

MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 21, 2014

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The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday July 21, 2014 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, Alderman David Arthur and City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson, and Sgt Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Don Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2014 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			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the July 11, 2014 special 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			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment for payroll of July 15, 2014. 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Arthur to approve payment of invoices for July 18 & 21, 2014 (\$175,331.86) 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: Laura Crowley, Jeremy St. John, and Joey Moore.

Laura Crowley representing Downtown Houston Afterhours ask the city's continued support of the TV program. This program showcases Houston, great local talent, golf tip of the week. Laura was asked how many people this reaches. She didn't know numbers but reaches a long distance. It airs at 6:30 on Sunday mornings. This would probably be the last purchase from the city for air time, would like to see money put into visitors center on signs and or brochures.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Barnes and seconded by Alderman Arthur to purchase 10 weeks of 60 second ads at \$100.00 per week for a total of \$1,000.00. 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Committee fire chairman Chalky Wells asked for help in recruiting volunteer firemen. The department is short on daytime volunteers. Need to get something in place as it will take several years for new volunteers to be qualified in fire fighting. Fire committee and attorney Brad Eidson to work on a proposal for the board. Maybe look at putting in job description for new hires.

Mayor Tottingham recommended to the board a proposal for lowering the rent on the hangers at the airport in an effort to get more of them rented. Also airport lounge is getting near completion. Has asked McCarty Signs for an estimate on signage at the airport.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Wells to approve lowering the rent on the airport hangers to \$150.00 per month or \$1,650.00 per year paid in advance, effective August 1, 2014. 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Administrator Report  
July 21, 2014

1. Notified by FEMA that we received a portion of the grant applied for that will pay cost of training for Fireman I and II rating. Received a \$10,500 grant that will require a match of only \$525.00 from the city.
2. Work continues at Rutherford Park, west of the airport. Numerous loads of chat have been hauled in for the parking lots and entryway. Grading for parking and new soccer fields has been completed. Sewing grass, pathways and picnic tables remain to be completed.
3. North Hwy 63 Lighting Project; concrete poured, poles will be installed next few weeks.
4. Water Dept has approximately 8 or 9 hydrants and valves left to replace. Parts are in and plan to be done before fall.
5. Notified by MoDOT that federal funds could be delayed until congress passes a highway funding bill, this could affect the safe route to school grant and Oakhill project. Payments from federal government can be delayed so city will have to pay contractors within 30 days of billing.
6. Home on Bryan Street has been demolished. Four left from this year's list.
7. Attended SWMO Government Finance Officers Association meeting in Branson where Governor Nixon and state financial senior staff spoke regarding sales tax implications. Governor vetoed several bills which if congress overrides will have sales tax implications for cities and counties. See attachment for estimated amount Houston could lose if overrides occur

The Mayor thanked Alderwoman Barnes for her help with the property at 715 Second Street.  
Scheduling a preconstruction meeting next week for the Oak Hill project.  
Discussed the impact on the city of the special interest tax breaks that were vetoed by the governor last week.  
Discussed the damaged to the Sho Me fiber optic lines at the Spruce Street parking lot on Friday.  
Alderman Romines commented that the budget was on track for the year.  
Alderman Arthur commented that the swim lessons at the pool were very well done.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. 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 Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

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Minutes Taken By

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk