

City Hall Council Chamber
July 16 - 17, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2024, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Tiffany D. Thomas, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter and Letitia Plummer, Randy Zamora, Legal Department, and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Members Mary Nan Huffman and Sallie Alcorn absent on personal business.

Proclamations

At 1:38 p.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Davis for a proclamation. Council Member Davis presented a proclamation to the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Veterans and Military Affairs celebrating the winner of the Disabled American Veterans Department of Texas Large Employer of the Year Award. Jo Brooks-Ikard, Gulf Coast District Manager of the Texas Veterans Commission, along with Ms. Anna Baker, Director of Employment Services with the Texas Veterans Commission, presented the award to the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Veterans and Military Affairs. Director Jane Cheeks thanked those involved for the collaboration that the Human Resources Department has with the Veterans Affairs Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Flickinger for a presentation. Council Member Flickinger presented a proclamation to the Intuitive Machines proclaiming July 20, 2024, as Intuitive Machines Day in the City of Houston for the IM-1 Lunar Mission. Accepting the proclamation was Kam Ghaffarian.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Martinez for a proclamation. Council Member Martinez presented a proclamation to the World Mission Society Church of God Houston celebrating their 60th Anniversary.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a proclamation. Council Member Castex-Tatum presented a proclamation to Dr. Tony Lin honoring the 75th Anniversary of Kelsey Seybold. Accepting the proclamation were Dr. Tony Lin and his team.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Mayor Whitmire for a proclamation. Mayor Whitmire presented a proclamation to the Indo American Chamber of Commerce celebrating their Silver Jubilee. Accepting the proclamation were Jagdip Ahluwalia, Executive Director, along with past presidents, Sanjay Ramabhadran, Swapan Dhairyawan and Ashok Garg, and current president, Rajiv Bhavsar.

Council Member Flickinger gave the Invocation after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Minutes

Council Member Castex-Tatum made a motion to adopt the minutes of January 30 - 31, 2024 and February 6 - 7, 2024 and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Speakers

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a procedural motion. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Jacob Klementich as the first speaker on the top of the three (3) minute Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0563 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a procedural motion. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Kendra Walker and Tiffany Scales to the top of the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0564 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Jackson for a procedural motion. Council Member Jackson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Rain Eatmon and Joseph Ballard after Tiffany Scales on the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0565 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Davis for a procedural motion. Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Dannika Simpson after Joseph Ballard on the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0566 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Plummer for a procedural motion. Council Member Plummer moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Fred Woods to the top of the one (1) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0567 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Flickinger for a procedural motion. Council Member Flickinger moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Julie Payne to the bottom of the three (3) minute Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0568 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

1. JACOB KLEMENTICH – No Address – No Phone – No subject given
2. ELIZABETH GUIDE – 3510 Pickwick Park Dr. – Kingwood – 77339 – 281-389-5117 – Item 16 – Art spending vs. actual needs of the City
3. BARBARA DENSON – 802 Peachwood Bend Dr. – 77077 – 281-701-6891 – Item 16 – Houston Arts Alliance
4. TRACY SHANNON – 15 Enchanted Woods Dr. – Kingwood – 77339 – No phone – Item 16 – Spending on the arts
5. TIM CROCKETT – 5340 Wesleyan St. - 77003 – 713-530-7922 – Item 7 - PACE Houston
6. SETH ESLAMI – 24758 Grand Harbor Dr. #118 – Katy – 77494 – 832-727-4696 – Item 7 - PACE Program

7. DUB TAYLOR – No address – 512-431-3040 – Item 7 – Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy
8. JULIE PAYNE – 5903 Vineyard Creek Ln. - Porter – 77365 – 409-963-6730 – Item 16 – Houston Arts Alliance

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castillo for a procedural motion. Council Member Castillo moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Marian Wright to the top of the two (2) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers to follow Michael Spates and seconded by Council Member Jackson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kamin, Evans-Shabazz and Thomas absent.

MOTION 2024-0569 ADOPTED

9. FRED WOODS – No address – No phone – Hurricane response and recovery

NEIL GHOSH – 7811 Camden Hollow Ln. – Humble – 77396 – 713-834-2455 - Medical Student Liaison Committee – **NOT PRESENT**

10. JANIE BRANHAM – No address – 281-961-1732 - Sewage

MICHAEL SPATES – No address – 832-298-6355 – Hurricane Beryl – **NOT PRESENT**

11. MARIAN WRIGHT – No Address – No Phone – No subject given

12. KENDRA WALKER – 1012 Andrews St. - 77019 – 832-385-8777 – 47th Annual Houston Pride Celebration 2025

13. TIFFANY SCALES – 3811 Audley St. #24104 – 77098 – 832-683-6470 – R.I.S.E. Program and Houston Pride Celebration 2025

14. RAIN EATMON – No address – 713-504-3706 – Hurricane Beryl response

15. JOSEPH BALLARD – 6302 Rocky Nook Dr. – Humble – 77396 – 281-850-0388 – HFD Ambulance #41

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Jackson for a procedural motion. Council Member Jackson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Krystal Muhammad to follow Dannika Simpson and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz, Thomas and Plummer absent. **MOTION 2024-0570 ADOPTED**

16. DANNIKA SIMPSON – No address – 713-540-5373 – Lack of preparedness of this city

17. KRYSTAL MUHAMMAD – 7125 Reed Rd. – 77087 – 713-261-3558 – Solution to energy crisis

18. BARBARA BALTAZAR – 6666 Chimney Rock Rd. #83 – 77081 – 832-577-3695 – Nursing homes in District J doesn't have power

RONALD BENITEZ – No address – No phone – Texas power grid – **NOT PRESENT**

JOY FITZPATRICK – 7702 Gleason Rd. – 77016 – 281-763-4729 – No lights and help – **NOT PRESENT**

PETER CONTRERAS – 215 Sandman St. - 77007 – 713-628-5235 – Power outage – **NOT PRESENT**

19. ANNMARIE SMITH – 4617 Tonawanda St. – 77035 – 713-505-0222 – CenterPoint monopoly and lack of services after hurricane

20. LINDA SCURLOCK – 4747 Knotty Oaks Trail – 77045 – 713-433-5737 – CenterPoint debacle

21. TRACY TIMMONS – No address – 713-466-7097 – CenterPoint Energy

22. JOSEPH NIA – 4655 Wild Indigo St. – 77027 – 346-424-4795 – How to solve the problem with hurricanes

23. AMBER FANNIN – 2215 Avenida La Quinta St. #1504 – 77077 – 832-731-0460 – Preparations moving forward with natural disasters

24. LINDA MURRAY – No address – 281-449-5232 – Cooling stations in northeast Houston

LINDA BURRILL – 4214 Kelling St. - 77045 – 713-205-3980 – No heavy trash pickup for 2 months – **NOT PRESENT**

BRENDA VENABLE – No address – 832-419-2513 – Trash pickup – **NOT PRESENT**

MICHELLE IGUNBOR – No address – 832-951-7964 – Police harassment – **NOT PRESENT**

SHARON VANCE – 8415 Cabot St. – 77078 – 832-964-4388 – Treatment by HPD officer – **NOT PRESENT**

PAULA SMITH – No address – No phone – Police protection – **NOT PRESENT**

STEVE WILLIAMS – No address – No phone – Will counter murder of 2 black females, July 4/5 Leeland St. – **NOT PRESENT**

25. THORUNN HELGASON – 2400 N. Braeswood Blvd. #103 – 77030 – 713-206-7356 – Sewer retaining center

DUNG TRINH – No address – 281-827-7199 – Houston Housing Authority – **NOT PRESENT**

SHARONDA HARDY – No address – 713-679-8390 – Transportation – **NOT PRESENT**

ASTHER MARK – No address – No phone – Transportation – **NOT PRESENT**

KIMBERLEY ALEXANDER – 13211 Vernon Rd. – Cypress – 77429 – 917-216-5227 – Moms of Black Boys United introduction – **NOT PRESENT**

26. ANTHONY JOHNSON – 1100 Nasa Parkway #204D – 77058 – 210-669-2979 – Compensation for completed work
27. LAREN ROSE – 6842 Roxbury St. – 77087 – 713-878-2596 – Municipal Courts
28. MARGOTT WILLIAMS – 8710 Knox St. #B – 77088 – 832-655-2709 – 360 agreement with Descendants of Olivewood
29. DANA JONES – 1270 Hopper Rd. - 77037 – 281-785-5263 – Drainage
30. EDUARDO DURAN – No address – 832-405-2717 – Sociology
31. SAVANT MOORE – 1712 Benson St. - 77020 – 808-726-5247 – 7 days no power/HISD closures

At 5:45 p.m., the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

For more information and details from the speakers list, please click here. www.houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/303488

Pat J. Daniel, City Secretary, read the descriptions or captions of the items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:07 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Tiffany D. Thomas, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis and Twila Carter, Arturo Michel, City Attorney, and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Members Mary Nan Huffman and Sallie Alcorn absent on personal business. Council Member Plummer out of the City on City business.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Whitmire recognized HPD Civilian Employee, Russell Richardson. Mr. Richardson's life was taken the first day of the hurricane as he exited the I-45 Interstate onto Houston Avenue. He was swept up by 14 feet of water. Mayor Whitmire will be working with the City Council to come up with better protection. A visitation for Russell Richardson will be held at Fort Bend Church, 1900 Eldridge Road in Sugar Land, on Monday, July 29, 2024. The funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the burial at the Houston National Cemetery.

Mayor Whitmire stated that we also had a horrible ambush of Deputy Sheriff Fernando Esqueda. A terrible shooting as he was working to protect us. Deputy Esqueda's visitation will be Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Navigation. The rosary will occur from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be July 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart located at 1111 St. Joseph Parkway followed by the burial at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Mayor Whitmire ask that we keep the family in our prayers.

Mayor Whitmire gave a shoutout to our first responders. He spent a lot of time in the field with the Houston Fire Department and HPD. They put their lives on the line during the worst parts of the storm and they worked around the clock as we collaborated with other police agencies. We received an additional 100 officers across 16 different agencies who partnered with HPD. There were at least 40 DPS officers on each shift. The City of Houston is becoming a model across the State of Texas for collaborating with other agencies. Mayor Whitmire recognized that it was a good pilot program that will be repeated all over the state and the nation.

Mayor Whitmire recognized that we had other loss of life during Hurricane Beryl. Out of respect for the family, he will not mention any names. Our City of Houston employees stayed 24 hours at the Houston Emergency Center while sleeping on the floor. Mayor Whitmire stated that we been extremely challenged but Houston is special and we know how to come together through our greatest challenges. The Council Members had a lengthy discussion regarding Hurricane Beryl.

Agenda

At 9:47 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and requested the City Secretary to proceed with the Consent Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **VONN TRAN** as the Director of the **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2024-0571 ADOPTED
2. **RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS TO AMEND MOTION #2024-117, 2/14/2024, TO REFLECT** the approval of the revised final contract amount of \$3,073,83.05 for the FY2022 Citywide Asphalt Overlay Package #2 on contract with **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD** - 2.44% over the original Contract Amount - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; C - KAMIN and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0572 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

4. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2023-0407 to increase maximum contract amount for Professional Services Contract between City of Houston and **HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP** to provide representation of City in Various Condemnation Matters - \$375,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0519 ADOPTED**
7. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY** (previously approved by Ordinance No. 2021-1093) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0520 ADOPTED**
9. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 25.815 acres of land to **CHIMNEY HILL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2024-0521 ADOPTED

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

3. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Council Rules of Procedure including the submission of Agenda Items by Council Members - was presented, **Tagged by Council Member Thomas**

5. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **BRENTWOOD ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, d/b/a BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**, to extend term of agreement and provide additional Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds to provide Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance, Supportive Services, and Transitional Housing to low-income households living with HIV/AIDS - \$892,209.00 - Grant Fund **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0522 ADOPTED**

6. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to extend term of Subrecipient Agreement and provide additional Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds to continue to administer and operate a permanent Supportive Housing Community Residence and Transitional Housing Community Residence along with Supportive Services for low-income households affected by or living with HIV/AIDS \$941,051.94 - Grant Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0523 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2024-0390 to increase maximum contract amounts and approve first amendments to agreements with **ASHBRITT, INC, DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC, T.F.R. ENTERPRISES, INC** and **CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** for Disaster Debris Removal Services - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0524 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

10. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application for the following multifamily developments:
BRITTONS PLACE - 3706 LYONS AVE. - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON**
PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE - 3814 LYONS AVE. - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON**
HEARING DATE - 9:00 AM - TUESDAY - JULY 24, 2024
- was presented, **Tagged by Council Member Thomas**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

11. **AMEND MOTION #2024-514, PASSED 6/18/2024, TO CORRECT** the name of the cooperative purchasing organization from **Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative** to **TEXAS SMARTBUY**, awarded to **MIDWEST LIBRARY SERVICE - REQUIRES THREE MOTIONS** – was presented,

Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering Motion No. 2024-0514 and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0573 ADOPTED**

Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of bringing Motion 2024-0514 back for reconsideration and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2024-0574 ADOPTED

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved Item 11 and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2024-0575 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD

12. RESOLUTION supporting certification of a Municipal Setting Designation outside the boundary of the City of Houston for the site located at 810 Industrial Boulevard, Sugar Land, Texas

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAMIREZ

This was Item 3 on Agenda of July 10, 2024

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2024-0024 ADOPTED**

13. RESOLUTION adopting recommendation of City Attorney to assign accounts overlapping with Humble, Clear Creek, Spring Branch, Pasadena, Alief, Galena Park, Klein, Fort Bend, and Aldine Independent School Districts, and those accounts located in multiple school districts (collectively Perdue assigned accounts) to **PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP and GREENBERG TRAUIG, LLP**, functioning as a Joint Venture and to assign to **LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP** accounts overlapping all other areas of the City except for the Perdue assigned accounts under the City's respective contract with each law firm for the Collection of Delinquent Ad Valorem Taxes

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS EVANS-SHABAZZ, DAVIS and CARTER

This was Item 4 on Agenda of July 10, 2024

- was presented, **Tagged by Council Member Thomas**

14. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,291,523.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; awarding construction Contract to **HARPER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Drainage Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project at Ellington Airport (Project No. 954); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for construction services, materials testing services and contingency, relating to the Drainage Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project financed by the Airports Improvement Fund **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER**

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS

This was Item 9 on Agenda of July 10, 2024

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0525 ADOPTED**

15. ORDINANCE declaring surplus and authorizing the sale of certain real property consisting of the following parcels: 1) approximately 5.89 acres of land located at 4605 Wilmington St. and 9314 Cullen Blvd., Houston, Harris County, Texas 77051, and identified as Parcels Q75-003, P99-001, and part of Parcel Q75-002, 2) approximately 1.248 acres of land located at 8418 and 8422 Jensen Dr., Houston, Harris County, Texas 77093, and identified as Parcel P99-002, and 3) approximately 0.64 acre of land located at 7131 Cullen Blvd., Houston, Harris County, Texas 77021, and identified as part of Parcel P77-001; approving and authorizing a Real Estate Marketing Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **WOMACK DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT REALTORS, INCORPORATED**, for Marketing and Sale of Surplus Property - **DISTRICTS D - EVANS-SHABAZZ and H - CASTILLO** **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAMIREZ**

This was Item 10 on Agenda of July 10, 2024

- was presented, moved by Council Member Ramirez that the following item be **referred back to the Administration** and seconded by Council Member Kamin, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2024-0576 ADOPTED

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between City of Houston and **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE** for Professional Civic Art and Conservation Administration Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with 3 one-year options - \$25,000,000.00 - Enterprise and Other Funds **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KAMIN, CASTILLO, MARTINEZ AND DAVIS**

This was Item 14 on Agenda of July 10, 2024

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0526 ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Flickinger to amend Item 16 as follows;

“Section 4. The total allocation for the contract, agreement, or other undertaking approved and authorized hereby shall never exceed \$15,000,000.00 unless and until this sum is increased by ordinance of City Council. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Whitmire, Council Members Peck, Kamin, Evans-Shabazz, Flickinger, Castillo, Martinez, Pollard, Castex-Tatum, Ramirez, Davis, Carter voting aye. Council Members Jackson and Thomas voting nay. Council Member Plummer out of the City on City business. Council Members Huffman and Alcorn was absent on personal business

SUPPLEMENTAL POSTING

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**; containing provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2024-0527 ADOPTED**

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Evans-Shabazz first

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, City Secretary