

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 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, Chief Tim Ceplina, and Sgt Brad Evans were also present.

Mayor Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the August 21, 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 Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of August 21, 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 Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to approve payment of invoices for September 1 & 5, 2017 (\$107,398.34) 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, Keith Hamilton, Heather Sponsler, Chalky Wells, George Sholtz, Brad Gentry, Don Romines, Bob Richards.

Drew Jordan was not able to be at the meeting. Heather Sponsler secretary for the park board handed out revenue expense report on the pool showing the years 2015, 2016, 2017. 2017 numbers shows pool is doing better than past years.

Request from Community Betterment & Arts Council of Houston Y.O.U.T.H. Requesting financial support from the city for their annual trip to the state conference.

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the request of \$1500 with a signed contract. 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	

City Administrator Update:
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

I have received most of the manager's requests for budget. As of Friday, September 01, 2017 I have received Police, Water/sewer, Tonya and I had a discussion, electric and I have had many discussions on items. I would like to set a meeting up with each of the managers, me and the finance committee. My schedule in September is pretty hectic with MML, MPUA, Governor's conference on Economic Development and Flood management training. I also need to do a forecast for the anticipated revenue for next year. With all that going on I would like to set the meeting the first week in October. I realize we need to get this all to council in November. I am thinking this meeting with managers and the Finance committee will allow priority items to be included in the budget and the priority will be set with the input from the departments. Tonya and I have been meeting with the insurance providers. One of the comments made by our current insurance provider and our previous provider is the costs for insurance will be the same whoever writes the contract. The reason the City had a lower price on the current insurance is this specific plan had a decrease because of the Rural water Affiliation. The Insurance is not meeting the needs of our employees. I think it was a try to reduce costs, but the service our employees receive has not been as good it should. I would prefer to shop local if there is any way we can.

Worked on the uniform contract and am meeting with ARAMARK on Wednesday. I am including the electric department in the meeting for their comments on the product offered. IDA is still working on filling the Dairy Building, I meet Gail the dairy specialist she is suggesting the IDA make the building food certified.

I was allowed to tour Gamo this past week. The closing of this building will be a hit to the City. Juan Carlos has the building up for sale or lease.

The water fountain is in at Rutherford and I have heard great comments.

I have had five citizens stop in and talk to me about the Golf Course all in favor of trying to keep the course open. I have also received a few calls in support and one call not in support of the course.

I have decided to post two positions. One position is for a journeyman in electric and a manager for the sewer/ water department.

It was suggested that while I am in the upcoming meetings I have an iPad. Before I go and get one I wanted to run it by you and find out if there is any interest in using iPads for the Council. Tonya would email all of the packets out to everyone on a city issued IPAD. This would allow you to perhaps search easier for items in prior meetings and be a place you could take notes and we would have the ordinances at the tips of our fingers.

We have been approached by Healthy Schools and Healthy communities to see if we would be interested in training on livable streets. Livable Streets program works to ensure that communities have flexible policies in place so that all Missourians have access to safe transportation options, regardless of ability, age, or income level. As this is a training only I plan to move forward. Once we need to make a decision to implement what is learned I will bring it to the Counsel with a recommendation.

I approved a lot line adjustment for Jack Warkentin Owner and Curtis Hubbs purchaser on Winters Drive.

Please invite the City Council to the Community Betterment Judging on Monday, Sept 11, 3:15 at the Melba Theater.

Projects in Houston highlighted this year will be:

1. Melba Theater Renovation
2. City House Numbering
3. Elementary Biking program and helmets provided by Healthy Schools
4. Expansion of Rutherford Park
5. Opening of Rascalz
6. YOUTH projects: City House Numbering and City wide Easter Egg Hunt.

Miscellaneous:

No date on when the asphalt project will begin.

Still waiting to hear on a date to order the wood chipper.

Discussed when the clean up between Durham and Warkentin would be.

Discussed the decision on the alley on Oak Street. Mayor and City Administrator will visit with the property owners.

Discussed properties that were on the nuisance list. Also property on Millstone Rd.

Paving of Winter Circle. Certain requirements need to be met for the city to pave.

Discussed the purchase of Ipads for council use at meetings.

Will the street striping by the school be redone.

Work has begun on the Hwy 63 sidewalk project.

The motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman St. John to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.021 (3). Motion passed with six 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 Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to return to open session. 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 Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to adjourn at 7:29 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