

October 3, 2011

## Council Meeting

The Houston City Council met in regular session October 3, 2011 with Mayor Tottingham calling the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Aldermen present: David Arthur, Don Romines, Joyce Campbell, Chalky Wells, Sharon Sillyman and Joe Honeycutt. City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Police Chief McNiell were present.

Alderman Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Romines made motion to approve the minutes from the regular session September 19, 2011. Seconded by Alderman Arthur. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Alderman Wells made motion to approve payroll of September 27, 2011. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes votes. Overtime was discussed.

Alderman Wells made motion to approve invoices of September 30 & October 3, 2011 totaling \$90,995.29 including \$100 for Downtown Houston for payment as presented. Seconded by Alderman Campbell. Motion passed with six yes votes. Discussed cell phones and the recording fee for the Tuttle Lease.

Guests attending: Kathy Richardson.

Kathy Richardson gave update on the proposal to move the awning from the TCMH to downtown Houston. She has raised \$9000 to help with the cost of moving and engineering.

Downtown Houston has requested a donation for the Halloween trick or treat event. Alderman Wells made motion to donate \$100 to the event. Seconded by Alderman Romines. Motion passed with six yes votes.

Administrator Sutton gave a brief explanation of the three Bills to become Ordinances.

Motion made by Alderman Romines to place Bill 112 (Mayor's signature) on first reading by title only. (Bill 112 has been posted) Seconded by Alderman Honeycutt. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Campbell to place Bill 112 on second and final reading by title only. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Arthur to adopt Bill 112 as Ordinance 2011-112. Seconded by Alderman Romines. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Aldermen Honeycutt – yes, Sillyman – yes, Wells – yes, Campbell – yes, Romines – yes, Arthur – yes.

Motion made by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 113 (MJMEUC contract) on first reading by title only. (Bill 113 has been posted) Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Wells to place Bill 113 on second and final reading by title only. Seconded by Alderman Campbell. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Romines to adopt Bill 113 as Ordinance 2011-113. Seconded by Alderman Sillyman. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Aldermen Honeycutt – yes, Sillyman – yes, Wells – yes, Campbell – yes, Romines – yes, Arthur – yes.

Motion made by Alderman Honeycutt to place Bill 114 (MMMPEP/MJMEUC) on first reading by title only. (Bill 114 has been posted) Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Wells to place Bill 114 on second and final reading by title only. Seconded by Alderman Romines. Motion passed with six yes votes. Motion made by Alderman Wells to adopt Bill 114 as Ordinance 2011-114. Seconded by Alderman Arthur. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes. Aldermen Honeycutt – yes, Sillyman – yes, Wells – yes, Campbell – yes, Romines – yes, Arthur – yes.

In addition to the administrator's report:

The police department didn't receive the policeman's grant that was applied for. An approximate 3% rate increase from Sho-Me Power for 2012.

Alderman Romines asked about the amending of the animal ordinances. He also had some concerns about how the fire inspections are being handled. Administrator Sutton to follow up with the Fire Chief on this.

Chief McNiell reported that the police department's work load has increased.

Attorney Eidson also commented on the length of night court because of the increase in cases.

No further comments.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Romines at 8:03 P.M. Seconded by Alderman Wells. Motion passed with six yes votes.

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Minutes Taken by

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

