

City Hall Council Chamber
August 25 - 26, 2026
5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Nirja Aiyer, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Members Joe Panzarella, Tiffany D. Thomas, Martha Castex-Tatum and Twila Carter absent on personal business.

At 5:08 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Evans-Shabazz for the Invocation. Council Member Evans-Shabazz invited Minister Chris Johnson (Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church) for the Invocation after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Peck moved to adopt the minutes of August 18 - 19, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Martinez, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis and Salinas absent.

MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Ramirez for a procedural motion. Council Member Ramirez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Jacob Klementich to the top of the three (3) minute Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Salinas and Alcorn absent. **MOTION 2026-0484 ADOPTED**

At 5:12 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

1 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - City Council of Austin

2 - JOSIAH RECTOR - Proposed amendments to City Tax Abatement Program (Item 1)

CARMELA WALKER - A/C ordinance **Not Present**

KENNETH SIMMONS - Public access sidewalks **Not Present**

TODD KORTEN - Termination because I didn't break the law **Not Present**

3 - KORA FORTUN - Community safety

DIEGO MANNIKAROTE - Community safety **Not Present**

4 - ENRIQUE IGLESIAS - Community safety

5 - CHRISTINE VO - Community safety

6 - ANDREW PATTERSON - Recently approved A/C ordinance

7 - KAREN JENNINGS - 1610 Wheeler Ave City of Houston manhole

8 - MAYTE RODRIGUEZ - Sidewalk follow-up between Canal St and Avenue F

RICKY SHERMAN - Officers slow to respond **Not Present**

9 - LINDA MURRAY - Fraudulent companies permitted to administer federal grants from the City

RYAN SCHARNBERG - Justice for Persia's sake **Not Present**

10 - ERIN JIA - Where Houston's waste goes and the City's landfill siting record

11 - CAROLYN CHARLOT - METRO

CASSIE AMADOR-REYES - Bellaire Police Dept towing a vehicle and vehicle being in wrong location
Not Present

12 - MARIA AMADOR - Hoops N Da Heights Event

PAMELA BUSBY - Ordinance to stop Texas funeral home scams **Not Present**

13 - ANDREW BURNS - Introduce business idea or commercial video

14 - ALISON BELL - Spain and the American Revolution Museum

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 adding Charlie Jones to follow Patrick Collier on the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Jackson and Flickinger absent.

MOTION 2026-0485 ADOPTED

15 - PATRICK COLLIER - Inadequate healthcare for seniors is a dinosaur

CHARLIE JONES - **Not Present**

16 - CAROL DOE-PORTER - Solution to knocking out childhood hunger

17 - JAKE KUSHNER - HPD conducting 2M flock camera searches for immigration enforcement

CAROLINA BUSTOS - Mass surveillance and flock cameras **Not Present**

AUBREE CONTRERAS - Flock cameras **Not Present**

SARAH BELL-EDWARDS - Registration rights **Not Present**

LASHAI DICKERSON - Stalking and harassment **Not Present**

SANDRA EVANS - Safety in the community **Not Present**

18 - CHRISTOPHER RIVERA - ICE

GEORGE LaBLANCHE - Whistleblower at Houston Parks and Recreation **Not Present**

GENEVA "NIA" COLBERT - Resolution for threats to life in subsidized housing **Not Present**

19 - RONALDO SALGADO - Justice for Lorenzo and HPD/ICE collaboration

20 - GRIFFIN WALKER - ICE

21 - MERLYN RASKE - Ending ICE collaboration

22 - JAY BUSTOS - End non-safety traffic stops and cut Flock contract

23 - MALLORY TAYLOR - Safety to report crimes

24 - CLAIRE STEAKLEY - Community safety

ANTONIO VENTURA - Public safety **Not Present**

ASIF CHOWDHURY - Safe guarded safety **Not Present**

25 - ARKO BARMAN

At 6:52 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click here.
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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, August 26, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Tiffany D. Thomas, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Members Joe Panzarella and Twila Carter absent on personal business.

At 9:09 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and moved the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whitmire recognized UH Chancellor, Renu Khator, Dean of Medicine, Jonathan McCullers, and Associate Professor and leader of IH3, Dr. Ben King, to introduce the launch of the Institute for Housing, Homelessness and Health (IH3). It's a partnership with the City of Houston that brings together experts in policy, housing and health to develop research driven solutions to homelessness. IH3 reflects UH's original mission which is working for the betterment of the lives of Houstonians with its interdisciplinary approach. The Institute has the potential to become a national model for tackling homelessness and improving health and housing outcomes.

Members of Council commented and questioned the Mayor's Report.

At 9:28 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the Public Hearing.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding Reauthorization of the City's Tax Abatement Ordinance - was presented,

Mayor Whitmire requested Andrew Busker, Senior Staff Analyst, Mayor's Office of Economic Development, to present a presentation to members of Council. Mayor Whitmire asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on Item 1, to which one (1) citizen was recognized.

1 - DOMONIC CHACON

Mayor Whitmire asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak on Item 1. Seeing none, he requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to close the public hearing and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2026-0486 ADOPTED

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a procedural motion. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 5 out of order and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0487 ADOPTED**

5. ORDINANCE Readopting Guidelines and Criteria Governing Tax Abatement Agreements under **ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability; containing a savings clause - was presented,

Council Member Salinas presented a written amendment for Item 5 but later withdrew due to the item being referred back to the Economic Development Committee.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to refer Item 5 back to the Economic Development Committee on September 16, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2026-0488 ADOPTED

At 9:49 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACCEPT WORK

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **RESTOCON CORPORATION** for City Hall Annex Garage Waterproofing - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2026-0489 ADOPTED

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

4. APPROVE spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$540,613.96 for Purchase of Hepatitis C Virus Testing Equipment and Supplies through the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with General Services Administration for the Houston Health Department, awarded to **DIASORIN, INC** - Through November 8, 2030 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0490 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

6. ORDINANCE denying application of **SIENERGY GAS, LLC** for authority to Change Rates within the City of Houston, Texas; maintaining Current Rates; containing finding and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0735 ADOPTED**
8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract with **STRUCTURE TONE SOUTHWEST LLC** to provide Construction Manager At Risk Services for Holcombe Lab Expansion Project - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0736 ADOPTED**
9. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$355,623.73 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund previously appropriated under Ord. No. 2020-781; appropriating \$649,623.73 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund to contract with **DUNHILL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC** to provide Repair and Renovations of Restrooms at Val Jahnke Training Facility; amending Ordinance No. 2024-955; providing a maximum contract amount - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0737 ADOPTED**
10. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2025-0488 related to contract with **HYDROMAX USA, LLC** to provide Valve Assessment Repair, Replacement and Testing Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$61,945,461.84 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0738 ADOPTED**
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **CLEAR GLASS MOBILE SERVICE, INC** to provide Automotive Replacement Glass and Repair Services; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,211,928.10 - Fleet Management Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0739 ADOPTED**
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **CB3 CONSULTANTS, LLC**, to provide Combo Truck Rental and Spill Cleaning Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$5,138,560.78 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0740 ADOPTED**
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **HOUSTON LAND BANK** relating to Phase I Due Diligence and Reuse Planning for former Sunnyside Landfill, also known as Holmes Road Landfill - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - **The City Secretary advised that Item 14 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.**

18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,345,099.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract with **HDR ENGINEERING, INC** for Sunnyside Detention Basin Project; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0741 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,250,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Construction Management and Inspection Services contract with **LLOYD, SMITHA & ASSOCIATES, LLC** for Wastewater Facilities and Collection Systems Projects; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0742 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE granting to **DARLING INGREDIENTS INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0700 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
22. ORDINANCE granting to **GRANT MACKAY COMPANY, INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0701 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
23. ORDINANCE granting to **METRO GREASE TRAP LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0702 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
24. ORDINANCE granting to **PAYLESS WASTE SOLUTIONS, INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0703 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
25. ORDINANCE granting to **RENTALS TO GO OF TEXAS, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0704 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

26. ORDINANCE granting to **SEWER SQUAD LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0705 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL
27. ORDINANCE granting to **SYNAGRO OF TEXAS - CDR, INC, a Maryland Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0706 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL
28. ORDINANCE granting to **WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS, INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0707 THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. 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 Chelford City Diversion Package 2 - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2026-0491 ADOPTED
7. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to Regional Participation Agreement with **THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP**, a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas - was presented and Tagged by Council Member Pollard.
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of application for Grant Assistance to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for **PM 2.5 Micrometers Air Quality Monitoring**, 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 - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0743 ADOPTED
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston, Texas and **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** for Construction of Improvements to Mason Park and Eastwood Park - **DISTRICTS H - CASTILLO and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0744 ADOPTED**

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement with **HARRIS COUNTY** for East End Triangle R.A.I.L.S. Plan: Resilient Access and Improved Logistics for Safety - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0745 ADOPTED
17. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the Water Line Rehabilitation in Central Park and Magnolia Park Subdivisions I Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest in nineteen parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Samuel M. Williams Survey, Abstract 87, and the John R. Harris Survey, Abstract 27, 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 nineteen parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0746 ADOPTED**
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$525,000.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract with **GRADIENT GROUP, LLC** for Street Rehabilitation Projects; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0747 ADOPTED

MATTERS HELD

29. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$393,877,973.01 for Purchase of Technology Related Products and Services through Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), the General Services Administration (GSA), the National Association of State Procurement Officials ValuePoint (NASPO ValuePoint), OMNIA Partners, Sourcewell, The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) and BuyBoard for Various Departments - 5 Years - General and Other Funds
DELAYED BY MOTION #2026-466
This was Item 25 on Agenda of August 12, 2026
- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0492 ADOPTED**
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,000,000.00 out of Airport System Consolidated 2011 Construction Fund; approving and authorizing first amendment to Design-Build Contract with **HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Central Utilities Plant Renovations and Upgrades Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Project Number 955 - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD
This was Item 15 on Agenda of August 18, 2026
- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0748 ADOPTED**

31. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **FOURTH WARD REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOURTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (FOURTH WARD ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT C - PANZARELLA**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAMIREZ
This was Item 27 on Agenda of August 18, 2026
- was presented,

Council Member Ramirez presented an oral amendment to amend Item 31 as follows:

“The Authority shall work with the City’s Housing and Community Development Department to ensure that the Authority’s affordable housing plans are aligned with the Department’s goals and vision for affordable housing and that they serve the best interests of the City. The Authority shall obtain the endorsement of the Housing and Community Development Director before acquiring any new properties for affordable housing or developing any existing properties.”

After further discussion, Council Member Ramirez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of orally amending Item 31 to add a new section to the ordinance to include the language from his written amendment and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2026-0493 ADOPTED

A vote was called on the main item, as amended, all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2026-0749 ADOPTED

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

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary