

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 6, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 6, 2017 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: 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 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 February 21, 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 Barnes to approve the minutes for the February 21, 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 Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of February 21, 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 Barnes to approve payment of invoices for March 3 & 6, 2017 (\$188,677.09) 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 | | | |

Guests: Ewell Lawson, Doug Healy, Drew Jordan, Tammy Cantrell, Jeremy St John, Martin Fisher, George Sholtz.

Drew Jordan the Parks and Receptions Director for the City of Houston gave council an update on activities. Basketball program went well. Had a lot of teams, bid out concessions this year that went well. The gate admission paid the officials. Working on replacing the basketball goal and one of the ride on toys at Emmett Kelly Park. The playground and exercise equipment has been scheduled to be installed at Rutherford Park. Have had soccer signups still in need of coaches. Drew will be attending park and recreation conference next week. Drew is working with Elaine Campbell on the MO Land and Water Conservation Grant.

Tammy Cantrell the Texas County Collector/Treasurer gave council update on the 2016 tax collections. Total collected from March 2016 to February 2017 is \$103,763.04.

The Texas County Collector is asking permission to outlaw the 2013 personal property taxes totaling \$210.86.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to accept the request from the collector to outlaw the 2013 pp taxes. Motion passed with five yes votes.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Not Voting</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 | | | |

Ewell Lawson with MJMEUC addressed council about the proposed Ordinance 2017-104. Each city in the MMMPEP group is being asked to pass an ordinance allowing MJMEUC to work on their behalf in the filing of applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Bill 104 to become Ordinance 2017-104. (An Ordinance authorizing MJMEUC to file applications on the City's behalf) The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 104 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with five 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 | | | |
| Alderman Narancich | x | | | |
| Alderman Arthur | x | | | |

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to adopt Bill 104 as Ordinance 2017-104. Motion passed with five 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

March 6, 2017

1. Thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers following my surgery, it's much appreciated. Still sore but recovering daily.
2. Parks and Recreation Basketball season wrapped up last week. Net profits were over what was budgeted. Another successful season.
3. Police station completed, please stop by and see the improvements. Volunteers really stepped up and made great use
4. Materials to complete south sewer extension on order (3-4 weeks out). Also ordered shoring safety equipment for the Water/Sewer Department.
5. Public Grounds has started on spring clean-up, especially along sidewalks and right of way.
6. Electric Department has been building cages for lights on Hwy 63, staked out (lights that we took down for the Hwy widening project). Will start replacing base, poles and lights soon (will use LED bulbs).
7. Part time, summer help needed for mowing. Public Grounds is a 1000 hour position and Parks & Recreation is 6-8 weeks. Please let me know if you know someone who may be interested.

Additions to Administrator's Report:
Preliminary audits results look good.
Per MoDot request ISO signs are being resized North & South of the city.

Miscellaneous: Discussed several items.
Questions on proposed new law on solar.
Amazon tax.
Frying Pan sign.
Ditches on Airport Road.
Vacant ED position.
Planning an economic development committee next week.
Health Insurance.
Island on First Street.
Mo Sun Solar sign on poles.
Farmer's Market request.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed with five 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