

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 19, 2016 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Don Tottingham, Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, Alderman David Arthur and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Don Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2016 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			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment for payroll of January 11, 2016. 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for January 15 & 19, 2016 (\$56,321.67) 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: Joey Moore, Chief Tim Ceplina.
Shane Blazier with the request for a taxi service was not present.

Chief Ceplina gave the annual report for the police department. A total of 718 cases for 2015 up from 600 in 2014. The department had a case clearance rate of 84% overall. Changes with the state have made for more time consuming paperwork. The six cars in the department have logged 58,832 miles for 2015.

Bill 122, still waiting on a new contract from OzSBI. No action taken.

Bill 123 to become Ordinance 2015-123. An Ordinance requiring trash receptacle at all drive-thru restaurants. (Bill 123 has been posted). The motion was made by Alderman Arthur and seconded by Alderman Romines to place Bill 123 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with five yes 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Bill 123 to become Ordinance 2015-123. The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 123 on second and final reading by title only. Motion passed with five yes 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to adopt Bill 123 as Ordinance 2015-123. Motion passed with five 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2016-100. An Ordinance amending the termination date for utilities. (Bill 100 has been posted). The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to place Bill 100 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with four yes 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 Romines		x		
Alderman Arthur	x			

Discussed the possibility of rezoning East & West Hwy 17. Will send recommendations to P & Z in the near future for them to study.

Dave Klotz is requesting the use of Downtown on June 9-11 for Brushy Creek Days. Board asks if the Chamber is involved with this and if the Farmers Market have been approached about this. Will gather more information before a decision is made.

Administrator Report January 19, 2016

1. Police Department staff has been working hard remodeling and securing Police department. Looks really nice and will be more functional.
2. Clean up from last flood mostly complete. Will have to do some repair and rock hauling at the treatment plant when it dries out enough.
3. Electric Dept has started replacing old lights on Hwy 63, between First Street and Pizza Hut with LED lighting. Also continuing tree trimming.
4. Water/Sewer Dept is putting together the new maps created by Chuck Manier. Repaired a main water break on Second Street, worked on well 2 (installing new starter on pump and new overload), built scaffolding to replace swivel in the bio tank.
5. Second round of basketball season started first weekend of the year. First season went off really well and second season has had a great start.
6. Auditors were at city hall Jan 13th for their pre-audit. Will return in Feb to do the full audit.
7. Waiting to see if FEMA/SEMA declares the last flood a disaster where we can get assistance. Damage we had was at the bridge on east Main and a wash out at the treatment plant.
8. Still working with FEMA on reimbursement for damage last year on Spruce.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

Working with FEMA/SEMA to close out the June 2015 paperwork on the flood.

Had a main water line break at Hwy 17 near Hamrick and Augusta. Issued a voluntary boil order for those that were effected.

Discussed the progress of the water tower and well at the Industrial Park.

Mayor has talked to Lee Smith about the Tweed House.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

City Clerk