

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 17, 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, and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Police Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Tottingham 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 Walker to approve the minutes for the January 3, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed with five 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 Narancich to approve the minutes for the January 3, 2017 closed meeting. Motion passed with five 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 Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment for payroll of January 9, 2017. Motion passed with five 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 of invoices for January 13 & 17, 2017 (\$47,178.70) as presented. Motion passed with five 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

Alderman Arthur joined the meeting.

Guests: Susan Parish, Gary Parish, George Sholtz, Ron Reed, Jeremy St John, Kimberly Bittle, Dennis Wilson, Martin Fisher, Glen McKinney, Don Romines.

Police Chief Ceplina presented council with the annual summary of the police departments activity for 2016. Accidents were down from 2015, department being required to use a seventeen digit charge code, all officers will need 24 hours of training approved by P.O.S.T. for the year, received 100% on the U.C.R. audit.

Economic Developer Ron Reed presented council with an update of the projects he has going on for the city. Assisted Living Facility, Water Tower and Well, Durham expansion, New North Side Industry, merger of Industrial Development Authority & Houston Development Corporation.

Assisted Living Facility - Working with architecture and engineering phase.

Water Tower Well – In the final steps of close out.

Durham – Moving forward.

IDA/HDC – This is a complex project.

Dairy building – Working with a couple of potential clients for this.

Be aware that the city will need to prioritize their decisions on grants in the future. We need to be able to have a trainable work force and availability to training.

Questions asked. Can the dairy building be used for a different business. Yes it can, all the dairy equipment is still in the building at this time.

Anyone using the OzSBI small loan program. Not at this time.

How will the IDA/HDC fit together. Very complex merger.

Mr. Reed informed council that today was his last day with the city. Stated he will continue to work on projects that need closing.

Joe Honeycutt chairman of the airport committee gave council their recommendations on the airport hanger leases that are due.

Hanger #2 – Approximately 883 square ft, exterior in fair condition, may need paint in the summer. Recommend \$100 per month.

Hanger #5 - Approximately 1800 square ft, very good exterior condition, may need paint in the summer, minor repair of metal on door. Recommend \$150.00 per month.

Hanger #8 – This hanger has been without a lease since 2011, due to the current condition, rusted metal, some will need replacing, lack of required doors, no activity for some time. Recommend that the hanger be removed, common walls for hangers on either side be retained, some horizontal supports also retained, and some type of fence be placed in the open area to restrict potential vehicle traffic from the road being constructed.

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Wells to accept the recommendations from the airport committee on the three airport leases that are due. 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 101 to become Ordinance 2017-101. An Ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to execute a contract with FAA. (Bill 101 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Wells to place Bill 101 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 101 to become Ordinance 2017-101. The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 101 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 101 as Ordinance 2017-101. Motion passed with six yes 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			

Bill 102 to become Ordinance 2017-102. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor or the City Administrator to execute airport lease agreements. (Bill 102 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to place Bill 102 on first reading by title only with the addition of the Mayor's or Administrator's approval signature. 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 102 to become Ordinance 2017-102. The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to place Bill 102 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 Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Wells to adopt Bill 102 as Ordinance 2017-102. Motion passed with six yes 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 Narancich to approve Bill 200R to become Resolution 2017-200R. (lien release) Motion passed with six yes roll call votes.

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

Administrator Report

January 17, 2016

1. Electric Department has concentrated on additional tree and limb cutting in preparation for forecasted freezing rain.
2. Water/Sewer Department and inmate staff finished the gabion basket installation with Kirk Manier along Brushy Creek. Expected heavy rain will give the new wall a good test. Staff worked really hard and long hours to complete before heavy rain occurred on this project.
3. Several of the new hanger occupants have started paying their rent monthly.
4. Sales tax for 2016 ended up 2%, in line with budget projections. However we've budgeted for a 4% increase in 2017 which we hope to obtain.
5. Public Grounds staff prepared equipment for winter storm.
6. Letters have been sent to all property owners along Hwy 17 letting them know about the public hearing to rezone from residential to highway business. Hearing will be at 5:30, city hall, Feb 21st before council meeting.

No additions to Administrator's Report:

City Administrator addressed council about future city finances.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (3). 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			

