

City Hall Council Chamber  
April 7 - 8, 2026  
2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 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, 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 Members Abbie Kamin and Tiffany D. Thomas absent on personal business.

At 1:41 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Martinez for a proclamation.

Council Member Martinez presented a proclamation to Houston Soccer Day celebrating the sport's impact on the community and honoring the players and organizations that help grow soccer in Houston.

Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum recognized Council Member Carter for a proclamation. Council Member Carter presented a proclamation recognizing the Southwest Management District for hosting the annual March on Crime and for their ongoing efforts to enhance public safety, support first responders and work collaboratively to reduce crime while improving the quality of life for residents in the community.

At 2:05 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Alcorn for the Invocation after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to delay the adoption of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Ramirez and Davis absent.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Salinas for a procedural motion. Council Member Salinas moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Teodoro Aguiluz to the top of the one (1) minute Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Ramirez and Davis absent. **MOTION 2026-0179 ADOPTED**

At 2:08 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

- 1 - TEODORO AGUILUZ - Proposition A.
- 2 - PALOMA MEDINA - Proposition A (Item 28).
- 3 - MAXIMO "MO" CORTEZ - Proposition A (Item 28).

At 2:14 p.m., Council Member Davis came into the meeting.

DAYANA IZA PRESAS - Proposition A (Item 28). **Not Present**

- 4 - ~~DON COOPER~~ HOOPER - Proposition A (Item 28).
- 5 - AMBER FANNIN - Proposition A (Item 28).

6 - MELISSA POWELL - HPW and safeguards of our money.

DON WOOTON - Glass safety standards. **Not Present**

GEORGE LaBLANCHE - Park Aquatics Department retaliation culture. **Not Present**

GENEVA "NIA" COLBERT - Ending predatory apartment rental in Houston. **Not Present**

CERETA HARDY - Homelessness for the elderly. **Not Present**

DARRELL HARPER - Civil rights being violated under no zoning law. **Not Present**

WILL HILL - Conspiracy. **Not Present**

MARIAN WRIGHT - Proposition A (Item 28). **Not Present**

7 - LETTY ORTEGA - Proposition A (Item 28).

CESAR ESPINOSA - Proposition A (Item 28). **Not Present**

MAXIMILIANO DIAZ - Optimizing police operations. **Not Present**

REGINA SOPHUS - Wealth. **Not Present**

MICHELLE IGUNBOR - Observed patterns of inappropriate surveillance associated with joint terrorism. **Not Present**

8 - JOSEPH OMO OMAURI - It's never too late to do the right thing.

EDUARDO DURAN - Current news events. **Not Present**

At 2:26 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 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, April 8, 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, Edward Pollard, 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.

At 9:05 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and requested the City Secretary call the Public Hearings.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for one applicant seeking 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) for the following multifamily developments:

<b>Sterlingshire Apartments</b>	9002 Sterlingshire Street	District B
<b>Mariposa at Reed Road</b>	2889 Reed Road	District D

- was presented,

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for one applicant seeking 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) for the following multifamily development in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction:

<b>Mariposa at Ella Boulevard</b>	16354 Ella Boulevard
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- was presented,

Mayor Whitmire requested Paul Yindeemark, Staff Analyst for the Housing Community Development Department, to present presentations on both Items to members of Council. Mayor Whitmire stated that there was no one signed up to speak on Items 1 and 2 and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak. Seeing none, he requested a motion to close the Public Hearings.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended to close the Public Hearing for Item 1 and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0180 ADOPTED**

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended to close the Public Hearing for Item 2 and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0181 ADOPTED**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Whitmire stated that there are so many exciting things to share in Houston. The Art Car Parade will be at 2:00 p.m., starting here at Bagby on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Tour de Houston, the Apache Corporation sponsored event, will be on Sunday morning, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Fleet Week is next week. Houston is continuing to prepare for FIFA. Last week, it was widely circulated that we had the fastest major metropolitan economy, second only to Seattle. March was the best month ever for hotel occupancy in the City of Houston. This afternoon, the Sports Authority will be making an announcement at 2:00 p.m. regarding the transformation of the Toyota Center Arena (\$180M) at no cost to the taxpayers. \$95M from the State and the rest from the Fertitta family. It will also compliment the expansion of the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Mayor Whitmire also stated that there's another important item that we have to discuss, being Item 28. He will ask, shortly, that it be called out of order. Since President Trump was elected, we've all had to face his agenda. He stated over a year ago that he was sorry we had to deal with it. It's basically not a city responsibility. His sympathy, empathy and personal relationships with undocumented individuals, he understands the anxiety. He also feels that most Houstonians have experienced the anxiety after watching the nation and the disruption of most major cities. He made a commitment then to follow the law, to be consistent and to be transparent and that is what's kept the turmoil out of Houston. The Council Members who sponsored Prop A have been reasonable and he thanked them. He stated that today's revised version of Prop A that he feels is consistent with HPD practices. HPD practices are to follow the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment and then also HPD will furnish its data to anyone that asks for it. He thinks the revised version is a ratification of the good policies that HPD is conducting.

Members of Council commented on the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Ramirez for a procedural motion. Council Member Ramirez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 28 out of order and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0182 ADOPTED**

**PROPOSITION A**

28. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, ADDING SECTION 34-41** relating to Immigration Procedures and establishing Standards for Interactions with Federal Immigration Authorities; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented, after a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was requested.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-0284 ADOPTED**

At 10:24 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

4. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Business Optimization Services for the Strategic Procurement Division, awarded to **CIVIC INITIATIVES, LLC** - 3 Years General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0183 ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTIONS**

6. RESOLUTION supporting Request of Waiver of Local Match Participation for Federal Off-System Bridge Program (Emile Street at Japhet Creek; Laura Koppe Road at Ditch; Furray Road at Kennedy Gully; Carolwood Drive at Kennedy Gully; and West 15th Street at HCFCD Ditch) administered by the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON and C - KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2026-0015 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES**

7. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON** providing additional Community Development Block Grant Funds to support Out of School Time Program for low- to moderate-income families living in Alief Independent School District and within the City - 1 Year - \$75,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0285 ADOPTED**
8. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** to provide Community Development Block Grant Funds, Homeless Housing and Services Funds, and TIRZ Affordable Housing Funds for program that will serve a total of approximately 770 individuals - Through January 31, 2027 - \$1,111,687.00 - Grant and Other Funds - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0286 ADOPTED**
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,560,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$2,003,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for Fire Alarm and Life Safety Modernization at City Hall and City Hall Annex - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0287 ADOPTED**
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **ZONE INDUSTRIES, LLC** to provide Bar Screen and Conveyor System Preventative Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$8,003,112.61 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0288 ADOPTED**
14. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the 1100 Blocks of Waverly Street, between West 11th Street and West 12th 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 C - KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0289 ADOPTED**
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$642,000.00 out of Parks and Recreation Consolidated Construction Fund and \$8,930,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund for FY26 Petroleum Storage Tank Projects - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; C - KAMIN; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; F - THOMAS and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0290 ADOPTED**
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Final Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreements between City of Houston and **SOUTHERN BROTHERS CONCRETE** and **J.P. SEWER MAIN REPAIR & DRAIN SPECIALIST LLC** - \$416,375.78 - Enterprise Fund - **The City Secretary advised that Item 19 has not been received but will be considered if it's received before the end of the meeting.**
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract with **OXY VINYLs, LP** for Untreated Water Supply Contract - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0291 ADOPTED**
24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2023-108 related to contract with **MC2 CIVIL, LLC** to provide Construction Services for Traffic and Drainage Citywide Concrete Panel Replacements - \$4,409,685.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0292 ADOPTED**

25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$50,656,043.10 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing contract with **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION CO** to provide Construction Services for FY26 Asphalt Overlay Work Order Contract No.1; 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, Construction Management, and CIP Cost Recovery - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0293 ADOPTED**
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,497,353.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **V&S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** to provide Construction Services for 48-Inch Water Line from SH288 to Cullen Boulevard along Orem Drive; 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, Testing Services, CIP Cost Recovery, Construction Management, and Contingencies - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0294 ADOPTED**
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,801,648.73 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Drainage Charge Fund, \$5,731,432.69 out of DDSRF Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax Fund, and \$1,642,205.28 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **V&S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** to provide Construction Services for Roseland Area Paving and Drainage Improvements Project; 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, Contingencies, Testing Services, and CIP Cost Recovery - **DISTRICT C - KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0295 ADOPTED**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

3. APPROVE spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$1,267,769.90 for IT Assessment and Transition Services through a Cooperative Master Agreement with Omnia Partners for the Houston Information Technology Services Department, awarded to **ERNST & YOUNG LLP** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0184 ADOPTED**
5. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$715,970.00 for Traffic Optimization for Houston Public Works, awarded to **TEXAS HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, LTD** - Special Revenue Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **MOTION 2026-0185 ADOPTED**
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$287,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Planned Structure Query Language Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Migration Cloud Refresh Project - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martinez absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0296 ADOPTED**
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing increase to agreement for Professional Legal Services between City Houston and **HUSCH BLACKWELL, LLP** - \$300,000.00 - Property & Casualty Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0297 ADOPTED**

13. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-0782 related to contract with **RBEX dba APPLE TOWING CO** to provide Towing Services - \$674,800.97 - General and Enterprise Funds - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0298 ADOPTED**
15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,000,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement with **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for Taylor Gully Channel Conveyance Improvements Project - **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0299 ADOPTED**
16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,500.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement with **HARRIS COUNTY - DISTRICT C - KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0300 ADOPTED**
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,050,000.00 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund; \$539,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **SPAWGLASS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION** to provide Construction Services for East Sunset Heights Park Project; 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, Civic Art, and Contingencies - **DISTRICT H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0301 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$262,500.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing Joint Participation Interlocal Agreement with **HARRIS COUNTY** for East End Triangle Resilient Access and Improved Logistics for Safety Plan - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0302 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$745,854.80 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing contract with **COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC** to provide Professional Engineering Services for Bissonnet Corridor Safe Streets Project - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN; F - THOMAS and J - POLLARD** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0303 ADOPTED**
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement for Supplemental Transportation Program Off-System Project between City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Milby Pedestrian Bridge Project (CSJ-0912-72-846); authorizing the Director of Houston Public Works Department to act as the City's representative - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0304 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Council Member Peck 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**

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Troy D. Lemon  
City Secretary