

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 5, 2017 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderman Jeremy St John, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Viki Narancich, Alderwoman Kim Bittle and City Clerk Tonya Foster, and Police Officer Mat Woodmansee were also present.

Mayor Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the June 19, 2017 closed meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made a by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the minutes for the June 26, 2017 special meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made a by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman St. John to approve the minutes for the June 27, 2017 special meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made a by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the minutes for the June 27, 2017 special closed meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made a by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2017 special meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made a by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2017 special closed meeting. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of June 26, 2017. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to approve payment of invoices for June 30, & July 3 & 5 2017 (\$107,491.40) as presented. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

Guests: Mike Williams, Dennis Wilson.

The property at 219 N 2<sup>nd</sup> has been inspected by Robert Stringer who first inspected the property. Everything has been done that was on the list.

Charlie Clouse's hanger lease is due August 2017. No repairs or maintenance is needed to this hanger at this time.

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman St. John to ask \$75.00 per month for this hanger with a year lease. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

Alderman Honeycutt will contact Mr. Clouse about the rent.

Discussed how press releases are to be handled. The Mayor understood Ms. Bowen to say that it was ok to release information on her hiring the next day. Board didn't realize it would be released that soon. The ordinance says City Administrator is responsible for keeping the public informed. Sunshine law states release of votes in closed session can be immediate or if needed

after the 72 hours. Alderwomen Narancich & Bittle will work on a policy for press releases.

Discussed awning to be placed at city hall for two vehicles. Had pricing from two places. Needs to be 20 X 21 and 7' in height. Mayor and City Clerk will get a firm price and check budget for where to pay from.

Miscellaneous:

Discussed donations to non for profit organizations. The city currently has a simple contract that attorney Eidson drafted for donation use.

Discussed dress code. Question on whether employees could wear shorts. Personnel manual doesn't specifically address shorts. Maybe a safety issue.

Police department has been busy with search warrants and arrests.

12 year old Scotty Parker will be riding his bike from Marshfield, MO to Houston, MO on 7/6/2017 on Hwy 17. He is raising awareness of the 1.8 billion people around the world who don't have clean water to drink. His goal is to raise awareness and \$500,000 for Water Mission. He is riding his bike across the U.S. from Santa Monica, CA to Charleston, SC.

Discussed the UDAG fund. Attorney Eidson will call the city's auditor for more information.

Dirt work at the new water tower needs to be completed.

Mike Williams electric supervisor discussed the issue with the lights at the Chamber ball field.

Intercounty Electric was preparing to remove the lights for use at the Chamber event at the fairgrounds. The city has maintained the lights at the ball fields during ball season in the past.

No communication with anyone at city hall before removal was made. The lights are to be put back at the ball field when weather permits. Chamber Director has agreed to have the bulbs replaced. Question is does the city continue to maintain the lights.

Will have an introduction meeting with the new city administrator her first week on duty.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion passed with five yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson				x
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

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Minutes Taken By

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk