

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 18, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 18, 2016 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Don Tottinham, Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Don Tottinham 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 April 4, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed with four 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 Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of April 4, 2016. Motion passed with four 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 Alderman Wells to approve payment of invoices for April 15 & 18, 2016 (\$41,468.56) as presented. Motion passed with four 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 Alderman Wells to approve Bill 201R to become Resolution 2016-201R. (certifying election results) 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

Alderman Romines addressed the board about some of the accomplishments the city has made and that he was proud of being a part of during his years on the board. He urged the current board to seek out ideas that need to be completed. He wanted to thank the citizens for providing him the opportunity to service on the board. He congratulated Viki Narancich and wished her the best as new board member.

The Mayor recognized outgoing Alderman Romines with a plaque for his years of service.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed with four 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 Mayor reopened the meeting with the following members present Mayor Don Tottingham, Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Narancich, and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

City Clerk Tonya Foster administered the oath of office to Alderwomen Walker and Narancich.

Guests: Steve and Tressa Dunlap, Brad Gentry, Alice Wells, Jeremy St John, Doug Castleman.

Steve and Tressa Dunlap with On Time Ministry would like to create a transition home for survivors of the human sex trafficking industry at location 116 East Main, Houston, MO. This would be the second home in the State of Missouri. The facility would house 4-5 adult ladies, would have a volunteer staff 24 hours a day. Mayor approved and welcomed this facility to the city.

Received three asphalt bids. Low bidder was Pace Construction at \$73.10 per ton including milling. City Administrator Sutton and street supervisor Kirkman recommend the Pace

Construction bid of &73.10 per ton.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to award the bid to Pace Construction. Motion passed with four 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

Received four bids on transformers that are needed to replenish stock in assorted sizes. Low bidder was Cape Electric at \$22,570.96. City Administrator Sutton and electrical supervisor Williams recommend Cape Electric bid of \$22,570.96.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to award the bid to Cape Electric at \$22,570.96. Motion passed with four 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

Administrator Report

April 18, 2016

1. Asphalt bids were received and will be presented to council for approval at the April 18th meeting. Lowest/best bid was from Pace Construction. Should be able to do all the projects that were planned.
2. Well drilling is going well, have not run into any serious problems and the project remains on schedule. Ray West has been inspecting weekly.
3. Reviewed proposals to remove old fuel tank. Chose SCI Engineering out of Rolla. Their proposal was \$2000 less than other proposal received.
4. New pool slide installation began 4-13-2016; city staff was assisted by company engineers during the installation process.
5. Elaine has started the warranty deed process on the homes chosen for demolition, after that is completed list will be turned over for inspector to do his report.

6. Our grant request for a new recycling trailer has been forwarded to board for approval. Should know soon when we'll receive.
7. Last week a power outage occurred in the central and north side of town. The culprit was a squirrel and which took out a transformer.
8. Will attend an area transportation meeting April 19th in Mt Grove.
9. Learned that the time frame for the FEMA storm restoration will be too long to wait for assistance. Will do the necessary repairs with staff.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

April was first month for utility shut offs on the 15th. Had 25 shut offs, as of Monday two customers were still off.

New meter reader working well.

Received a Thank You letter from Faith Fellowship for the use of the fire truck on Easter for the egg drop.

Mayor's walking club starts April 18, 2016.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion passed with four 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

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk