

City Hall Council Chamber
July 21 - 22, 2026
2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Joe Panzarella, Fred Flickinger, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Twila Carter and Alejandra Salinas; Randy Zamora, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Members Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Tiffany D. Thomas and Sallie Alcorn absent on personal business. Council Member Willie Davis absent on City business.

At 1:35 p.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and requested Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum to preside. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Panzarella for a proclamation.

Council Member Panzarella presented a proclamation to Urban Paths to recognize its guided walking experiences that connect participants to nature, art, culture, movement and meaningful connection.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Panzarella for a proclamation. Council Member Panzarella presented a proclamation to the Mayor's Office to celebrate the 36th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Peck for a proclamation. Council Member Peck presented a proclamation to Kids' Meals in celebration of their 20th anniversary. Kids' Meals are now feeding more than 21,000 meals this summer directly to children and families in need.

At 2:03 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Martinez for the Invocation and after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of July 14 - 15, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Jackson, Pollard and Salinas absent.
MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Panzarella for a procedural motion. Council Member Panzarella moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Mehdi Rais to follow Lucia Moreno on the three (3) minutes Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Jackson, Pollard and Salinas absent.
MOTION 2026-0410 ADOPTED

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castillo for a procedural motion. Council Member Castillo moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving John Branch to the top of the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Jackson, Pollard and Salinas absent. **MOTION 2026-0411 ADOPTED**

At 2:07 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

1 - AUDREY NATH - Alabama St project

2 - JESSI BOWMAN - Traffic safety

3 - LUNG LY - Bike lanes and center lane

TAMMARA PAIGE - City concerns **Not Present**

HANNAH PERCIVAL - Thank you for standing up to ICE **Not Present**

4 - SARAH HARTZELL - HPD collaboration with ICE

CHRISTOPHER RIVERA – ICE **Not Present**

5 - EMILY WEEMS - Protect Houstonians from ICE

6 - ALEXANDREA O'NEAL - Community safety

7 - DIEGO MANNIKAROTE - Community safety

8 - ROBERTO COELLO - Update on education and adult education

9 - JOHN GEISS - W. Alabama reconstruction

10 - SUSAN SCHNEIDER - Safety on Alabama

11 - GEORGE KOMETIANI - W. Alabama St reconstruction safety

12 - JOHN BRANCH - Questioning comments for the City Attorney

13 - JOHN ROYAL - Decorum, respect and rules

LUCIA MORENO - Suggestions for BARC to make more money **Not Present**

14 - MEHDI RAIS - W. Alabama redesign

15 - MARGO FENDRICH - Safety of W. Alabama St redesign

16 - SHARON HAYNES - Alabama St renovation

17 - NICHOLAS WHITAKER - W. Alabama reconstruction

18 - JOHN WILSON - W. Alabama St redesign between S Shepherd and Hwy 59 Spur

19 - JOSH NELSON - W. Alabama traffic safety

MONROE HAGGART - Illegal dumping **Not Present**

ERIC SANCHEZ - Houston police **Not Present**

20 - COURTNEY SELLERS - Speed slowing on W. Alabama

21 - GEORGE LaBLANCHE - Whistleblower Houston Parks and Recreation

KEVIN BALL - Crimes and issues within the City of Houston **Not Present**

CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM - Organized crime and public corruption **Not Present**

AMINATA STEELE - Community need for expanded public tennis access in Third Ward **Not Present**

22 - GENEVA "NIA" COLBERT - Threats to life in subsidized housing

RICHARD COLLINS - Houston police and Internal Affairs **Not Present**

DARRIAN MILLER - Retaliation, ICE and 4th amendment rights **Not Present**

23 - SAMEEHA RIZVI - ICE involvement in Houston

24 - TABITHA CLAY - ICE

25 - NEIDEEN HERNANDEZ - ICE in Houston

At 3:27 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recessed the meeting.

At 3:40 p.m., Mayor Whitmire reconvene the meeting.

26 - NORA PIERCE - Lorenzo Araujo

KENTRICE JOHNSON - Social media harassment **Not Present**

STEVE WILLIAMS - HPD **Not Present**

27 - NOAH MELENDREZ - City Hall decorum

DARRELL HARPER - Racial integration within Settegast community under no zoning law **Not Present**

28 - STEPHANIE PADILLA - Community safety

29 - ASIF CHOWDHURY - ICE

30 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - Dynamo war games

EDUARDO DURAN - News events **Not Present**

31 - NATHANIEL LEONARD - Bigot and help from City with Ben Crump

At 3:53 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click [here](http://www.houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/394070).
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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, July 22, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Joe Panzarella, Fred Flickinger, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter and Alejandra Salinas; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Members Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Tiffany D. Thomas and Sallie Alcorn absent on personal business.

At 9:08 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and move to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 31

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **CSI CONSOLIDATED LLC dba AIMS COMPANIES** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation **DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON, C - PANZARELLA; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; E - FLICKINGER; F - THOMAS; G - HUFFMAN; H - CASTILLO; I - MARTINEZ; J - POLLARD AND K - CASTEX-TATUM**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 2 through 6

2. **VULCAN, INC dba VULCAN SIGNS** for Supply of Aluminum Traffic Sign Blanks for Houston Public Works and the Houston Airport System - \$1,492,076.06 - 3-Years with 2 one-year options - Special Revenue and Other Funds
3. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$941,787.00 for Purchase of Software Licenses, Maintenance, Support and Services for the Houston Information Technology Services on behalf of the Houston Fire Department, awarded to **STATION AUTOMATION, INC dba PSTRAX** - 5 Years - Central Service Revolving Fund
4. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$1,386,000.00 for Playground Improvements and Replacements and Related Services through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, awarded to **LONE STAR RECREATION OF TEXAS, LLC** - Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund
5. **FORTILINE WATERWORKS** for Supply of Sewer Casting Products for Houston Public Works - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$2,151,367.68 - Enterprise and Other Funds
6. **AMEND MOTION #2021-536, 9/22/21, TO EXTEND** contract term to September 28, 2027 for Respiratory Panels Tests and Consumables for Houston Health Department from **ROCHE DIAGNOSTIC CORPORATION**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 7 through 31

7. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing City to execute Assignment and Assumption Agreement together with related Closing Documents in connection with the Sale of Zion Village Apartments - **D - EVANS-SHABAZZ**
8. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2021-0968 related to contract with **HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER** to provide Shelter and Support Services to Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Abuse - \$250,000.00 - John Battaglia Trust Fund
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$325,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund for Lease Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, Lessor, and **HOUSTON AVIATION PARTNERS, LLC (Successor by Conversion to Woolsey Aviation, Inc) dba MILLION AIR-HOUSTON**, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ**
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **LENLYN LIMITED dba ICE CURRENCY SERVICES USA** to provide Foreign Currency Exchange and Passenger Amenities Concession Services - 5 Years with 2 one-year options - Revenue - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON and I - MARTINEZ**
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of application for Grant Assistance to **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY** under the **FY25 Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program for Youth Gang Prevention and Delinquency Prevention - Suppression**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to apply for and accept the Grant Funds, and expend the Grant Funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant
12. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 2600-2700 Block of Wheeler Street, between Delano Street and Live Oak 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**
13. ORDINANCE renewing the establishing of the north side of the 4300 and 4400 Block of Leland Street, between the Sidney Street and Ernestine 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 I - MARTINEZ**
14. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 4900 to 5100 Block of Redbud Street, between Coffee Street, Chain Street, and the Dead End, 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**
15. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 4800 Block of Redbud Street, between Calhoun Road and Coffee 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**
16. 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 CRMP Package 8 - Area 1 Basin IB043 Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to eighteen parcels of land required for the project, situated in the Harris & Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 32, 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 interests to the eighteen parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON**

17. 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 FEMA- CD (Kingwood Place South LS, Golden Bear LS, Deer Springs LS, AG Farm LS, Golf Course LS) Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to two parcels of land required for the project situated in the Elijah Votaw Survey, Abstract No. 823 and the Mary Owens Survey, Abstract No. 611, in 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 interests to the two parcels of land required for the project **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER**
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation Off the State System for Emile Street at Japhet Creek - **DISTRICTS A - PECK and B - JACKSON**
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation Off the State System for Laura Koppe Road at Ditch - **DISTRICTS A - PECK and B - JACKSON**
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing advance funding agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation Off the State System for Furray Road at Kennedy Gully - **DISTRICTS A - PECK and B - JACKSON**
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation Off the State System for Carolwood Drive at Kennedy Gully - **DISTRICTS A - PECK and B - JACKSON**
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation Off the State System for West 15th Street at HCFCD Ditch - **DISTRICTS A - PECK and C - PANZARELLA**
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$2,000,000.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Drainage Charge for Fiscal Year 2027 funding for Developer Participation Contracts (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0307, as amended)
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for construction of Lakeside Estates Drive Street Rehabilitation Project - **DISTRICT G - HUFFMAN**
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,466,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services contract with

KUO & ASSOCIATES, LLC for a 42-inch water line Sims Bayou Extension along US 59; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT J - POLLARD**

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,138,258.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services contract with **HTOWN ENGINEERS, LLC** for 30-inch water line along Bellaire Boulevard; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - THOMAS and J - POLLARD**
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,811,498.70 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **SERVOX, LLC** to provide Construction Services for Intercontinental Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; setting a deadline for bidder to submit post-bid documents and holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadline; providing funding for Materials and Engineering Testing, Construction Management, Contingencies and CIP Cost Recovery - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON**
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$18,591,154.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP** to provide Construction Services for Ground Water Facility, Re-Pump Station, HVAC, and Ventilation System Improvements Package No. 3; setting a deadline for bidder to submit post-bid documents and holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadline; providing funding for Testing Services, CIP Cost Recovery, and Contingencies **DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON; E - FLICKINGER; F - THOMAS and G - HUFFMAN**
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$654,705.03 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund to contract with **WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC** to provide Professional Engineering Services for Beltway Wastewater Treatment Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS**
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,562,610.86 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **ALSAY INCORPORATED** to provide Construction Services for Ground Water Well Rehabilitation at Various Locations; setting a deadline for bidder to submit post-bid documents and holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadline; providing funding for Testing Services, Construction Management, Cost Recovery, and Contingencies
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,328,625.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **DL GLOVER PIPE BURSTING, LLC** to provide Construction Services for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for bidder to submit post-bid documents and holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadline; providing funding for Construction, Materials and Engineering Testing, Salary Recovery, and Contingencies

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

PROPOSITION A COUNCIL MEMBER ITEM - NUMBER 32

32. ORDINANCE **REPEALING SECTION 18-37 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Limitation on Repayment of Personal Loans from Campaign Contributions; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability

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

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary