

City Hall Council Chamber
June 3 - 4, 2025
2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 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 and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, First Assistant City Attorney, and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Members Tarsha Jackson and Letitia Plummer absent on personal business. Council Member Twila Carter absent on City business.

At 1:42 p.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Huffman (on behalf of Council Member Carter) for the first proclamation. Council Member Huffman presented a proclamation to Judge Angela L. Graves-Harrington honoring Harris County's Inaugural Family Reunification Celebration in recognition of their case workers, attorney and other child welfare professionals' efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Kamin for a proclamation. Council Member Kamin presented a proclamation recognizing Moms Demand Action honoring Wear Orange Weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Martinez for a proclamation. Council Member Martinez presented a proclamation honoring Steve Timms on the occasion of his retirement following 25 years of dedicated services as President and CEO of First Tee with the Houston Golf Association.

At 2:21 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Thomas for the Invocation after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of May 20 - 21, 2025 and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Alcorn absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Speakers

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Evans-Shabazz for a procedural motion. Council Member Evans-Shabazz moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Tahir Charles to the top of the three (3) minute Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum. Council Members Thomas and Alcorn absent. **MOTION 2025-0412 ADOPTED**

At 2:22 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the Interim City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

- 1 - TOM BROYLES - Budget (Item 37).
- 2 - TAHIR CHARLES - 2024 Derecho & Hurricane Beryl homeless plans.
- 3 - KRISTAL CASEY - Budget (Item 37).
- 4 - LAURA GALLIER - Budget (Item 37).
- 5 - BENJAMIN BROADWAY - Budget (Item 37).

6 - MARIE POUSSON - Budget (Item 37).

7 - CAMERON ADDAMS - Budget (Item 37).

8 - TIFFANY ECHEVARRIA - Budget (Item 37).

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castillo for a procedural motion. Council Member Castillo moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Avery Belyeu, Robert Michaels and Stephen Miranda to the bottom of the three (3) minute Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Flickinger absent.

MOTION 2025-0413 ADOPTED

9 - BILL KELLY - Budget (Items 36 and 37).

10 - GRACIE ISRAEL - Budget (Item 37).

11 - LAILA KHALILI - Budget (Item 37).

12 - CAVANAUGH NWEZE - Budget (Item 37).

13 - AYDEN PEREZ - Resources and public funding (Item 37).

14 - REBECCA SELLE - Budget (Item 37).

Mayor Whitmire left the meeting. Mayor Pro Term Castex-Tatum presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Kamin for a procedural motion. Council Member Kamin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Makenzi Tate to speak after Selena Harbor and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire, Council Members Thomas and Alcorn absent. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding.

MOTION 2025-0414 ADOPTED

15 - SELENA HARBOR - Budget (Item 37).

16 - MAKENZI TATE - Budget (Item 37).

17 - JUDITH REVELS - Budget (Item 37).

SONNY MEHTA - Budget (Item 37). **Not Present**

18 - BEN AKINOLA - Budget (Item 37).

19 - MICHAEL SCHAFER - Budget (Item 37).

20 - MANUEL COHEN - Budget (Item 37).

21 - AVERY BELYEU - Montrose Community Center.

22 - ROBERT MILES - Montrose Community Center.

23 - STEPHEN MIRANDA - Council Member Budget Amendments.

KELLY KATHRYN - Clear Lake lack of services. **Not Present**

UYLESS JONES - Waste Management. **Not Present**

FREDRICK METOYER - Library, university and METRO complaint. **Not Present**

24 - OBIE GOFFNEY - Harassment.

25 - MARK RODRIGUEZ - Community concerns.

26 - CONCHITA REYES - Lack of community services.

27 - PAULINE CHEATHAM - Neighborhood issues.

MARJORIE SMITH - Daytime noise issue/negative impact on residents. **Not Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Kamin for a procedural motion. Council Member Kamin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Diego Navarro to speak in place of Enrique Navarro and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire, Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Thomas and Pollard absent, Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding.

MOTION 2025-0415 ADOPTED

ENRIQUE NAVARRO - N. Shepherd project. **Not Present**

28 - DIEGO NAVARRO - N. Shepherd Project.

29 - LINDA GAMBLE - 1310 Homer St 77091.

NANCY HIGGS - Historic Post Oak on Montrose Blvd. **Not Present**

CHRIS TYLER - Everything in the city. **Not Present**

LILLIE PHILLIPS - Water bill. **Not Present**

DOUGLAS RIPLEY - Water meter. **Not Present**

30 - JOHN NICKS - Creating HERO 2.0.

WILLIE DAVIS - Resolution for affordable housing. **Not Present**

MUSTAPHA SEGROUCHNI - Harper Brothers. **Not Present**

LEE PERRY - Scams against senior citizens. **Not Present**

31 - LISA JEDKINS-BROWN - Evergreen Negro Cemetery.

DARRELL HARPER - Civil rights being violated. **Not Present**

EDUARDO DURAN - Sociology. **Not Present**

STEVE WILLIAMS - Black females, black male murderer. **Not Present**

SARA REHMAN - Budget (Item 37). **Not Present**

32 - CESAR ESPINOSA - HPD (Item 37) 33 - JOY DAVIS - Budget (Item 43).

OMER AHMED - Budget (Item 37). **Not Present**

34 - TIESA LEGGETT - Deeper concerns regarding job termination.

35 - ALFREDO DOMINGUEZ - Budget (Item 37).

At 4:44 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

For more information and details from the speakers list, please click here.
www.houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/344551

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

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 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; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present.

At 9:21 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and moved to the Finance 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 - 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.

Members of Council questioned the City Controller and Finance Director and commented on the Monthly Financial Report. Council Member Alcorn moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2025 and seconded by Council Member Castillo, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Thomas and Ramirez absent. **MOTION 2024-0416 ADOPTED**

At 10:30 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the Interim City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave (Salary Continuation) for District Chief **PAUL HIGGINS** beginning May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 - \$64,434.22 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0417 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$20,952,359.80 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TEXAS CORPORATION** for East Water Purification Plant Chlorine System Improvements Package 2 - Ton Containers, Evaporators, Chlorinators, Ejectors, Piping and Miscellaneous Improvements - 0.24% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0418 ADOPTED**
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$3,583,016.13 and acceptance of work on contract with **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 4.16% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; F - THOMAS; G - HUFFMAN; H - CASTILLO; I - MARTINEZ and J - POLLARD** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0419 ADOPTED**

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$5,225,920.89 and acceptance of work on contract with **VORTEX TURNKEY SOLUTIONS, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 1.21% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; C - KAMIN; E - FLICKINGER; F - THOMAS; H - CASTILLO; I - MARTINEZ and J - POLLARD** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2025-0420 ADOPTED

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

5. **STRYKER SALES, LLC fka STRYKER SALES CORPORATION** for Purchase of Stryker Stair-PRO Medical Transport Systems with Accompanying Accessories for the Houston Fire Department - \$93,075.62 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2025-0421 ADOPTED
6. **BATTERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT LLC**, The Interlocal Purchasing System supplier, for Purchase of Labor Services, Manufacturer OEM Parts and Related Products for the Fleet Management Department - \$901,250.00 - 5 Years - Fleet Management Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2025-0422 ADOPTED
7. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$176,405.40 for Purchase of a Digital Form and Workflow Automation Subscription Renewal for Houston Information Technology Services, awarded to **NINTEX USA, INC** - 3 Years - Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2025-0423 ADOPTED
9. **LUDLUM MEASUREMENTS, INC** for Purchase of Survey Meter Kits for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security - \$132,440.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2025-0424 ADOPTED
10. **HID GLOBAL CORPORATION** for Purchase of One-Year Mobile Application License Renewal Fee for the Houston Police Department - \$4,200.00 - Police Special Services Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2025-0425 ADOPTED
11. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$55,253.00 for Purchase of a One-Year Renewal of Software Licenses, Maintenance and Support for Investigative Database and Software for the Houston Police Department, awarded to **WHOOSTER, INC** - General, Grant and Other Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0426 ADOPTED**
12. **KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC**, the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program supplier, for Purchase of Two (2) Combination Sewer Cleaner Trucks for Houston Public Works - \$336,000.00 - 1 Year - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0427 ADOPTED**

13. **SMITH PUMP COMPANY, INC** for Purchase of NIDEC Motors through the Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative for Houston Public Works - \$129,726.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0428 ADOPTED**
14. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$825,000.00 for Seasonal Staffing and Training Services for Various Departments, awarded to **CAREER AND RECOVERY RESOURCES, INC** - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0429 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

15. ORDINANCE providing for the Continuation of Appropriation for support of City Government pursuant to the requirements of Article VIA, Section 1 of City Charter; authorizing certain transfers; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a repealer and a severability clause - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0458 ADOPTED**
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **HOUSTON SRO HOUSING CORPORATION**, to extend agreement and provide additional Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for continuing administration and operation of Multi-Unit Permanent Residential Facility with Supportive Services to a minimum of 33 very low-income households affected by or living with HIV/AIDS - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0459 ADOPTED**
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing City of Houston to submit 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**, including the following 2025 Grant Applications and Budgets: 1) **51st Program Year Community Development Block Grant** in the amount of \$25,600,663.08 (which amount includes \$66,103.08 in program income); 2) **Home Investment Partnerships Grant** in the amount of \$10,054,102.98 (which amount includes \$119,543.00 in program income); 3) **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Grant** in the amount of \$13,918,414.00; and 4) **Emergency Solutions Grant** in the amount of \$2,160,384.00; and to accept funds from the aforementioned Grants, if awarded - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0460 ADOPTED**
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of required application materials to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** for **Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Award** under the **HUD Economic Development Initiative**; and the execution of associated Grant Agreements between HUD and the City of Houston and related forms and documents - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0461 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Director of City of Houston Health Department to accept Grant Award from the **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION** for the **Strengthening Vaccine Preventable Disease Prevention and Response Grant Application**; 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 - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0462 ADOPTED**

22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,164,879.20 out of Airports Improvement Fund; awarding Construction Contract to **INTEX UNITED, INC** for Terminal C Garage Signage and Wayfinding at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) (Project No. 794G); 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, and contingency, relating to Terminal C Garage Signage and Wayfinding financed by the Airports Improvement Fund - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0463 ADOPTED**
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to increase spending authority for Tower License Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Licensee and **CROWN COMMUNICATION, LLC**, Licenser - 5 Years - \$376,262.18 - Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0464 ADOPTED**
24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2018-511 to increase maximum contract amount and approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between City of Houston and **BIO-AQUATIC TESTING, INC** - through June 12, 2026 - \$320,000.00 - Water & Sewer System Operating Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0465 ADOPTED**
25. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$5,000,000.00, out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund previously appropriated under Ordinance 2023-807; and appropriating \$5,000,000.00 out of PIB2023A Project Fund; for the Houston Police Department Parapet Demolition and Reconstruction Project - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0466 ADOPTED**
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$888,386.37 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract with **RDLR ARCHITECTS** for Sylvan Rodriguez Park Community Center; providing funding for Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT E- FLICKINGER** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0467 ADOPTED**
27. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1900 Block of Canterbury Street, between Staffordshire Boulevard and Cambridge Street, 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 2025-0468 ADOPTED**
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,234,629.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **BROWN AND CALDWELL** for 66-Inch Water Line along Wheatley Street, from Channel No. P118-32-01 to Victory Drive; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0469 ADOPTED**
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,690,085.35 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **LJA ENGINEERING, INC** for Lift Station Hazard Mitigation and Improvement Projects (Bayou Timber LS, 5th Street LS, Willowick LS, Heights LS, Bayou Place LS, North MacGregor Way #4 LS); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; G - HUFFMAN and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0470 ADOPTED**

32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,374,549.85 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **IDS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Lift Station Hazard Mitigation and Improvements Projects; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0471 ADOPTED
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$262,967.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing second amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **KENALL, INC** for Upper Brays Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0364); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0472 ADOPTED
35. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **TEXKOTA ENTERPRISES, LLC** for Miscellaneous Small Diameter Waterline, Fire Hydrant, Valve Rehab & Repairs; 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; providing a maximum contract amount - \$5,445,00.00 - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0473 ADOPTED

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$96,000.00 for Purchase of ProtectIR Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) Detectors for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security on behalf of the Houston Fire Department, to **FARRWEST ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPLY, INC** - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2025-0430 ADOPTED**
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of required application materials to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** for **Two-Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Awards** under the **HUD Economic Development Initiative**; and the execution of associated Grant Agreements between HUD and the City of Houston and related forms and documents - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0474 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing modification to Loan between City of Houston and **MACGREGOR GROCERY, LLC** to modify terms of Loan Documents to reflect a Deferred Payment Loan - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0475 ADOPTED
28. ORDINANCE renewing the establishment of the 400 Block of south side and the 500 Block, north and south sides of Euclid Street, between Northwood and Florence Streets and the 500 Block of Woodland Street, south sides, between Northwood and Helen Streets within the City of Houston, Texas as a Special Minimum Lot Size Block pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0476 ADOPTED**

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between City of Houston and **CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC** for Program Manager for Water Line Leaks and Water Loss and Allocating Funds; providing a maximum contract amount - \$5,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Kamin**
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,340,348.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CSI CONSOLIDATED, LLC dba AIMS COMPANIES** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation; 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 and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2025-0477 ADOPTED

MATTERS HELD

36. Consideration of proposed amendments to Item 37 below, submitted in writing on May 28, 2025 by Council Members Peck, Jackson, Flickinger, Huffman, Castillo, Martinez, Ramirez, Carter, Plummer and Alcorn, (Amendments will be considered in the order of a matrix prepared by the Administration)
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALCORN
Passage of the amendments is contingent upon passage of Item 37 below
37. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the Annual Budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2026, including provisions for future adjustment to certain Fund Balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing certain transfers, re-designating a cash reserve in the Fund Balance; establishing a cost for copies of the Budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALCORN
This was Item 12 on Agenda May 28, 2025

After consideration of the proposed amendments, a roll call vote was requested.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Whitmire voting aye	Council Member Martinez voting aye
Council Member Peck voting aye	Council Member Pollard voting no
Council Member Jackson aye	Council Member Castex-Tatum voting aye
Council Member Kamin voting no	Council Member Ramirez voting aye
Council Member Evans-Shabazz voting aye	Council Member Davis voting aye
Council Member Flickinger voting aye	Council Member Carter voting aye
Council Member Thomas voting no	Council Member Plummer voting aye
Council Member Huffman voting aye	Council Member Alcorn voting aye
Council Member Castillo voting aye	

ORDINANCE 2025-0478 ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Note: Matrix is below

38. ORDINANCE ratifying the adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budgets raising more Revenue from Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes due to increased property valuations and the addition of property to the Tax Roll than in Fiscal Year 2025; setting an effective date

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALCORN

This was Item 13 on Agenda May 28, 2025

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 37 above

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0479 ADOPTED**

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing payment to **ETHAN HEALTH LGC**, for full Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Expenses pursuant to first Interlocal Agreement between City and ETHAN Health LGC

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 37 above

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0480 ADOPTED**

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing payment to **HOUSTON RECOVERY CENTER LGC** for full Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Expenses pursuant to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and Houston Recovery Center LGC

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 37 above

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0481 ADOPTED**

41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing payment to **HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC**, for full Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Expenses pursuant to first Interlocal Agreement between City and Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 37 above

- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2025-0482 ADOPTED**

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

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
Interim City Secretary

Council Member	No.	Amendment	Recommendation
Ramirez	1.01	Transfer \$875,000 to support/enhance enforcement actions targeting public nuisances, and quality of life code violations as follows:	
Motion 2025-0430-1 - Change funding source Motion 2025-0430-30 – Divide the question on Amendment No. 1.01 Motion 2025-0430-31 – Adopt as amended Motion 2025-0430-32 - Adopt as amended (1.01(1)) Motion 2025-0430-33 – Amend 1.01(2) to amend the amount to \$150,000.00 Motion 2025-0430-34 – Adopt as amended (1.01(2)) Motion 2025-0430-35 – Amend 1.01(3) to pull \$250,000.00 from HPW Motion 2025-0430-35A – Refer 1.01(3) to Quality of Life Committee		1. \$375,000 to the Legal Department (Neighborhood Services) to support 2 additional attorneys, one to handle general nuisance actions under § 125, one to target nuisance cases related to human trafficking operations (e.g. massage parlors and modeling studios), and one supporting paralegal. 2. \$250,000 to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department (Regulatory Permitting) to support 2 FTE’s to enhance enforcement of short-term rental and other ordinance violations 3. \$250,000 to the Public Works Department to support 2 FTE’s to enhance code enforcements formerly handled by the Department of Neighborhoods, including prohibited yard parking violations. Transfer \$875,000 out of Human Resources (Client Services and Talent and Organizational Development), which are seeking a combined increase of \$5.3 million or 19% over the FY25 estimate. Substitute Language: Transfer \$875,000.00 from the General Fund Balance	Adopted as amended – to add language “including multi-family housing violations” (1.01(1)) Amend to reduce amount to \$150,000.00 (1.01(2)) Refer to Quality of Life Committee (1.01(3))
	1.02	Transfer \$125,000 to the Department of Neighborhoods to support 1 FTE to support language translation services to non-English speaking Houstonians. Transfer \$125,000 out of Human Resources (Client Services and Talent and Organizational Development), which are seeking a combined increase of \$5.3 million or 19% over the FY25 estimate. Substitute Language: Transfer \$125,000 from the General Fund Balance	Withdrawn

	1.03	Because the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) municipal service fees were last calculated several years ago, the Finance Department shall within the first quarter of FY26 propose an updated methodology to the Council to recalculate the municipal service fee for each TIRZ to recover “the incremental costs of providing municipal services incurred as a result of the creation” of the TIRZ. See Texas Tax Code Sec. 311.010(i).	Withdrawn
	1.04	The Mayor’s staff shall report quarterly to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs and Labor Committees meeting jointly on the implementation of recommendations from the Ernst & Young study, including performance metrics, organizational spend, category management, and forensic accounting, as well as the progress of consolidation and centralization efforts.	Withdrawn
	1.05	The Finance Department shall provide updates on overtime usage by the Houston Police, Houston Fire, and Solid Waste Departments at quarterly Budget and Fiscal Affairs committee meetings. Co-Author CM Alcorn	Withdrawn
	1.06	The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) will work jointly with the Quality of Life Committee and the Mayor’s Office of Innovation and Performance, to develop performance metrics for public service contracts, such as for job training and homelessness services. The draft metrics will be presented to the Quality of Life Committee at or before the October 2025 meeting. HCD will work with the chair of the Quality of Life Committee, the Mayor’s Office of Innovation and Performance, and other partners, to implement a strategy of data training for public service contractors on the performance metrics.	Withdrawn
	1.07	Within six months, the Mayor’s staff will convene the following five youth-serving programs to identify (a) areas for cross-collaboration, referrals, and program strengthening as well as (b) areas of potential duplication and efficiencies. 1. Local Youth Diversion services under Municipal Courts 2. Community Outreach and victim services under the Police Department 3. Criminal Rehabilitation and Prevention under the Health Department Gang Prevention and Intervention Services under the Department of Neighborhoods Community Center Operations under the Parks and Recreation Department	Withdrawn

	1.08	Regarding spending on drainage projects for FY26, the Public Works department shall make available online a list updated monthly of all drainage projects scheduled, in progress, or recently completed. The list shall note location, Council District, dollar amount allocated, implementation status, and funding source. Co-Sponsor: CM Jackson	Withdrawn
Carter Motion 2025-0430-3 Adopt	3.01	Explore the feasibility of removing the office telephones from City Council offices and replace with Teams calling and/or call forwarding to mobile devices. Cost savings to the IT Dept	Adopt
	3.02	Explore the feasibility of creating a searchable budget website to provide transparency in government	Withdrawn
	3.03	Explore the feasibility of purchasing additional automated vehicle locator (AVL) to dispatch mobile units for the Houston Fire Department thru a public/private partnership. Estimated cost: \$387,602020) for hardware, software, and training	Withdrawn
Plummer	4.01	The City shall consider the addition of one full-time classified officer, up to the rank of sergeant, who will serve as a dedicated liaison through the African American Police Officers League (AAPOL), with responsibilities focused on strengthening community engagement, improving access to victim services, and advancing public trust across Houston's diverse neighborhoods, particularly within the African American community. Background The officer would directly support HPD's Community Outreach Program, a Quality of Life priority within the FY2026 Proposed Budget. This role advances multiple departmental goals, including enhancing outreach to special needs populations, fostering cooperation for victim support, increasing non-enforcement community engagement, and building transparency and accountability. HPD leadership, including Chief Noe Diaz, has acknowledged the department's limitations in staffing for consistent district-level engagement and supports increased "boots on the ground" outreach presence.	Withdrawn

		The funding for this position shall be drawn from HPD's classified salary allocation under the Community Affairs cost center. Based on the FY2026 proposed budget, there is sufficient funding within this cost center to support this addition. Position Classification: Sworn Officer (up to Sergeant) Salary Range: \$78,452.10 – \$117,217.44 (commensurate upon classification and experience) Funding Source: Division: Executive Chief Command Cost Center ID: 1000010004 – HPD Community Affairs GL Account: 500020 – Salary Base Pay – Classified FY2026 Budget Allocation for Classified Salaries in Cost Center: \$3,216,438	
Alcorn Motion 2025-0430-36 – Adopt substitute motion	5.01	Dedicate \$10 million from the General Fund Ending Fund Balance – Unassigned to establishing an Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust. Note: In January 2022, the city reformed its health and disability benefits for new employees and existing employees depending on their length of service, mainly by eliminating or reducing subsidies for certain benefits. These reforms were projected to bring a looming \$9.1 billion liability in 2048 down to \$4.5 billion. To accompany these reforms, City Council passed as part of its FY24 budget ordinance a \$10 million contribution to establish an OPEB trust. The initial amount was to escalate over time and earn investment returns to further bring down the growing OPEB liability. This trust, while funded in the FY24 and FY25 budgets, was never established. The total OPEB liability per the March 31, 2025, Monthly Financial Report is \$1.9 billion. <u>Substitute Amendment</u> <u>Dedicate \$8,569,798 from the General Fund, \$749,673 from Water and Sewer Fund, \$302,756 from HAS, \$190,700 from Building Inspection Fund, \$1,900 from DDSRF-Drainage, \$70,800 from DDSRF-Metro, \$72,300 from Stormwater Fund, and \$42,073 from C&E to establishing an Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust.</u>	Withdrawn

5.02	Explore the feasibility of expanding shared services between the City of Houston's Health Department and Harris County Public Health. The community-wide coordinating council shall present progress on the existing interlocal agreement to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee within 90 days. Note: City and county health departments have very similar operations with several overlapping services offered including: childhood lead poisoning prevention and lead abatement programs; food safety inspections and permit services; food manager and food handler certification programs; pool and water inspection services; immunization program; HIV/STD prevention program; diabetes prevention programs; services promoting healthy nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco cessation; health clinics and family planning services; public health preparedness services; oral health and dental services; planning development functions; and administrative and financial services. An interlocal agreement between the two health agencies establishing a community-wide coordinating council to explore areas for potential collaboration was passed by City Council in February 2023. City Council passed a data sharing agreement between the two agencies in May 2025. The Kinder Institute for Urban Research released a report "A Tale of Two Departments: Public Health in Harris County and the City of Houston" in December 2021. The report looked at service overlaps between the agencies and identified options to reduce overlaps and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the public health delivery system. The report's recommendation was to have the city and county undertake a feasibility analysis of pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding or, alternatively, creating a health district.	Withdrawn
5.03	Explore the feasibility of having the Houston Public Works Department provide staff and/or funding to assist the Houston Parks and Recreation Department with mowing Houston's 7000 esplanade islands. HPW and HPARD shall report to the Government Operations Committee on this matter within 90 days. Note: Esplanades are part of the street right-of-way, and Houston Public Works already services areas behind the curb line, roadside ditches, and drainage easements. To the extent feasible, Houston Public Works could supplement Houston Parks and Recreation's esplanade mowing responsibilities.	Withdrawn

Motion 2025-0430-4 - substitute motion	5.04	Add \$134,000 to BARC Special Revenue Fund to fund two additional animal enforcement officers. Transfer funding from: <u>General Fund</u> \$28,000 – management consulting services \$38,000 – miscellaneous support and services \$12,000 – paper and printing \$8,000 – General Government contingency <u>Central Service Revolving Fund</u> \$35,000 – management consulting services \$13,000 – discontinue print edition of City Saavy publication Note: Additional animal enforcement officers (AEOs) are needed to address critical gaps in field response capabilities. Currently, BARC responds to just over 50% of all calls for service, with a low response rate of approximately 14% for Priority 4 and 5 calls. While Priority 1, 2, and 3 calls are largely addressed, the most critical Priority 1 and 2 calls have seen increases of 10% and 40% respectively over the past two years. While an additional 17 AEOs are needed, adding two AEOs would be a small step toward improving call response and addressing public safety concerns. <u>Substitute Amendment</u> Add \$134,000 to BARC Special Revenue Fund to fund two additional animal enforcement officers. Transfer funding from: <u>General Fund</u> \$28,000 – management consulting services \$36,000 – miscellaneous support and services \$12,000 – paper and printing \$8,000 – General Government contingency – <u>GGOV General</u> <u>Central Service Revolving Fund</u> \$35,000 – management consulting services – <u>Office of Talent & Org Development</u> \$13,000 – discontinue print edition of City Saavy publication \$38,000 – miscellaneous support and services – LGL – Non-Personnel Litigation Costs	Adopt
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	5.05	The Finance Department shall present quarterly updates on overtime usage in the Houston Police, Houston Fire, and Solid Waste Departments to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. Co-Author: CM Ramirez	Withdrawn
Peck Motion 2025-0430-37 – Adopt	6.01	If the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund actual fund balance is higher than expected in the proposed budget, 1% of the difference shall be moved to the Budget Stabilization Fund. Fiscal Note: General Fund decrease, but it is a decrease in unexpected funds. Increase to the budget Stabilization Fund.	Adopt
	6.02	If the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund actual fund balance is higher than expected in the proposed budget, 1% of the difference shall be used to pay for deferred maintenance on City facilities starting with public safety facilities. Fiscal Note: General Fund decrease, but it is a decrease in unexpected funds.	Withdrawn
	6.03	If the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund actual fund balance is higher than 7.5% of total expenditures excluding debt service and Pay-As-You GP (PAYGO), 1% of the difference shall be moved to the Budget Stabilization Fund. Fiscal Note: This would not impact the required 7.5%	Withdrawn
	6.04	If the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund actual fund balance is higher than 7.5% of total expenditures excluding debt service and Pay-As-You GP (PAYGO), 1% of the difference shall be used to pay for deferred maintenance on City facilities starting with public safety facilities. Fiscal Note: This would not impact the required 7.5%	Withdrawn
Motion 2025-0430-5 - Refer to committee	6.05	Solid Waste depositories shall be equipped to show real time waiting status so that customers are aware of waiting times. This information shall be placed online and on the HTX Collects app. Fiscal Note: Savings. This could potentially reduce the number of people who are illegally dumping due to unexpectedly long waiting times. A reduction in illegal dumping will save the City money.	Referred to committee

Motion 2025-0430-6 - Refer to committee	6.06	A study shall be conducted to determine the feasibility of implementing an optional fee for additional garbage, heavy trash, and/or recycling pickup from single family residences. This fee will only be charged to those who voluntarily choose to have an additional pickup day. The fee shall be voted on by City Council prior to implementation. If capacity is not sufficient to meet these needs, this service shall be contracted out to a private company. Fiscal Note: Revenue	Referred to committee
Motion 2025-0430-7 - Refer to committee	6.07	A pilot program shall be established in District A for a managed competition program for yard waste collection. Fiscal Note: Savings anticipated	Referred to committee
Motion 2025-0430-8 - Refer to committee	6.08	A pilot program shall be established for a “One Bin” program for the Solid Waste Department where all trash and recycling are collected in the same bin and separated in an environmentally positive way. Fiscal Note: Possible savings	Referred to committee
Motion 2025-0430-9 - Refer to Public Safety Committee	6.09	A study shall be conducted to determine the viability and potential cost savings of working with other agencies and/or retired officers to transport individuals to the Joint Processing Center. A presentation shall be given at the Public Safety Committee within 120 days.	Referred to committee
Motion 2025-0430-10 - Substitute motion Motion 2025-0430-38 – Adopt substitute motion	6.10	(Substitute language) The Houston Fire Department Wildland Group will be reimbursed for work conducted by division from reimbursements the City receives for Wildland Group assistance and response. Any remaining reimbursed funds shall be subject to clas back at the end of each fiscal year Fiscal Note: None. This money is being reimbursed to the department for work completed and money expended from the department.	Adopted as substituted
	6.11	A Special Revenue Fund shall be established for the Houston Fire Department for the Houston Fire Marshal’s Department. All fees and fines collected by the Fire Marshal’s Department shall be allocated back to this Special Revenue Fund for ongoing needs within the Department. This special revenue fund shall be subject to claw back at the end of each fiscal year. Fiscal Note: None. This money is being reimbursed to the department for work completed and money expended from the department.	Withdrawn

Motion 2025-0430-11 - Refer to Public Safety Committee	6.12	The Houston Fire Department shall review options for new funding sources and cost recovery measures in instances where unnecessary resources are used. Options include but are not limited to: a. Charge to insurance companies to recoup costs for responding to vehicular accidents and aiding/blocking traffic. b. Charge to insurance companies to recoup costs for hazard material cleanup. c. Charge to insurance companies for incidents caused by the misuse of alcohol or any controlled substances, including vehicle accidents. d. Charge for water consumption to contain fires when arson or owner negligence is involved. e. "Fire Flow Fee" on properties that have gone through the abatement process. Fiscal Note: Possible revenue.	Referred to Public Safety committee
	6.13	The Human Resources Department shall evaluate the potential financial impact of hiring off duty fire fighters as 911 dispatch call takers at the Houston Emergency Center. Fiscal Note: None, but it would help fill a vacancy need with individuals who are already trained to handle difficult situations.	Withdrawn
	6.14	The City shall attempt to recover costs from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for any city funds spent cleaning homeless encampments under TxDOT overpasses. Fiscal Note: Savings	Withdrawn
	6.15	The City shall attempt to recover costs from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the lights on TxDOT freeways. (GL 522715, Freeway Lighting, Interfund Electricity) Fiscal Note: Savings of \$981,100	Withdrawn
	6.16	The City shall attempt to recover costs from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for inspections of concrete batch plants. Fiscal Note: Savings	Withdrawn
	6.17	The Houston Library System shall provide information about signing up for AlertHouston to individuals who apply for a library card. Fiscal Note: None. Many people applying for a library card are new Houstonians, and this is important information that they may not know about.	Withdrawn

	6.18	A Special Revenue Fund shall be established for Houston Public Works (HPW). All fees and fines collected that are related to HPW inspection matters shall be allocated back to the Special Revenue Fund for ongoing needs within the Department. This Fund shall be subject to claw back at the end of each fiscal year. Fiscal Note: None.	Withdrawn
	6.19	A Special Revenue Fund shall be established for Houston Public Works (HPW) for dangerous building demolitions. When the City demolishes a dangerous building and places a lien on the property, all funds received from payment of said lien shall be allocated into this Special Revenue Fund. This Fund shall be subject to claw back at the end of each fiscal year. Fiscal Note: None	Withdrawn
	6.20	The Strategic Procurement Department shall determine the financial benefits of eliminating option years in contracts and instead negotiating a longer term of the contract. A report shall be given to the Budget & Fiscal Affairs Committee at the end of Fiscal Year 2026 Fiscal Note: Possible Savings.	Withdrawn – with report by end of fiscal year
	6.21	The Administration and Regulatory Affairs (ARA) Department shall consolidate all 311 call centers including but not limited to Health, Department of Neighborhoods, and BARC. Fiscal Note: Possible Savings	Withdrawn and Referred to committee
	6.22	All call takers at 311 shall be given read-only access to INFOR and City Works to expedite callbacks from the public and for better calling experience. Fiscal Note: None	Withdrawn
	6.23	The Administration and Regulatory Affairs (ARA) Department shall explore the possibility of referring all non-emergency HPD calls from 311 directly to HPD. Currently, calls on HPD matters are being closed in 311 and not referred. Fiscal Note: None	Withdrawn
	6.24	The City shall discontinue the requirement of printing Google Map images/directions for mileage reimbursement requests. There is no need to take this additional step. Fiscal Note: This will result in time savings for employees.	Withdrawn

	6.25	The General Services Department shall evaluate the potential cost savings of consolidating the Real Estate Management Division with the Legal Department and Houston Public Works. Fiscal Note: Potential revenue	Withdrawn
	6.26	Houston Public Works shall evaluate the financial impact (for the City and private industry) of allowing private, certified engineers to conduct certain inspections instead of the City of Houston. The City shall also evaluate the impact of charging a potential fee for this expedited service. Fiscal Note: Potential revenue	Withdrawn
	6.27	The Planning & Development Department shall evaluate the financial impact (for the City and private industry) of allowing builders to sign plats electronically instead of in person. Fiscal Note: Potential cost savings	Withdrawn
	6.28	The Municipal Courts Department shall create a voluntary fund where jurors can donate their \$6 payment to either the Houston Police Foundation or the Houston Fire Fighters Foundation. Fiscal Note: None.	Withdrawn
Motion 2025-0430-12 - Refer to Service Delivery Committee	6.29	The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) shall study the potential revenue impact of offering concession contracts with vendors at HPARD swimming pools during summertime. Fiscal Note: Potential revenue	Referred to Service Delivery committee
	6.30	The City shall work with County Commissioners to share responsibilities, when available, for park and road maintenance. Fiscal Note: Savings	Withdrawn
Jackson Motion 2025-0430-13 – Procedural motion Motion 2025-0430-14 – Substitute adopted	7.01	(substitute language) The City shall allocate \$25M to the Local Drainage Program prioritizing the most critical areas. The Houston Public Works Department shall make all efforts to expend the proposed FY26 budget amounts during the Fiscal Year. Expenditure of the proposed budgeted amounts is critical to ensure high-need areas realize the relief that they deserve to address neglect of the past decades	Substitute adopted

Motion 2025-0430-13 – HPW return in 62 days to present to S/D Committee list of properties Motion 2025-0430-15 – Substitute adopted	7.02	(substitute language) The City shall allocate \$20M within DDSRF to the Ditch Reestablishment Program prioritizing the most critical areas. The Houston Public Works Department shall make all efforts to expend the proposed FY26 budget amounts during the Fiscal Year, to include rollover amounts from previous Fiscal Years (\$32M total). Expenditure of the proposed budgeted amounts is critical to ensure high-need areas realize the relief that they deserve to address neglect of the past decades.	Substitute adopted
Kamin Motion 2025-0430-16 – Substitute adopted	8.01	Recognizing the increasing costs and frequency of extreme weather events and natural disasters impacting the City of Houston, the minimum amount of the Budget Stabilization Fund shall be increased by \$5 million and funds used shall be replenished within one (1) year. The requirements of the Budget Stabilization Fund shall be amended as follows: In addition to the Fund Balance, the City shall maintain a separate Budget Stabilization Fund in an amount not less than the greater of (a) 1% of Adopted Budget General Fund expenditures (excluding debt service payments and transfers for pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) capital expenditures) or (b) \$20 \$25 million, which may be used in accordance with the definition of the fund. Transfers necessary to meet this requirement shall occur by July 31 of each fiscal year. Any proposed use of the Budget Stabilization Fund shall be accompanied by a justification to City Council and shall require approval from two-thirds of the City Council present and voting. When an event causing use of the Budget Stabilization Fund has concluded, the City shall allocate sufficient funds within 365 days by the end of the second subsequent full fiscal year to restore the Budget Stabilization Fund to at least minimum levels.	Substitute adopted
Motion 2025-0430-38 – Adopt substitute motion	8.02	(Substitute language) The Houston Fire Department Wildland Group will be reimbursed for work conducted by division from reimbursements the City receives for Wildland Group assistance and response. Any remaining reimbursed funds shall be subject to clas back at the end of each fiscal year Fiscal Note: None. This money is being reimbursed to the department for work completed and money expended from the department.	Adopted as substituted

Flickinger Motion 2025-0430-17 – Adopt substitute motion Motion 2025-0430-39 – Substitute adopted	10.01	(substitute language) Allocate unencumbered IKE Kiosk revenue in the amount of \$1.3 million to HPARD to help maintain current levels of mowing for esplanades and parks throughout the City. Reduced City Council proposed budget by 2% Fiscal Note: None. Savings would be realized.	Substitute adopted
Motion 2025-0430-18 - FAILED	10.02	Reduce City Council proposed budget by 2% Fiscal Note: None. Savings would be realized.	Failed
	10.03	Amend AP 3-7 to revise the definition of Decision Making Leave (DML) so that it is a one-day mandatory leave without pay. Decision Making Leave (DML) – Third and the most serious level of the formal corrective action process. It is a one-day mandatory leave with without pay where the employee is required to use this day of leave to make a decision to correct the violation(s) that resulted in the DML or elect to resign.	Withdrawn
Huffman Motion 2025-0430-19 – Adopt	12.01	Non-training related travel (GL 520910) for all departments shall cumulatively be capped at Fiscal Year 2025 Estimate levels, resulting in a savings of \$217,643.	Adopted
Motion 2025-0430-20 – Refer to Service Delivery Committee	12.02	Photographic Services (GL 520113) for all departments shall cumulatively be capped at Fiscal Year 2025 Estimate levels, resulting in a savings of \$19,503.	Referred to committee
Motion 2025-0430-40 - Adopt	12.03	1% of the Unassigned General Fund Balance shall be divided equally amongst each of the eleven city council districts in order to address localized drainage concerns in each council district as part of the Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) Program.	Adopted
Castillo	13.01	LGBTQ+ Economic Empowerment Coordinator: Allocate \$20,000 from the Council District Service Fund – District H (with matching funds provided) to pilot a part-time LGBTQ+ Community Access Liaison within the Office of Business Opportunity or appropriate department. The position will support inclusive economic mobility by connecting LGBTQ+ Houstonians, with a focus on youth and seniors, to workforce programs, small business resources, City services, and LGBTQ+ designation. The pilot will also identify service gaps, elevate policy recommendations, and build partnerships to inform a long-term equity strategy. A report will be presented to the Economic Development and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees within six months of the position being filed.	Withdrawn

	13.02	IT Application Rationalization Study (APP RAT): Allocate \$100,000 from the General Fund to conduct an Application Rationalization Study across City departments. This initiative will identify outdated or redundant software, reduce licensing costs, improve cybersecurity, and create a roadmap for modernizing citywide technology to enhance employee efficiency and public service delivery.	Withdrawn
Motion 2025-0430-41 - Adopt	13.03	BARC Funding: Allocate \$350,000 from the General Fund Ending Balance to maintain professional kennel cleaning services at BARC. Reinstating these professional cleaning services, BARC staff can focus on direct animal care, improving the quality of life and adoptability of pets. This allocation will allow staff to address behavioral issues, ensure pets spend more time outdoors, and ultimately enhance their chances of finding permanent homes.	Adopted
	13.04	BARC Consolidation Study: Allocate \$50,000 from the General Fund to commission a feasibility study evaluating the potential consolidation of BARC with Harris County Pets. The study will assess cost savings, operational efficiencies, animal welfare outcomes, facility capacity, and governance considerations. Findings will be presented to a joint session of the Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees within six months	Withdrawn
Motion 2025-0430-21 – Refer to Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees	13.05	Health Department Consolidation Study: Allocate \$50,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund to commission a feasibility study evaluating the consolidation of the Houston Health Department with Harris County Public Health. The study will assess cost savings, public health outcomes, legal and governance implications, and impacts to service delivery, with specific attention to departmental programs, grant compliance, and emergency response capacity. Findings will be presented to a joint session of the Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees within nine months.	Refer to GO and BFA Committees
Motion 2025-0430-21A – Refer to Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees	13.06	Parks Department Consolidation Study: Allocate \$50,000 from the Parks Special Revenue Fund to conduct a feasibility study on consolidating the Houston Parks and Recreation Department with Harris County Precinct Parks. The study will evaluate operational efficiencies, programming alignment, maintenance standards, access to green space, and long-term capital planning. Findings will be reported to a joint session of the Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees within nine months.	Referred to BFA

	13.07	Park Ranger Positions – Parks Department: Allocate \$135,000 from the General Fund to restore funding for two Park Ranger positions within the Parks Department's Park Safety and Security program. These roles are critical to ensuring public safety in parks, improving patrol coverage, and supporting departmental performance measures. Restoring these positions will address growing community concerns about safety in parks and help the department meet service expectations.	Withdrawn
Motion 2025-0430-22 – Refer to Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees	13.08	Library System Consolidation Study: Allocate \$50,000 from the Library Special Revenue Fund to fund a feasibility study exploring the potential consolidation of the Houston Public Library system with the Harris County Public Library system. The study will review cost savings, service equity, digital access, programming integration, and governance structures to improve long-term sustainability of library services. Findings will be presented to a joint session of the Government Operations and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committees within nine months.	Referred to Government Operations
Motion 2025-0430-23 – Refer to Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee to explore a fee study for passport services	13.09	Library Passport Revenue Reinvestment Realign passport service revenue generated by the Houston Public Library to remain within the Library Department budget rather than transferring to the General Fund. This amendment supports the expansion of passport services to additional library branches and ensures that all related proceeds are reinvested into library operations, staffing, and community access to services.	Adopted and send for fee evaluation and then refer to BFA
Castillo Motion 2025-0430-24 – Refer to Government Operations and Service Delivery Committees	14.01	Establish and assess a one-time fee on new residential development that requires waste service to be provided by the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD). The one-time fee shall be calculated by multiplying the number of new single-family dwellings in the development by the cost incurred by the City to deliver a new refuse container (\$28.00 in FY24). The fee shall not be applied to developments with private trash service. Revenue generated from the one-time service fee shall be utilized by SWMD to support department operations, services, and programming.	Referred to Government Operations and Service Delivery Committee

Motion 2025-0430-25 – Refer to Government Operations and Service Delivery Committees	14.02	Increase funding for the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) by establishing a monthly solid waste user fee for residents with SWMD trash service. The user fee shall be based on a pay-as-you-throw model. Revenue shall be used to establish an enterprise fund for SMWD operations, including hiring additional staff and inspectors, purchasing equipment, and sustaining services such as removing illegal dumping and tires, and other SMWD programming.	Referred to Government Operations Committee
Motion 2025-0430-26 – Refer to Government Operations and Service Delivery Committees	14.03	The City of Houston shall review the Solid Waste Management Department's (SWMD) Heavy Trash collection program and establish an on-demand service would be more efficient and sustainable for SWMD, and more reliably meet the needs of customers.	Referred to Government Operations Committee
Motion 2025-0430-27 – Refer to Government Operations Committee	14.04	Establish an adopt-a-gate program under the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. This adoption program shall encourage and provide organizations, homeowners associations, civic groups or residents interested in taking on the responsibility to open and close park gates daily, the ability to do so and thereby freeing up Park Rangers from this responsibility and allowing them to focus on priority responsibilities like security patrols at city parks.	Referred to Government Operations Committee
Motion 2025-0430-28 – Refer to Government Operations Committee	14.05	Establish and assess a fee for governmental entities using the City of Houston-issued MWSBE and certification. This fee should cover the full cost incurred by the city to process certifications. Revenue from this fee shall be used to establish an Enterprise Fund to support the operations of the OBO including the hiring of additional business development coordinators, contract administrators, staff analysts and other essential positions; as well as purchasing necessary supplies and equipment to sustain operations of the OBO.	Referred to Government Operations Committee
Motion 2025-0430-29 – Refer to Government Operations Committee	14.06	(substitute language) Establish a fee for MWSBE certifications issued by the Office of Business Opportunity (OBO) to cover the administrative cost of processing applications. Proposed fees include \$325 for new applications (plus \$75 for each additional type) \$75 for renewals, and \$125 for appeals. Based on FY24/FY25 volume, this would generate approximately \$348,025 annually to support staffing and reduce backlog. Fees would be implemented after January 1, 2026.	Substitute referred to Government Operations Committee

Motion 2025-0430-2 – Procedural motion

Motion 2025-0430-42 – Call the question on Item 37

