

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday November 21, 2016 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Alderman Joe Honeycutt, 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 Narancich to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2016 regular 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			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve payment for payroll of November 14, 2016. 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			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for November 18 & 21, 2016 (\$26,622.99) as presented. 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			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: Susan, Travis Parish, Dennis Wilson, George Sholtz, Richard Green, Kirk Manier, Martin Fisher, Rodney Ramsey, Charles Clouse, Heather Sponsler, Angie Long, Keith Hamilton, CJ Moore, Scott McKinney, Jarad Crews, Mike Williams, Joe Kirkman, Drew Jordan, Joe Mainer, Gary Brandon, Mike Anderson.

Rodney Ramsey with OCCS (Outreach Consulting & Counseling Services) offered his probation services to the City Municipal Court. Attorney Eidson and Judge Anderson support this. Judge Anderson addressed council about SB 5 which will go into effect soon with new requirements. Judge Anderson thought municipal court could use this service occasionally.

Mike Williams with the city spoke on behalf of city employees. Asking for the day after Thanksgiving off as a holiday. Heather Sponsler had contacted some other cities and they are closed that Friday. Mayor Tottingham suggested they ask sooner so council would have time to consider. Employee Manual would need to be changed.

The motion was made by Alderman Arthur and seconded by Alderman Wells to allow city employees off the Friday after Thanksgiving for 2016. Council will look at for future day off. Motioned 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			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Bill 112 to become Ordinance 2016-112. An Ordinance amending hangar leases. (Bill 112 has been posted) The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Wells to place Bill 112 on first reading by title only. Motion tied with Mayor voting nay to break the tie.

	<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	
Alderman Narancich		x		
Alderman Arthur		x		

Bill 113 to become Ordinance 2016-113. An Ordinance amending electric rates on large commercial and industrial service. Most all businesses have been contacted that this would effect. A letter will be sent to all businesses that this will effect.

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Wells to place Bill 113 on first reading by title only. 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			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Received notice that the city will receive a settlement from the Tracfone Class Action Settlement. The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to assign 5% of the settlement to MML. 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			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Received a request from Houston Schools to support the Tiger Backboard located at the High School Gym.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to donate \$25.00 to the Tiger Backboard. 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			
Alderman Narancich	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

### Administrator Report November 21, 2016

1. Highway work progressing well. After all concrete is poured all (new and old concrete) will be diamond ground which will improve road surface.
2. PACE construction was in town asphaltting road to treatment plant and paving parking lots for Durham company.
3. Received punch lists for contractors to complete before we accept the new well and tower. Should be draining tower soon and then will put into service when punch list items are completed.

4. Spoke with James Tweed regarding bringing his property into city limits. He's planning on meeting with me in the next couple of weeks.
5. Fall clean up and leaf burning ditches is being accomplished by Public Grounds crew throughout city.
6. Warranty inspection on north well was completed last week. Tank had to be drained/disinfected before refilled then re-drained. Will retest 11/21/16 and put back on line next week.
7. Ron Reed met with commercial electric customers regarding proposed rate increase so they can budget next year.
8. Soil retesting at the old Triangle came back within standards again. Sending results to DNR for their approval.
9. About 100 feet to go for water line along outer road at Arthur property. Another fire hydrant will be installed as well, work should be completed this week.

Addition's to Administrator's Report:

Heard that the city will participate in the Healthy Schools grant for exercise equipment at Rutherford Park. The city's match will be \$4,500.00 plus city will install the lights.

Received bids on tearing down the property on Third Street.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to adjourn at 7:45 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			

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Minutes Taken By

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk