

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 4, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 4, 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, Alderman Chalky Wells, 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 Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

	<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 Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of March 21, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

	<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 April 1 & 4, 2016 (\$114,782.32) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

	<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: Tammy Cantrell.

Ms. Cantrell gave update on the city taxes the county collected. A total of \$97,163.11 in real estate & personal property taxes was collected from August 2015 to February 2016. There is a total of \$5,087.62 in delinquent taxes still on the books. In May of 2016 you will be able to pay your taxes online at the county.

Discussed the list of properties on the demolition list. This will involve a lot of work and expensive to proceed with this.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Arthur to start the process on the top six on the list. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Heard a request from Houston Education Foundation.

The motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Romines to donate \$250.00 to this request. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### Administrator Report

April 4, 2016

1. New police radios were installed March 23/24<sup>th</sup> in all vehicles.
2. Would council be OK with asphaltting the old Triangle lot this year? Cost estimated to be less than \$12,000 and funds from road oil account would be used. Since area is prone to flooding we feel that using rock won't work since it would wash away when flooded.

3. Obtaining cost estimates for LED replacement bulbs for downtown lights. This will be in addition to the on-going LED light replacement.
4. Awaiting company representative to assist in installation of new slide at pool. Should be done in next couple of weeks. All departments have assisted in installation prep and will be doing assembly under company representative's guidance.
5. New well drilling started last week. Council needs to decide what color to paint tank and letters.
6. Contractor using infrared camera to seek hot spots in our electric system was here last week. Numerous lightning arrestors were found to be deficient along with a few transformers which were overloaded. Replacement parts will be ordered and installed.
7. Note – Utility cut offs will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> instead of 25<sup>th</sup> beginning in April.
8. Mowing and weed eating has begun.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

Decided to paint Houston Tigers on the east side of the new water tower.

Learned from the contractor using the infrared camera that the city has a good electrical system.

Pool prices have been determined.

Received an e-mail from Chris Rutledge with MoDot concerning Hwy 63 project.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to grant Christy Hall's request for a 60 day extension on her RV. Motion passed unanimously.

	<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			

Learned that city employee Scott McKinney has filed for county commissioner.

Heard from Attorney Edison that Chuck Manier will do some survey work for David Arthur on some easements on the south side of the city.

Two of the city officers have been sued in federal court.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

	<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			

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Minutes Taken By

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk