



**City of Houston Special-Called Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs (BFA)
Council Member Sallie Alcorn, Chair
Council Member Mario Castillo, Vice Chair**

Amy Peck, District A
Tarsha Jackson, District B
Joe Panzarella, District C
Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, District D
Fred Flickinger, District E
Tiffany D. Thomas, District F
Mary Nan Huffman, District G

Joaquin Martinez, District I
Edward Pollard, District J
Martha Castex-Tatum, District K
Julian Ramirez, At-Large 1
Willie Davis, At-Large 2
Twila Carter, At-Large 3
Alejandra Salinas, At-Large 4

Notice of Hybrid City Council Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 10. A.M.

This meeting will offer the options to participate via videoconference or in-person. The location for the committee meeting will be the Anna Russell Council Chamber at City Hall, 901 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77002. The meeting is open to the public.

Committee Report:

**Council members present: Peck, Jackson, Panzarella, Flickinger, Thomas, Castillo, Martinez, Castex-Tatum, Ramirez, Davis, Carter, Salinas, Alcorn
Council offices present: District G, District J**

1. Welcoming remarks
 - Martha Castex-Tatum, Mayor Pro-Tem, EDC Chair
 - Sallie Alcorn, Council Member, BFA Chair

No action taken

2. Monthly Financial Report
 - Melissa Dubowski, Director, Finance Department
 - Will Jones, Director of Financial Reporting, Controller's Office

No action taken

3. Upcoming Financial Transactions
 - Melissa Dubowski, Director, Finance Department

No action taken

4. Budget Survey Findings and Highlights from the 45th Kinder Houston Area Survey
 - Dan Potter, Director, Houston Population Research Center, Kinder Institute for Urban Research
 - Dylan Simburger, Research Analyst, Kinder Institute for Urban Research

No action taken

5. Open Space Ordinance Amendments

- Vonn Tran, Director, Planning and Development Department
- Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, and seconded by Council Member Peck, to advance the item to full city council passed 10-0 by the committee.

Voting members included: Peck, Jackson, Flickinger, Castillo, Martinez, Castex-Tatum, Ramirez, Davis, Carter, Salinas, and Alcorn.

5. Public comments - To sign up for public comment, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/622026BFAPC> before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, June 1, 2026. Please indicate whether you will be speaking virtually or in-person. Public speakers wishing to continue under virtual mode will receive a call-in number that will allow them to speak at their designated time.

Public comments on open space ordinance amendments were heard prior to the vote. Testimony by the public was supportive.

1. ***Doug Smith appreciated that many concerns were addressed during the presentation and CM Q&A; wants a more detailed public report on where funds have been spent.***
2. ***Vanessa de Leon Diaz representing Columbia Tap expressed support and provided a copy of a Houston Parks and Funding Equity Report***
3. ***Taylor Valley representing Coalition for Environment, Equity, and Resilience expressed support; asked that fee amounts be reconsidered in the near future; stated the \$700 fee unchanged since 2007 urgently needs to be increased.***
4. ***Karina Blest cited Fonde Park as an example of unmet needs; supports raising the \$700 fee since property taxes have increased since 2007; advocates for Fonde Park's lack of a covered area or community center despite community demand.***
5. ***Environment Texas provided a letter of support via email during the meeting.***