

City Hall Council Chamber
February 3 - 4, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members 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, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Member Amy Peck absent on personal business. Council Member Council Member Tarsha Jackson absent due to being ill.

At 1:37 p.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and requested Council Member Carter to preside. Council Member Carter recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a proclamation.

Council Member Castex-Tatum presented a proclamation to Cognitive Justice - Damion Walker, recognizing and celebrating their youth development in schools and community engagement around homelessness, housing, education and criminal justice.

Council Member Carter recognized Council Member Kamin for a proclamation. Council Member Kamin presented a proclamation to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church for their 160th Anniversary.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Martinez for a proclamation. Council Member Martinez presented a proclamation to the "Nuestro Ambientes: Latinos Shaping Houston" exhibition, presented by the AIA Houston Latinos in Architecture Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Carter for a proclamation. Council Member Carter presented a proclamation to the Reel Abilities Houston Film & Arts Festival 2026 recognizing the month-long celebration of the festival from January 18 through February 26, 2026.

At 2:17 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum (on behalf of Council Member Jackson) for the Invocation. Council Member Castex-Tatum invited Pastor Johnny D. Gentry, III, (The Lighthouse Church) for the Invocation after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of January 27 - 28, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Salinas for a procedural motion. Council Member Salinas moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Danetta Hill and Fred Woods to the top of the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Alcorn, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Carter absent. **MOTION 2026-0056 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Pollard for a procedural motion. Council Member Pollard moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Christopher Rivera, Alfredo Dominguez, Kirsten Budwine and Salena Braye-Bulls to follow Ruben Garza on the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Carter absent. **MOTION 2026-0057 ADOPTED**

At 2:21 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

RODNEY UNDERWOOD - Trash pickup. **Not Present**

1 - ANIK BANERJI - General policies and infrastructure.

2 - HADLEY HOLLINGSWORTH - HPD collaboration with ICE.

3 - MATTHEW BANZER - HPD collaboration with ICE.

4 - DANETTA HILL - ICE.

5 - FRED WOODS - ICE.

6 - EMMA FRENCH - ICE.

7 - GRACE KESTERSON - ICE.

8 - CHRISTINE WARDWELL - ICE.

9 - SANDRA BURNETT - ICE.

10 - KEITH PORTER, SR - Off-duty ICE agent murdered my son.

11 - MICHAEL BASTAIN - COH's failure to remove squatter blocking Felicia: access to property.

12 - RUBEN GARZA - Parking reform.

13 - CHRISTOPHER RIVERA - ICE.

14 - ALFREDO DOMINGUEZ - ICE.

15 - KRISTEN BUDWINE - ICE.

16 - SALENA BRAYE-BULLS - ICE.

17 - JOHN NICKS - Spring Branch resident issues and concerns.

JAMES McCORD - Community safety and abandoned property. **Not Present**

ARTURO "ARTHUR" ALMANZA - Homelessness in Houston. **Not Present**

KRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ - Apartment safety and Housing Authority. **Not Present**

18 - HELEN LANDAVERDE - Planning Commission approval of Willow Parrish Subdivision.

At 3:50 p.m., Mayor Whitmire left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding.

LaTOYA JONES-SHAW - Freeze and potholes. **Not Present**

NICOLE HILLIARD - Non-profit helping others with a drug problem. **Not Present**

19 - DERRICK SHAW - ASEZ WAO.

DANIEL GRAVES - Financial programming for African Americans in Houston. **Not Present**

DONALD SMITHER - Matters impacting American Freedmen in Houston. **Not Present**

20 - RYAN SCHARNBERG - Witness to a crime.

At 3:58 p.m., Mayor Whitmire came back into the meeting.

TERRY WALTER - Assault. **Not Present**

KOFFEE EL-BEY - Michael Espita false information to Judge Polly Gilligan aggravated perjury. **Not Present**

ART SMITH - Lara Mansfield, Arturo Michel and Michael Espita committing organized crime. **Not Present**

21 - SANDRA ALLEN - Kidnapping.

22 - BERNADETTE KEKE - Repentance and revival for all Houston.

23 - JACOB NEWSOME - Support for Tramel Kukoui and Lee Perry.

24 - ILY MONTOYA-RIVAS - ICE immigration.

MICHELLE IGUNBOR - FBI. **Not Present**

25 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - Forms of water.

26 - JOSEPH OMO OMAURI - Big Sister psycho sorority sisters in everybody business.

At 4:20 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click here. www.houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/373913

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

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, 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 and Sallie Alcorn; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Member Tarsha Jackson absent due to being ill. Council Member Alejandra Salinas absent on personal business.

At 9:05 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and moved to the Monthly Financial Report.

At 9:11 a.m., Council Member Kamin came into the meeting during the 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, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller - 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 Castillo, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0058 ADOPTED**

At 9:21 a.m., Council Member Huffman left the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACCEPT WORK

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP** for Wastewater Process Unit Cleaning and Evaluation - **DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON; C - KAMIN; G - HUFFMAN and H - CASTILLO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0059 ADOPTED**
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP** for Wastewater Process Unit Cleaning and Evaluation - **DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; E - FLICKINGER; F - THOMAS; H - CASTILLO and J - POLLARD** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0060 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

7. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$3,900,000.00 for Purchase of Recreational, Educational and Miscellaneous Supplies through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative for the Parks and Recreation Department, awarded to **S&S WORLDWIDE, INC** - 5 Years - General Fund - **The City Secretary advised that Item 7 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.**
8. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, INC** for Four (4) Polymer Activation and Feed Skid Systems for Houston Public Works - \$190,742.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0061 ADOPTED**
9. **HAHN EQUIPMENT CO., INC** for Flygt Dry-Pit Submersible Pumps and Installation Services for Houston Public Works - \$634,255.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0062 ADOPTED**

10. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for Parking Management Services for Houston Public Works, awarded to **METROPOLIS INC** - 5 Years - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent.

MOTION 2026-0063 ADOPTED

11. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00 for Procurement Project Augmentation Services adopting the TxShare Cooperative Agreement for the Strategic Procurement Division, awarded to **PERISCOPE HOLDINGS, INC** - 2 Years - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Huffman and Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0064 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between City of Houston and **NEW FAITH CHURCH OF HOUSTON** to provide loan of HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds towards New Construction and Acquisition Costs for New Faith Senior Village Apartment, a 120-unit Senior Apartment Development located at 14715 Monrad Drive, Houston, Texas 77053 - \$4,000,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - **The City Secretary advised that Item 12 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.**

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Telecommunications Equipment License between City of Houston, Texas, Licensor, and **NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC**, Licensee, to operate Telecommunications Equipment on Garage Roofs of Terminals A and C of George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0090 ADOPTED**

15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$842,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing second amendment to Construction Manager At Risk Contract with **ANSLOW BRYANT CONSTRUCTION, LTD**, for Houston Fire Department Fire Station 17 Renovation - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0091 ADOPTED**

18. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **SOUTH POST OAK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**; approving Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0092 ADOPTED**

19. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **UPTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIXTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**; approving Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN; G - HUFFMAN and J - POLLARD** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0093 ADOPTED**

20. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **LELAND WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LELAND WOODS ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0094 ADOPTED**

21. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the Lift Station Rehabilitation and reconstruction Design (Lockwood Lift Station, South Point Lift Station, Scott #3 Lift Station, Market St #2 Lift Station, M.U.D. #067 Lift Station, Woodforest Lift Station) - Consent Decree Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to four parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Richard & Robert Vince Survey, Abstract No. 76, and the Luke Hemenway Survey, Abstract No. 27, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along Gulf Breeze Drive in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Relocation Assistance, Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to the four parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0095 ADOPTED**

23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2023-118 related to contract with **PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROL LLC** to provide Pavement Markings on city streets for Traffic Control Purposes Thermoplastic Pavement Markings - \$1,990,767.50 - Special Revenue Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0096 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **GRAVA, LLC** for Westheimer Work Orders for Small Diameter Water Lines - **DISTRICT C - KAMIN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **MOTION 2026-0065 ADOPTED**

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **MARKEL INSURANCE COMPANY** for Facilities Consolidation - Chelford City Diversion Package 3 - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **MOTION 2026-0066 ADOPTED**

5. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,002,107.50 for Purchase of a Campaign Finance Management Tool through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Houston Information Technology Services and Various Departments, awarded to **RFD & ASSOCIATES, INC** 5 Years - Central Service Revolving and Other Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **MOTION 2026-0067 ADOPTED**

6. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$512,865.00 for Sole Source Purchase of a Subscription, Maintenance, Support and Services for an Investigative Lead Generation and Data Analysis Platform for Houston Information Technology Services on behalf of the Houston Police Department, awarded to **SOUNDTHINKING, INC** - 3 Years - Contributed Capital Project and Other Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **MOTION 2026-0068 ADOPTED**
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for Joint Runoff Election held on December 13, 2025; providing a maximum contract amount - \$2,495,732.70 - General Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0097 ADOPTED**
16. ORDINANCE authorizing and approving Form of Master Contractor Agreement for City of Houston 2021 Winter Storm Single Family Home Repair Program to be executed by City of Houston, Texas, and **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT, INC; BRIZO CONSTRUCTION, LLC; DUCKY RECOVERY, LLC; JAMES W. TURNER CONSTRUCTION, LTD; RM QUALITY CONSTRUCTION, LLC and SLSCO, LTD**; and, authorizing and approving form of Home Repair Program Tri-Party Agreement, Deed of Trust and Promissory Note for use in the 2021 Winter Storm Single Family Home Repair Program; authorizing Mayor to execute agreements with each contractor and owner or occupant of single-family structure who qualifies for participation in program; allocating \$33,504,345 in CDBG-DR21 Funds to aforementioned agreements - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0098 ADOPTED**
17. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2021-0221 related to contract with **INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC** to provide Library Books and Audiovisual Materials - \$7,500,000.00 - General Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0099 ADOPTED**
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,155,378.22 out of Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **CONSOR ENGINEERS, LLC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction (NSR) Project 454 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0371); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G - HUFFMAN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0100 ADOPTED**
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$46,417,000.00 out Water & Sewer System Consolidation Construction Fund for Trinity River Conveyance Project operated by **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY PROJECTS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Huffman absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0101 ADOPTED**

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Davis first

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary