

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 6, 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, Alderwoman Viki Narancich, Alderman David Arthur and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and 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 Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve the minutes for the August 15, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passed with six 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			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve the minutes for the August 23, 2016 meeting. Motion passed with five 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			

Alderwoman Narancich questioned the meeting held August 23, 2016. It was a financial committee meeting with Alderman Wells attending for final approval of Ordinance 2016-108 (2016 tax levy) which needed to be finalized before September 1, 2016. The agenda for the meeting was posted 24 hours before the meeting was held. Alderwoman Narancich's objection to the minutes was that not all council members were notified nor was 24 hour notice given.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment for payroll of August 22, 2016. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<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 Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve payment of invoices for September 2 & 6, 2016 (\$402,375.70) as presented. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<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 Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: Tyler Romines, Angie Quinlan, Gary & Susan Parish, George Sholtz, Mark Freeman, Martin Fisher.

Gary Parish Thanked the council for listening to him. Mr. Parish had some questions concerning Ordinance 2016-109. Mr. Parish is opposed to the Ordinance as it is written now. Council listened to Mr. Parish’s concerns and Attorney Eidson and Chief Ceplina will review.

George Sholtz thanked the council and he appreciates what the city is trying to do. Mr. Sholtz needed to know how this Ordinance effects his business Buy It Now. Attorney Eidson will check on this and call Mr. Sholtz on Wednesday with an answer.

Tyler Romines with the Chamber introduced Angie Quinlan Chamber Director. Chamber is planning Fall Festival September 24, 2016 9-3. Would like permission to close Grand Avenue from Walnut Street to Steffen Street. The Chamber has contacted businesses on Grand Avenue about closing the street. All are in agreement to close the street September 24, 2016. Chamber will get written permission from the businesses this will effect.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Walker to allow the Chamber to close Grand Avenue on September 24, 2016 9-3 from Walnut to Steffen contingent on City receiving the written permission from the businesses. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	<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 Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Request from Houston Imagination Library.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to donate \$250.00 to Houston Imagination Library. Motion passed with six 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			

Administrator Report

September 6, 2016

1. Met with the Finance Committee August 23rd and gave an overview of the 2017 budget. Also discussed that electric sales are down considerable due to weather. Committee will meet again after 9/6/16 council meeting.
2. Pump was installed at the new well. Painting of the tank has ran into a slowdown due to rain. Exterior prep for painting done, working on interior of tank now. Project still ahead of schedule and expect to be up and operating by the end of September. Update – exterior paint has started.
3. Mowing and weed eating seems never ending. Currently at least one week behind. Everyone is working hard to keep up.
4. Working with MoDOT on city lights that will have to be moved for Hwy 63 widening project. Areas affected are from Taco Bell to Cleveland Road. We will take lights down beginning this week and re-install after highway widening is completed. Will have to relocate 8-11 lights.
5. Still waiting on Pace Construction for annual asphalt program. They're currently working on Hwy 60.
6. FEMA is renegeing on approval of funds we were supposed to receive for repair of flood damage around the treatment plant. I'm going continue applying pressure since their own staff assured us that there would be no problem receiving assistance.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

Working with the city of Mt View to join the electric pool. Will vote on at the next MPUA meeting.

Finance committee meeting after this meeting tonight.
Mayor said work is being done on the Tweed House with donated funds.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed with six 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