

City Hall Council Chamber
May 27, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

A consolidated meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Abbie Kamin, Tarsha Jackson, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Tiffany D. Thomas, 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. Council Member Mary Nan Huffman absent on personal business.

At 9:13 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and requested a motion to take Item 7 out of order.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 7 at this time and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kamin and Salinas absent. **MOTION 2026-0282 ADOPTED**

7. ORDINANCE tabulating the Votes Cast and Canvassing the Returns of the City of Houston Runoff Election held on May 16, 2026, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of **COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT C**; making various findings and provisions related to the subject; declaring the Official Results of the Special Election - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kamin and Salinas absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0442 ADOPTED**

After the passage of Item 7, Mayor Whitmire swore in Council Member-Elect Joe Panzarella for District C after which he introduced his family followed by remarks from members of Council.

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Panzarella for the Invocation. Council Member Panzarella invited Pastor Susan Schneider and Deacon Kinnon Falk (Living Mosaic Church) for the Invocation after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to delay the adoption of minutes and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire requested a motion to take Item 2 out of order. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved that the rules be suspended to consider Item 2 at this time and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0283 ADOPTED**

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF PUBLIC TRUSTS**:

- Position One - **MATT ZEIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2027, and to serve as Chair
 - Position Two - **RUSSELL GRECO**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2028
 - Position Three- **KIMBERLY DIXON**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2027
 - Position Four - **LENORA SOROLA-POHLMAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2028
 - Position Five - **KATHLEEN MARTINEZ**, appointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2027
 - Position Six - **JOSEPH CRAWFORD**, appointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2028
 - Position Seven - **BRITTANI WILLIAMS**, appointment, for a term to expire March 22, 2027
- was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0284 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 one (1) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0285 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Davis for a procedural motion. Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Alan Freeman and Jerold LaBeaux to the bottom of the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0286 ADOPTED**

At 9:58 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

- 1 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - Items 12 and 20
- 2 - BEN McPHAUL - Apartment inspection ordinance

At 10:06 a.m., Council Member Evans-Shabazz left the meeting.

- 3 - AL CASTILLO - First amendment rights and Houston Media
- 4 - MARK RODRIGUEZ - Lack of city services
- 5 - YOZIM HERNANDEZ - City budget
- 6 - ANGELA BALDWIN - Budget
- 7 - MARIAN WRIGHT - Welcoming Council Member Joe Panzarella
- 8 - AMY GUTIERREZ - Pedestrian crossing light

RICHARD LAREDO - Sidewalk from Lyerly St to Airline Dr. **Not Present**

- 9 - VIVIAN ALLEN - Manhole/electrical wire and tree damage from the storm

KHRISTOPHER FIELDS - Support of Non-profit organizations. **Not Present**

10 - SHARON CHASE - Houston Media Source

11 - SHELIA TRASK - Houston Media Source

CHRISTOPHER GOODEN - Houston Media Source. **Not Present**

12 - GEORGE LaBLANCHE - Whistle blower. Aquatic concern. Loss of Life Event 2026

13 - ALAN FREEMAN - Houston Media Source

14 - JEROLD LaBEAUX - Houston Media Source

THEODORE CARRERO - METRO restrooms. **Not Present**

STEVE WILLIAMS - Homeless - Another missing black female. **Not Present**

15 - DANA JONES - City budget

16 - KEVIN STRICKLAND - Lower Westheimer Banner District

17 - JOSEPH OMO OMAURI - Alan Blackspan Financial Report Social Security saving bond back pay program

At 11:19 a.m., Mayor Whitmire left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding.

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

MOTION 2026-0287 ADOPTED

18 - JAI BROWN - Houston Media Source

At 11:21 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **STEPHEN QUEZADA** to Position Three of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST END DISTRICT**, for a term to expire June 1, 2029 - was presented, moved by Council Member Peck and seconded by Council Member Martinez, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire and Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding. **MOTION 2026-0288 ADOPTED**
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works for payment of \$1,118,000.00 to the **HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT** for 2026 Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Fees for Area 2 and 3 for the period between February 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Peck and seconded by Council Member Martinez, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Whitmire and Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding. **MOTION 2026-0289 ADOPTED**

At 11:22 a.m., Mayor Whitmire came back into the meeting.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **HAROLD BECK AND SONS** for Twenty (20) Rotary Actuators through The Interlocal Purchasing System Cooperative Purchasing Program for Houston Public Works - \$444,988.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **MOTION 2026-0290 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

10. ORDINANCE relating to Retail Gas Rates of **SIENERGY GAS, LLC**, within the City of Houston, Texas; suspending for ninety days the effective date of SiEnergy Gas, LLC's Statement of Intent to increase Gas Utility Rates within Houston, Texas and Consolidate Operations and Assets; maintaining current rates in effect; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0443 ADOPTED**
11. ORDINANCE authorizing participation with other SiEnergy Service Area Cities in matters concerning **SIENERGY GAS, LLC**, before the Railroad Commission of Texas during 2026; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0444 ADOPTED**
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL** to provide additional Emergency Solutions Grant Funds and Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuation of services previously funded through the City's Homeless Services Program - \$1,147,172.60 - Grant Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0445 ADOPTED**
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Local On-System Improvement Project Agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for United Airlines, Inc Catering Operations Facility Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0446 ADOPTED**
14. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,390,863.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **RAGLE, INC**, to provide Construction Services for Skyway Structural Improvements at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH); Project No. 993; 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 Services, Contingency, and Testing Services - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0447 ADOPTED**
15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$250,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for Security Camera Upgrades - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0448 ADOPTED**

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,278,130.10 from Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; amending Ordinance No. 2024-0639 related to Interlocal Cost Sharing Agreement to provide services for the Hardy Water Line Project with **NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0449 ADOPTED**
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$35,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Derivative Agreement with **TDINDUSTRIES, INC** to provide Facility Maintenance and Repair Services - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0450 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM** to provide Physician Services for FIFA World Cup Fanfest; providing a maximum contract amount - \$300,000.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0451 ADOPTED**
22. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-0047 related to contract with **STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC d/b/a STERLING** to provide Background Investigation Services - \$250,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0452 ADOPTED**
23. ORDINANCE amending City's Master Classification Plan (City of Houston Ordinance No. 1998-834, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2026-046, Exhibit A) and revising the Pay Structure as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2025-0495 (Exhibit B); to add six (6) new Job Classifications; add one (1) Pay Grade; change one (1) Job Title; change three (3) Pay Grades; delete one (1) Job Classification; delete Certification Adjustments for two (2) Job Classifications; providing a repealer; providing for severability - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0453 ADOPTED**
26. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a portion of 60 foot-wide Sleepy Lane, said portion being ±60,652 square feet within the Replat of Still Meadows, Section One, as shown on the map or Plat thereof, and being from Honeysuckle Lane south ±1,010 feet to Rankin Road (f/k/a Horseshoe Trail), situated in the Austin R. Bodman Surveys, Abstract Nos. 140 & 141, Harris County, Texas (Parcel SY23-051); abandoning the right-of-way to **NPH RANKIN, L.L.C.**, the abutting property owner, in consideration of its payment to the City in the cash amount of \$2,800.00, and conveyance to the City of a ±60,573 square-foot right-of-way easement, also situated in the Austin R. Bodman Survey, Abstract Nos. 140 & 141, Harris County, Texas (Parcel AY24-055), and other good and valuable consideration - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0454 ADOPTED**
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **ALQUIMIA LUXURY HOMES, L.L.C.**, Purchaser, for sale of approximately 11,640 square-feet of City fee-owned land, being all of Lot 14 of Block 1, Epernay Subdivision, Section 2, situated in the H.K. Lewis Survey, Abstract No. 42, Harris County, Texas, for \$279,360.00 and other good and valuable consideration - **DISTRICT G - HUFFMAN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0455 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **DL GLOVER, INC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal - **DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON; C - KAMIN; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; F - THOMAS; G - HUFFMAN; H - CASTILLO; I - MARTINEZ; J - POLLARD and K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **MOTION 2026-0291 ADOPTED**

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works for transfer of funds from the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax to the General Fund, as payment for the transfer of jurisdiction of Parcels LY25-008 and LY25-009 (located at 7979 South Kirkwood Drive) from the Houston Public Library to Houston Public Works for Stormwater Detention Basin Purposes for the **PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT IN ALIEF FOREST SOUTH AREA - SUB PROJECT 1** - \$1,226,237.00 - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **MOTION 2026-0292 ADOPTED**

8. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 47 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Urban Farm Water Rates; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0456 ADOPTED**

9. ORDINANCE changing the street names of North Cesar Chavez Boulevard to **NORTH MSG JOE E RAMIREZ BOULEVARD** and South Cesar Chavez Boulevard to **SOUTH MSG JOE E RAMIREZ BOULEVARD**; respectively; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0457 ADOPTED**

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$19,306,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund for HFD Fire Station 104 Replacement; providing funding for Project Cost, Property Cost, and Civic Art - **DISTRICT E - FLICKINGER** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0458 ADOPTED**

19. ORDINANCE authorizing and approving Form of Master Contractor Agreement for City of Houston Home Repair Program to be executed by City of Houston, Texas, and **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT, INC; BRIZO CONSTRUCTION, LLC; DRC CONSTRUCTION, LLC; DSW HOMES, LLC; DUCKY RECOVERY, LLC; GALVESTON PILING, LLC; JAMES W. TURNER CONSTRUCTION, LTD; PMG CONSTRUCTION INC; RM QUALITY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, SLSCO, LTD and STONEWATER, INC**; authorizing and approving form of Home Repair Program Tri-Party Agreement, Deed of Trust and Promissory Note for use in the Home Repair Program; authorizing Mayor to execute Master Contractor Agreement with each contractor and Tri-Party Agreements with contractor and owner or occupant of single-family structure who qualifies for participation in program; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 72 successive month renewal options - \$3,000,000.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Panzarella, Evans-Shabazz, Martinez and Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0459 ADOPTED**

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE OF TEXAS** to provide Supplemental Ambulance Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$5,407,200.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Panzarella, Evans-Shabazz, Martinez and Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0460 ADOPTED**
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing increase in Issuance of Bonds and Notes by **SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN; F - THOMAS; J - POLLARD and K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented and **Tagged by Council Members Pollard and Ramirez.**
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Alternative Untreated Water Supply Contract with **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 359 - DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Panzarella, Evans-Shabazz, Martinez and Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0461 ADOPTED**

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

28. RECEIVE nominations for appointment to Position One of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE HOUSTON DREDGING DISTRICT** - was presented,

Council Member Flickinger nominated Kathleen Jordan to Position 1 of the Board of Directors of the Lake Houston Dredging District.

Mayor Whitmire requested a motion to close the nominations. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to close the nominations to Position One of the Board of Directors of the Lake Houston Dredging District be closed and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Panzarella, Evans-Shabazz, Martinez and Davis absent. **MOTION 2026-0293 ADOPTED**

At 11:42 a.m., Mayor Whitmire left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum presiding.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Castillo first.

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click here. www.houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/389301

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

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary