

City Hall Council Chamber
March 24 - 25, 2026
2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas absent on personal business. Council Member Edward Pollard out of the City on City business.

At 1:51 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Jackson for a proclamation.

Council Member Jackson presented a proclamation to Alex Stapleton recognizing her stellar career as a film director and as a woman making a difference in Hollywood. After which Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck presided.

At 2:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Martinez for the Invocation. Council Member Martinez invited Rhonda Sepulveda (Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston) for the Invocation after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Peck moved to adopt the minutes of March 17 - 18, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Martinez, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire, Council Member Salinas absent. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Davis for a procedural motion. Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Marian Wright to the bottom of the two (2) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire, Council Members Evans-Shabazz and Salinas absent. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding. **MOTION 2026-0141 ADOPTED**

At 2:04 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

1 - JOSEPH PANZARELLA - Montrose TIRZ (Item 32).

2 - JACK VALINSKI - Montrose TIRZ budget (Item 32).

At 2:06 p.m., Council Member Salinas came into the meeting.

At 2:11 p.m., Council Member Evans-Shabazz came back into the meeting.

ALEXANDER SPIKE - Montrose TIRZ budget (Item 32). **Not Present**

WALTER VIDAL - HPD community issues/BARC. **Not Present**

3 - FAIYAZ AHMED - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

4 - MARIAN WRIGHT - Community and Civic club concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Evans-Shabazz for a procedural motion. Council Member Evans-Shabazz moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Jovon Tyler to be the next speaker and seconded by Council Member Castillo, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire and Council Member Ramirez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding.

MOTION 2026-0142 ADOPTED

5 - JOVON TYLER - Migration ordinance.

6 - BENJAMIN BROADWAY - 2026 budget.

At 2:30 p.m., Mayor Whitmire came into the meeting.

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Kamin for a procedural motion. Council Member Kamin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Jim Tucker to follow Madine Lewis on the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Ramirez absent. **MOTION 2026-0142 ADOPTED**

ZOILA GODINEZ - City budget **(Need translator). Not Present**

7 - MYRTALA TRISTAN - City budget/drainage.

8 - LEE MERCER - Lee Mercer for President. Government platform, front porch, presidential campaign.

MADINE LEWIS - Z-trip. **Not Present**

9 - JIM TUCKER - Houston Climate Action Plan.

10 - JOSHUA BULLARD - Creed Global Media contract concerns.

11 - JASSIM JACOB - Request for crypt mausoleum.

ROSLYNN BLAKE - Flood infrastructure funding. **Not Present**

12 - BONNIE AUSTON-WHITLEY - Flooding infrastructure funding.

13 - ANITA GUEVARA - Flooding infrastructure funding.

14 - ALICE LIU - Flooding infrastructure funding.

BRODY WASHINGTON - Residential matters. **Not Present**

RICHARD SCHWAGER - Security during Easter. **Not Present**

15 - SAMEEHA RIZVI - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

16 - IMRAN GHANI - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

17 - PERNIA LATIF - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

18 - SANIA RAHIM - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

19 - AISHA AMIN - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

IMRAN QAMAR - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution. **Not Present**

YALDA AHMADI - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution. **Not Present**

ROSHAWN EVANS - Community concerns. **Not Present**

20 - REGINA SOPHUS - Citizen's rights.

ETHAN GANZ - Public safety. **Not Present**

21 - PETRA CERVANTES - HPD collaboration with ICE.

LAURA GALLIER - HPD collaboration with ICE. **Not Present**

22 - DAVID ESPINOZA - Ending ICE cooperation.

BENNIE FREEMAN - Removal of Sam Houston statue and HFD. **Not Present**

23 - MICHELLE IGUNBOR - Observed patterns of inappropriate surveillance associated with joint terrorism.

24 - NILOUFAR HAFIZI - Islamophobia Awareness Day Resolution.

25 - FELIX KAPOOR - Drainage.

26 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - Politicians trying to get voters.

27 - JOSEPH OMO OMAURI - God, we isn't finished yet.

At 3:37 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click here. www.houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/379091

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, March 25, 2026, 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, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Member Edward Pollard out of the City on City business.

At 9:06 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Whitmire highlighted how Houston is becoming the newly termed, "Visitor Economy." In the month of March, we used more hotel rooms from related visitors. According to Houston First, it was the best month ever. It started out with 70,000 cheerleaders and then we went into the World Baseball Classic and a couple of business conventions. If you haven't been to SERA Week, you should. It is impressive and growing. The organizers are excited about the expansion of the George R. Brown Convention Center. The Deputy Director of HUD visited the 419 Emancipation Avenue site on last Friday. It'll hold 220 people and we also got approval for our recovery funding (\$314M). We also received funding for FIFA security and Fleet Week. A lot of events are going on throughout the City including the NCAA Sweet Sixteen tournament on Thursday, the Houston Astros opening day on Thursday and the Texas Children's Golf Tournament.

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

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Castex-Tatum recognized and welcomed Sharon with the Levitt Pavilion to Houston. If they're not aware, the music festival will be happening at the Willow Waterhole this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At 9:21 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from the Chief Economic Development Officer for approval of payment to the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP** for Corporate Membership at the Managing Partner Level \$80,000.00 - Tourism Promotion Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0144 ADOPTED**

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 **STRACON GROUP, INC** for Tennis Court Improvements - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0145 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

4. APPROVE spending authority in an amount of \$1,564,286.82 for Purchase of Public Safety Body Worn Cameras, Radios and Accessories through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Purchasing Program for Houston Information Technology Services on behalf of the Houston Police Department, awarded to **MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC** - Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0146 ADOPTED**

5. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,034,000.00 for Purchase of SIGMA Software Licenses for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security, awarded to **TWO SIX LABS, LLC dba TWO SIX TECHNOLOGIES, LLC** - 5 Years - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0147 ADOPTED**
6. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$2,497,517.60 for Level Measurement Devices for Houston Public Works, awarded to **VEGA AMERICA, INC** - 5 Years - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0148 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTIONS

7. RESOLUTION authorizing submission of six Project Applications to **HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2 2026 CALL FOR PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS**; authorizing the Director of Houston Public Works to as the City's representative in the application process - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; H - CASTILLO and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2026-0014 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

9. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 25-151 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, establishing the East Downtown (EADO) & East End Safety Zone for Nationally Competitively Bid Events; containing findings and other provisions relating to the subject; providing for severability - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0228 ADOPTED**
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC** to provide additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for continuation of Early Childhood Development and Out-Of-School Time Youth Enrichment Program for low-to moderate-income families - **DISTRICTS F - THOMAS and J - POLLARD** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0229 ADOPTED**
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **HOUSTON'S CAPITAL INVESTING IN DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF ADULTS** to provide Community Development Block Grant Funds for continued Administration and Operation of Workforce Development, Case Management and Career Placement and Retention Program for low-to-moderate income adults residing in the City of Houston - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0230 ADOPTED**
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY** to provide funds comprised of Homeless Housing and Services Program, General Set-Aside Funds and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Funds and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Funds to continue Administration and Operation of the Housing Navigation Center located at 2903 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas 77026 - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0231 ADOPTED**
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Loan and Grant Agreement between City of Houston, **EAST END MAKER HUB SPONSOR LLC** to East End Maker Hub Project - \$1,569,825.77 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0232 ADOPTED**

14. ORDINANCE approving Substantial Amendment reallocating certain funding from Fiscal Year 2026 TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund to add funds to Multifamily and Public Facility Activities certain funding from Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone appropriation of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Funds, to add funds to Multifamily and Public Facility Activities - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0233 ADOPTED**
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$15,000,000.00 out of HAS Renewal and Replacement Fund to Derivative Agreement with **TDINDUSTRIES, INC** through OMNIA Partners Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing to provide Maintenance Services for IAH International Terminal Facility - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0234 ADOPTED**
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,577,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund to provide the Citywide PC Refresh Project and the Public Safety PC Refresh Project - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0235 ADOPTED**
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$383,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund to provide the EGIS Infrastructure Cloud Migration Project - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0236 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **FBT GIBBONS LLP** for Bond Counsel Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - Enterprise Fund
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance current expenses. The proposed bond counsel, FBT Gibbons LLP (“FBT Gibbons”) is a full-service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the City. The engagement of FBT Gibbons is in the best interest of the City, since the legal services requested require specialized experience in municipal finance, federal tax, and state securities law and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City. Furthermore, such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because the City will not be obligated to pay any legal fees unless the transaction successfully closes.
- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0237 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** for Disclosure Counsel Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - Enterprise Fund
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance current expenses. The proposed disclosure counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (“Norton Rose Fulbright”) is a full-service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the City. The engagement of Norton Rose Fulbright is in the best interest of the City, since the legal services requested require specialized experience in municipal finance, federal tax, and state securities law and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City. Furthermore, such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because the City will not be obligated to pay any legal fees unless the transaction successfully closes.
- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0238 ADOPTED**

22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,609,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund for Interdepartmental Transfer of the E.B. Cape Center from the Houston Public Works Department to the Houston Police Department - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0239 ADOPTED**
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,352,100.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **BROWN REYNOLDS WATFORD ARCHITECTS, INC**, to provide Professional Architectural Services for Fire Station 80 Renovation Project; providing funding for Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - **The City Secretary advised that Item 23 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.**
24. Ordinance appropriating \$804,600.00 out of the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **SUMARCADE LLC**, to provide Construction Services for Independence Heights Community Center 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 Construction, Civic Art, and Contingencies - **DISTRICT H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0240 ADOPTED**
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$392,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract with **THE GONZALEZ GROUP, LP** to provide Construction Services for the City Hall Annex Restroom Renovation Project - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0241 ADOPTED**
26. ORDINANCE authorizing and approving contract to **BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA INC** to provide Single Family Residential Inspection Services - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$3,000,000.00 - TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0242 ADOPTED**
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **ACCURATE METER & BACKFLOW, LLC** to provide Backflow Preventers, Certification, Testing, and Repair Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,096,360.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0243 ADOPTED**
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **SELRICO COMMUNICATION, LLC** to provide Fiber Cable Maintenance and Repair Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,110,013.00 - Special Revenue Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0244 ADOPTED**
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **COASTAL ASSOCIATES, LLC dba COASTAL HYDRAULICS** to provide Hydraulic Cylinder and Valve Repair Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,617,573.00 - Fleet Management Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0245 ADOPTED**
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of Electronic Application for Grant Assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR** for the **FY27 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Program**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department 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 - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0246 ADOPTED**

34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of Electronic Application for Grant Assistance through the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for **FY26/27 Solid Waste Grant Program**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department 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; providing Cash Match - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0247 ADOPTED
35. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 416.93 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 492**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0248 ADOPTED
36. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 8.908 acres of land to **NEWPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0249 ADOPTED
37. ORDINANCE TO AMEND Ordinance No. 2026-63, Municipal Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 3.1271 acres commonly known as 6505 Foster Street and 0 Foster Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas; supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the request of **HINDSIGHT INVESTMENTS, LLC**; containing other provisions related to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0250 ADOPTED**
38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract with **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 118** to provide Waste Disposal - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0251 ADOPTED**
40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of Grant Application to **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the **Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program** for the Griggs-Long-Mykawa Grade Separation Project; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grants; authorizing the Director of Houston Public Works or Director's Designee ("Designee") to act as the City's representative in the Grant application process - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0252 ADOPTED**
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,345.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax and \$234,689.08 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement with **NEAR NORTHWEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for Improvements of Sidewalks and Park Gateway on West Tidwell Road between Antoine Drive and TC Jester Boulevard Project - **DISTRICT A - PECK** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0253 ADOPTED**
43. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-211, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **AAA ACTION SEPTIC SERVICE 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0211 PASSED SECOND READING

44. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-212, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **J. S. SEPTIC SERVICES CORP.**, 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0212 PASSED SECOND READING**
45. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-213, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **MASTERS ADVANCED REMEDIATION SERVICES, 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0213 PASSED SECOND READING**
46. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-214, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **REDZONE ROBOTICS, INC**, a foreign 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0214 PASSED SECOND READING**
47. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-215, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **REFRESHTHEADS CLEANERS, 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0215 PASSED SECOND READING**
48. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-216, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **SESCO, 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0216 PASSED SECOND READING**
49. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-217, Passed first reading March 18, 2026
ORDINANCE granting to **TEXAS MINT COMMERCIAL WASHING 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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0217 ADOPTED PASSED SECOND READING**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Parks & Recreation Department for the renaming of **TUFFLY PARK** to **JAMES ROBERT HALL PARK - DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0149 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Peck for a procedural motion. Council Member Peck moved to consider Items 50 and 51 out of order and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0150 ADOPTED**

50. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL CITY)**:

- Position One - **ANDY IVERSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027
- Position Two - **ALEX MASSA**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2026
- Position Three - **MARLEN J. TRUJILLO**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027
- Position Four - **ANN THOMAS GIVENS**, reappointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2026
- Position Five - **ZACHARY R. HODGES**, reappointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027
- Position Six - **BEN PISKLAK**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2026
- Position Seven - **PETE DELONGCHAMPS**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUFFMAN

This was Item 3 on Agenda of March 18, 2026

- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0151 ADOPTED**

51. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **MEMORIAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

- Position One - **ANDY IVERSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027
- Position Two - **ALEX MASSA**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2026
- Position Three - **MARLEN J. TRUJILLO**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027
- Position Four - **ANN THOMAS GIVENS**, reappointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2026
- Position Five - **ZACHARY R. HODGES**, reappointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027
- Position Six - **BEN PISKLAK**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2026
- Position Seven - **PETE DELONGCHAMPS**, appointment, for a term to expire July 20, 2027

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUFFMAN

This was Item 4 on Agenda of March 18, 2026

- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0152 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-283 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS** to authorize a Fee for After-Hour Review of Construction and Development Plans or Permits within the Office of the City Engineer establishing such Fee and authorizing the Finance Department to include the Fee in the City Fee Schedule; providing for other matters related to the subject - **The City Secretary advised that Item 8 has not been received but will be considered if it's received before the end of the meeting.**

Note: Item 8 was received during the course of the meeting

15. ORDINANCE relating to the Retail Water and Sewer Rates of **SOUTHERN WATER CORPORATION** within the City of Houston, Texas; approving Settlement Agreement relating to increase in Water and Sewer Rates that shall constitute Legal Retail Water and Sewer Rates of **Southern Water Corporation** in the City of Houston until changed as provided by the Water Code; providing for severability - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0254 ADOPTED**
16. ORDINANCE suspending for forty-five days the Implementation of the Interim Rate Adjustment Filing pertaining to the Retail Gas Utility Rates by **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP, d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX** and as **CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS**, and otherwise maintaining current rates in effect until changed; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0255 ADOPTED**
30. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MIDTOWN ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN and D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0256 ADOPTED**
31. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**; approving Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT C - KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0257 ADOPTED**
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of Electronic Application for Grant Assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR** for the **FY27 Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Program**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department 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 - was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Kamin**.
39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with **CITY OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS**; containing provisions relating to the subject - **DISTRICT C - KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0258 ADOPTED**
41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement with **HOUSTON FREEDMEN'S TOWN CONSERVANCY** and **CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM HOUSTON** for Relocation of Historic Freedmen's Town Bricks - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0259 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD

52. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of Electronic Application for Grant Assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR** for **FY27 Northeast and Westside Houston Violent Gang Crime Suppression Grant**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department 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

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD

This was Item 30 on Agenda of March 18, 2026

- was presented and **tagged by Council Member Thomas.**

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

Note: The City Secretary advised that Item 8 has been received.

8. ORDINANCE **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-283 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS** to authorize a Fee for After-Hour Review of Construction and Development Plans or Permits within the Office of the City Engineer establishing such Fee and authorizing the Finance Department to include the Fee in the City Fee Schedule; providing for other matters related to the subject - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Jackson absent.
ORDINANCE 2026-0260 ADOPTED

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary