

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderman Donnie Wilson, Alderman Jeremy St John, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderwoman Viki Narancich, Alderwoman Kim Bittle and City Administrator Tona Bowen, City Clerk Tonya Foster, 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 Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the minutes for the July 17, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed with six 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 Wilson and seconded by Alderman St. John to approve the minutes for the July 17, 2017 closed meeting. Motion passed with six 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 July 24, 2017. Motion passed with six 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 Alderman St. John to approve payment of invoices for July 28 & August 1, 2017 (\$73,598.42) as presented. Motion passed with six 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, Harley Coulter, Joe Mainer, Keith Hamilton, Bob Richards, Jon Cook, Crystal Stice, Dennis Wilson, Bud Evans, Gary Stroup, Angie Long, Heather Sponsler, Chalky Wells, Bruce Scheets, Angie Quinlan, Lori Moncrief, Bobby Dixon, Drew Jordan, Gayla Bratton, Brad Rees.

Angie Quinlan Houston Chamber Director requested permission from the city to close Grand Avenue from Walgreens to Walnut Street for the September 23 Pumpkin Festival. Ms. Quinlan will speak with each business that this would effect. Ms. Quinlan will provide the city clerk with a signed list from the business owners showing their approval.

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman St. John to allow the closure of the street on September 23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. if all businesses are in favor of this. Motion passed with six 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			

Bruce Scheets spoke for the Chamber Board. They had some concerns over their contract with the city. The Chamber has a yearly contract with the city which is due in May 2018 for renewal. May look at renegotiating at this time.

Bill 110 to become Ordinance 2017-110. An Ordinance amending the city's purchasing agent. (Bill 110 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to place Bill 110 on first reading by title only. Motion passed with six 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			

Bill 110 to become Ordinance 2017-110. The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to place Bill 110 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with six 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			

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adopt Bill 110 as Ordinance 2017-110. Motion passed with six yes roll call 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			

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve Bill 204R to become Resolution 2017-204R. (appointing director to MJMEUC) Motion passed with six 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			

The city needs to award the contract on the airport hangers project soon. To do phase 1 & 2 the city would need to come up with \$74,000 more than what was budgeted. City Administrator will look over the budget and have recommendations at the next meeting.

Discussed the proposal on purchasing the Oakwood Golf Course. Will have a public hearing August 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to hear from citizens on this proposal.

The Press Release Policy will be on the next agenda.

The Melba project is progressing. They still have seats available for sponsoring.

Discussed the request for the city to participate in a Community Service program. City

Administrator will work on a policy with city supervisors.

City Administrator report:

My First Week

Thank you for the flowers!!

Greet meeting with my team and the community

Have spent time on the Airport project getting up to speed to make a recommendation. I am going to have to find dollars.

I still need to get up to speed on the FEMA Projects

Started training so I can sign on Federal Funds for MoDOT – LPA Program

Meeting with current Trash contractor on Thursday want to have the bid out on Monday

Had a meeting with my managers. We will have a monthly meeting for me to get the pulse and find out if they are having hold up that I can assist them with currently the pulse is a bit down.

Our employees are not feeling they are valued.

Called the accountant and he has been away

The Air conditioning unit is out at the Visitor Center – We have received bids and will go with the low bid to have a unit replaced. Getting this one fixed is not an option at this time.

The Houston Senior Center has won an award of Excellence and are having a party to celebrate at the Houston Senior center from 10- 12:30 on Friday, Aug 11, 2017

Miscellaneous:

Discussed options on purchasing a vehicle for the police department.

Meeting with SCOCOG on August 10, 2017 at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

IDA has purchased the equipment that was in the dairy building.

City Administrator working with the water bottler company.

Hwy 63 sidewalk project scheduled to start August 14, 2017.

Still waiting to receive grant money to purchase chipper.

Waiting on the funds for the Hwy 63 widening project to be able to close this project.

Paperwork on the FEMA projects has been sent in.

Community Betterment Youth are working on getting ready for their annual conference trip.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion passed with six 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			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk