| Alderman Honeycutt | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Barnes | x | | | |
| Alderman Wells | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Walker | x | | | |
| Alderwoman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk