

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 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 Viki Narancich, Alderwoman Kim Bittle and City Administrator Tona Bowen, City Clerk Tonya Foster, and Chief Tim Ceplina, were also present.

Mayor Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Tottingham lead council in the pledge of allegiance.

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the amended minutes for the October 2, 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 Alderwoman Bittle and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the amended minutes for the October 2, 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 by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to approve payment for payroll of October 2, 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 Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve payment of invoices for October 13 & 16, 2017 (\$51,941.77) 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: Harley Coulter, Chalky Wells, Brad Evans, Brad Gentry, Roger Lindsey, Mike Williams, Terry Flowers, Glenda Jones, Angie Quinlan, Sharon Hayes.

Angie Quinlan spoke about the Bright Futures organization that will open a way for all children to learn, lead and serve to their full potential now and in the future. She issued an invitation to council to join in this organization that will start in January 2018 for the Houston area. Ms. Quinlan also updated council on Chamber events. Chamber has just finished their 15th event with five more to go in 2017. Working on events for 2018. Truck pull was a success with a lot of people working together for this event.

Roger Lindsey spoke about the Lynch-Tweed house. Would like the city's permission to start the process to put the Lynch-Tweed house on the national registry.

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman St. John to allow the Lynch-Tweed preservation society to apply to put the house on the national registry. 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			

Request from Downtown Halloween.

The motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman St. John to approve \$100.00 for the Downtown Halloween event 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			

Bill 115 to become Ordinance 2017-115. An Ordinance approving a contract between the City and Cintas Corporation No. 2. (Bill 115 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderman Wilson to place Bill 115 on first reading by title only. 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			

Bill 115 to become Ordinance 2017-115. The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderwoman Bittle to place Bill 115 on second reading by title only. 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			

The motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to adopt Bill 115 as Ordinance 2017-115. Motion passed with five 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			

City Administrator Update:
Monday, October 16, 2017

We have received 16 applications for water and five for the electric position. I will be setting the interviews for the sewer water department in November. I would like to have this be a panel interview. I would like one person from the personal; committee, one person from the water/sewer department and me. If you do not agree with this plan please let me know.

We have had an exciting few weeks at City hall. We had both of our transit buses down one needed a new battery, alternator and air conditioning. The second bus needed new front and rear brakes. The calipers had seized and the bus was unsafe to operate. We supported the workers at the sheltered workshop and delivered homebound meals with a city vehicle

The fuel at the airport did not pass inspection and we have been told we can't sell the fuel in the tanks. We are working with someone in Mountain Grove to drain the tanks. I understand the

airport needs fuel to support the pilots; but I am wondering if the system we have is the best. I would like to see if we could not contract it out and save funds on the operation of the airport. I know at Cabool the pilots own the fuel not the city. I was told our current system has 1,000 gallons of fuel we do not count on the internal fuel sticking's. The unreported gallons are needed to gravity feed the pump. We have 3,800 gallons that need to be disposed

The Planning and Zoning Board met to discuss a property on Highway 63. The property was purchased and the new owners would like the property to be zoned highway business. The Board will be suggesting the request move forward. It will be published in the newspaper, there will be a public meeting before the next council meeting and will then be brought before Council for a vote. The property adjacent to this is already zoned highway business.

We have been informed the asphalt project is on hold due to the quarry being out of rock. They are not able to keep up the current demand due to the flooding which occurred in May. We are not the only city with projects being delayed.

Jared had to have surgery and will be out for about six weeks.

Parks and recreation are getting ready to start basketball. Drew was still looking for coaches.

The old hanger at the airport has been demolished and the mowing at the airport is completed for the year. We received a call for capital projects at the airport. We are also completing a verification of tail numbers for the FAA and the Airport Directory is in the process of being updated so we are updating that information all by the end of October.

We are required by law to have court information on our website and a web based payment system by January 1,2018. Angie has been working on this and has found three vendors. The vendors are paid by the customer not by the City. We are looking to add the ability to pay utility payments online at the same time. We did purchase an additional module for the accounting system so the clerks would not have to key only download the information for the payments.

I attended the Southeast area MML meeting Thursday night. They had someone speak on Use it was very informational. Sales tax revenue is declining in rural area as Internet sales increase. Some industries have really had a hard time competing for example a car business. The one piece of information you should know is towns only have until November 2018 to have the MV Use tax passed. One item the MML stressed to be very careful because City funds can't be used to campaign.

Elaine has been very busy with FEMA. She is getting information they need added to the portal and at this time we are moving forward. Elaine is receiving multiple emails every day and is timely responding. She has asked if we ask for a grant for the Splash Park or golf course we ask SCOCOG to complete the application as she would not be able to keep up.

I still have following items I am focusing on:

- Budget
- Job Descriptions
- Employee Manual
- Forecast
- Insurance
- Water Bottler
- Dairy Building

Thanks,

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Miscellaneous:

Working on the AV fuel issue. Discussing several different options.
No date on when the quarry will have rock to finish the asphalt.

Had a request to rezone a portion of South Hwy 63.

The motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman St. John to accept the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning committee on the rezoning request. 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			

Will have a public hearing on this request November 6, 2017.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Bittle and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to close this part of the meeting pursuant to Section 610.011 (1) or (2). Motion passed with five 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 St. John and seconded by Alderman Wilson to return to open session. 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			

Miscellaneous:

Can the stop sign at 1st and Hwy 63 be painted?

The motion was made by Alderwoman Bittle and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn at 8:32 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			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk