

City Hall Council Chamber
September 3, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Troy D. Lemon, Interim City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, September 3, 2025

A consolidated meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2025 with Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Tiffany D. Thomas, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, Legal Department and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present.

At 9:07 a.m., Mayor John Whitmire called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Flickinger for the Invocation after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of August 26 - 27, 2025 and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kamin and Evans-Shabazz absent.

MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor Whitmire moved to the Monthly Financial Report.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds - was presented, City Controller, Chris Hollins, and Director of Finance Department, Melissa Dubowski, reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial Report, copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's Office for review.

Council Member Alcorn moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report and seconded by Council Member Ramirez, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kamin and Evans-Shabazz absent.

MOTION 2025-0622 ADOPTED

At 9:22 a.m., Mayor Whitmire moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whitmire invited the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Brian Mason, to come forward to speak on the new testing of the warning system for pending storm events. We want to do everything possible to communicate with the 2.3M Houstonians. On Friday, September 5, the City of Houston OEM will send out a wireless emergency alert message (Public Safety Alert), similar to an Amber Alert, at 11am.

Mayor Whitmire then recognized Kathy Griffin in the audience. She's real leader in our community who's been fighting human trafficking for years, as well as she teaches a mental class inside a woman's prison.

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 taking Items 1 - 6 out of order and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0623 ADOPTED**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **DR. THERESA TRAN** as Director of the Houston Health Department - was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Castex-Tatum**.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON**:
 - Position One - **ASHLEY JONES**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2027
 - Position Two - **CARL SMITH**, appointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2026
 - Position Three - **SHANTEL BLAKELY**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2027
 - Position Four - **ZION ESCOBAR**, appointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2026
 - Position Five - **DAVID C. BUCEK**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2027
 - Position Six - **DAVID CRAIG HILLE**, appointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2026
 - Position Seven - **JOHN COSGROVE**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2027
 - Position Eight - **SAM SEIDEL**, appointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2026
 - Position Nine - **MARK D. SMITH**, appointment, for a term to expire March 1, 2027.- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0624 ADOPTED**
3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON**, for two-year staggered terms:
 - Position Ten - **ROBERT BROWNING**
 - Position Eleven - **JOSH BRODBECK**
 - Position Twelve - **CRAIG A. GARCIA**; and
 - Position Thirteen - **BECKY DAVIS (STANDRIDGE)**.- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0625 ADOPTED**
4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON CIVIC EVENTS, INC**:
 - Position One - **KATHRYN LOTT**, reappointment, for a term expiring January 1, 2027
 - Position Two - **DIANA UNTERMAYER**, appointment, and as Chair, for a term expiring January 1, 2028
 - Position Three - **LISA HELFMAN**, appointment, for a term expiring January 1, 2027
 - Position Four - **CODY RIGGS**, appointment, for a term expiring January 1, 2028
 - Position Five - **STAN C. SKADAL**, reappointment, for a term expiring January 1, 2027
 - Position Six - **TRAVIS ALEXANDER TORRENCE**, appointment, for a term expiring January 1, 2028
 - Position Seven - **FRAZIER WILSON**, reappointment, for a term expiring January 1, 2027.- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0626 ADOPTED**

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **T. TERESA TRINH** to Position 8 of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON CIVIC EVENTS, INC**, for a term to expire January 1, 2027
- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0627 ADOPTED**
6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 23**:
- Position One - **DAN LIPNICK**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2027
 - Position Two - **NDUKE "ND" KALU**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2027
 - Position Three - **ADAM WILLIAMS**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2027
 - Position Four - **LLOYD KENADY DAVIS III**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2027
 - Position Five - **SAKINA LANIG**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2029
 - Position Six - **D. BRUCE FINCHER**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2029
 - Position Seven - **SAMUEL C. DIKE**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2029.
- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0628 ADOPTED**

At 9:36 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the Interim City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

IVY SPIVEY - Permit Department refusing to do their job. **Not Present**

1 - PAMELA BUSBY - Unlicensed funeral home and permits.

2 - MICHAEL WADE - Improvement in neighborhood and relief funds from Hurricane Beryl.

LETICIA GOMEZ - Neighbors dumping trash. **Not Present**

3 - REGINALD HOOEY - Civility ordinance.

PAUL RODRIGUEZ - Driver education. **Not Present**

CLEMENTE MATHIS - ADA compliance. **Not Present**

ERIC SANCHEZ - General HPD complaint. **Not Present**

CHRISTOPHER CATO - Theft of property. **Not Present**

MILDRED TRAPPIO - Injustice and racial issue. **Not Present**

MARION SCOTT - Important white people with important black people in sex traffic. **Not Present**

IAN HLAVACEK - Polk St closure. **Not Present**

4 - RICHARD GILMORE - Polk St closure.

5 - JOSEPH OMO OMAURI - Black American men votes and they count, ask Obama.

6 - TREMEKA DAVIS - Beating people on the brain/identity theft and food poisoning.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click [here](https://houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/354340).
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At 9:57 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the Interim City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda

PROPERTY

7. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney, to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court to pay all Costs of Court in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Enterprise Pipeline, et al; Cause No. 1251086 for **54-INCH WATERLINE ALONG GALVESTON ROAD PROJECT, Parcels TCY22-022, TCY22-023, TCY22-026, TCY22-028, TCY22-030, TCY22-031, TCY22-034, TCY22-036, and TCY24-006 - DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0629 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION

8. RESOLUTION authorizing the submission of Project Applications to the **HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT #4 PLACES 4 PEOPLE: 2025 Call for Projects**; authorizing the Director of Houston Public Works to act as the City's representative in the application process - **DISTRICTS F - THOMAS and G - HUFFMAN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2025-0033 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES** to provide HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan Funding for program that will serve households who are at-risk for, or are experiencing homelessness - \$1,153,870.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0758 ADOPTED**
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the Director of the City of Houston Health Department to accept and expend a Grant Award between City of Houston and **RISE COLLABORATIVE INC** for Elder Abuse or Self-Neglect of the Elderly for the Houston Health Department; authorizing the Director to expend the Grant Funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant - **The Interim City Secretary advised that Item 10 has not been received but will be considered if it's received before the end of the meeting.**
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of applications for Grant Assistance to the **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION** for **Community Projects Supplemental Funding Discretionary Grant Awards** for the Houston Airport System; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director of the Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to apply for and accept the Grant and Funds, and expend the Grant Funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant; providing for a Cash Match; approving and authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0759 ADOPTED**
12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$508,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; approving and authorizing fourth amendment to Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION (TEES)** for Energy Services for Houston Airport System; amending Ordinance No. 2024-0250 to increase maximum contract amount - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0760 ADOPTED**

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise, Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **CHARLES SPRINGER** to Settle a Lawsuit; Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-03811; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division - \$150,000.00 - Property & Casualty Fund - **The Interim City Secretary advised that Item 13 has not been received but will be considered if it's received before the end of the meeting.**
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Parking License Agreement between **WINPARK MANAGEMENT, LLC**, as Licenser, and City Houston, Texas, for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department - 1 Year with 9 one-year options - \$605,600.00 - Park Houston Special Revenue Fund - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0761 ADOPTED
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$115,867.20 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Cash Match to Fund Installation of Natural Gas Emergency Generators at three City of Houston facilities for the Houston Police Department and Houston Fire Department; authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of award from the **TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Fiscal Year 2025 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** to fund such project, including the Cash Match - **The Interim City Secretary advised that Item 17 has not been received but will be considered if it's received before the end of the meeting.**
18. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 3000 Block of Southmore Boulevard, between Ennis Street and the Columbia Tap Trail, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a Special Minimum Lot Size Block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0762 ADOPTED
19. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance Number 2023-1067 to include Redesigned Parcel KY23-237 for the 48-Inch Water Line from Forbes Road to Martindale Road along Almeda Genoa Project and further finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of Redesigned Parcel KY23-237 by gift, dedication, purchase, and if necessary the use of eminent domain - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0763 ADOPTED
20. ORDINANCE authorizing the sale of: 1) a ±89,145 square-foot easement for right-of-way purposes, 2) a ±1,525 square-foot easement for right-of-way purposes and 3) a ±5,370 square foot easement for right-of-way purposes, all located out of a 589.27 acre tract and a 56.50 acre tract, all out of the William Wilson Survey, A-838 and Humphrey Jackson, A-37, Harris County, Texas; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Easement Conveyance, and a License Agreement for Joint Road Usage, selling the easements to the San Jacinto River Authority, in consideration for the City's Joint Use of a Roadway - **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0764 ADOPTED
22. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES INC** for Drinking Water Sampling Station On-Call Installation; 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 testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Operating Fund - \$2,246,550.00 - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0765 ADOPTED**

23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$52,254,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REYTEC-POSILICO I, LLC**, for North Corridor Consolidation Pkg 4 - 36" Gravity Sewer from MUD 203 WWTP to Northgate Regional LS; 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 CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, contingency, testing services, and construction management - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0766 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Final Settlement, Release, and Indemnity Agreement between City of Houston and **COLLECTIVE MINDS LLC d/b/a T&T CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT** and approving and authorizing Final Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement between City of Houston and **CAPITAL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES LLC, PRECISION CONSTRUCTION UTILITIES LLC, VIRTUAL ASSET HOLDINGS, LLC, TRULINE CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT LLC, and TEXAS PRO GRADING** to settle two related disputes. - \$790,315.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0767 ADOPTED**
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of Grant Application to the **TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM)** for the **Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP)** for the Installation of Generators; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grants; authorizing the Chief Recovery and Resilience Officer to act as the City's representative in the Grant application process - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0768 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of Grant Application to the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)** for funding from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)** for partner projects with **FIFTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TIRZ 18), HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TIRZ 21) and HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TIRZ 23)**; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grants; authorizing the Director of the City of Houston Public Works to act as the City's representative in the Grant application process, to accept such Grant Funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any pertaining to the program - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; H - CASTILLO and I - MARTINEZ** - The Interim City Secretary advised that Item 21 has not been received but will be considered if it's received before the end of the meeting.

Note: Item 21 was received during the course of the meeting.

MATTERS HELD

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**, for Operation and Maintenance of Various Parks - **DISTRICTS A - PECK; C - KAMIN; G - HUFFMAN; H - CASTILLO and J - POLLARD**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS
This was Item 51 on Agenda of August 27, 2025
- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0769 ADOPTED**

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

Note: The Interim City Secretary advised that Item 21 has been received.

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of Grant Application to the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)** for funding from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)** for partner projects with **FIFTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TIRZ 18)**, **HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TIRZ 21)** and **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TIRZ 23)**; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grants; authorizing the Director of the City of Houston Public Works to act as the City's representative in the Grant application process, to accept such Grant Funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any pertaining to the program - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; H - CASTILLO and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0770 ADOPTED

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
Interim City Secretary