

City Hall Council Chamber
September 1 - 2, 2026
2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Joe Panzarella, Fred Flickinger, Tiffany D. Thomas, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Twila Carter and Sallie Alcorn; Rashaad Gambrell, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Members Tarsha Jackson, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz and Alejandra Salinas absent on personal business.

At 1:38 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Castex-Tatum called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Peck for a proclamation.

Council Member Peck presented a proclamation to PCSI recognizing their efforts to advocate for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in the workplace.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Salinas for a proclamation. Council Member Salinas presented a proclamation honoring Chef Adrian Torres of Houston's Máximo, the 2026 James Beard Emerging Chef Award winner.

At 1:50 p.m., Council Member Salinas left the meeting.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for a proclamation. Council Member Castex-Tatum presented a proclamation recognizing Infant Hunger Action Month.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Pollard for a proclamation. Council Member Pollard presented a proclamation to David Davis recognizing his heroism by saving several innocent lives during a dangerous shooting in Houston.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Alcorn for a proclamation. Council Member Alcorn presented a proclamation to Mary Jean Ward Edmundson celebrating her 100th birthday.

At 2:10 p.m., Mayor Whitmire came into the meeting.

At 2:17 p.m., Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Carter for the Invocation and she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of August 25 - 26, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Flickinger and Davis absent.

MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Alcorn for a procedural motion. Council Member Alcorn moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Traci Riley to the bottom of the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Flickinger and Davis absent. **MOTION 2026-0494 ADOPTED**

At 2:20 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

1 - CECIL BOONE - Cameras and mass resident tracking technologies

2 - ANTHONY VU - Tax abatement proposal

ROBERT BARRETT - Lack of water, public safety **Not Present**

3 - JANE ROSAS - Property issues

4 - CHERYL PARKER - Unresolved claim that includes METRO and HFD

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Panzarella for a procedural motion. Council Member Panzarella moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ruth Kravetz to follow Traci Riley on the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Flickinger and Huffman absent.

MOTION 2026-0495 ADOPTED

QASIM KHAN - Seeking Mayor and City Council support for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day **Not Present**

5 - TRAVIS McGEE - Community issues

6 - KATHY TATUM - Resilience Resource Hub

ANASTASIA MALAVANSOS - Incident **Not Present**

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

BRODY WASHINGTON - Personal matter **Not Present**

7 - TRACI RILEY

8 - RUTH KRAVETZ

9 - CESAR ESPINOSA - Our community

10 - MERLYN RASKE - Public safety

11 - ASIF CHOWDHURY - Safeguard ICE/HPD asking allies to create urgency

12 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - Dynamo

MARVIN HOLMES - METRO **Not Present**

13 - ARKO BARMAN - Surveillance and flock

EDUARDO DURAN - Current events **Not Present**

At 3:06 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 2, 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, September 2, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Joe Panzarella, 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 Members Tarsha Jackson, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz and Edward Pollard absent on personal business.

At 9:11 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and moved the Mayor's Report.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** for TIRZ 3 Ninth Project Plan Amendment - 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, seeing none, 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 2026-0496 ADOPTED**

At 9:14 a.m., Mayor Whitmire moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whitmire recognized Jim Szczesniak, Houston Airport System Director, to present a PowerPoint presentation to members of Council. Director Szczesniak highlighted a report to the Mayor with real time numbers regarding FIFA World Cup visitors, completed airport projects and future airport projects that will be added to the Airport System.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

2. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,753,206.43 out of Airports Improvement Fund as additional appropriation to contract with **AUSTIN GILBANE JOINT VENTURE** to provide Construction Manager-At-Risk Services for Mickey Leland International Terminal (MLIT) Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) (Project No. 826) to increase total contract value of \$377,000,000.00; approving and authorizing Final Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement between City of Houston and **AUSTIN GILBANE JOINT VENTURE** to settle all disputes - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0750 ADOPTED**

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Airport System that Houston City Council accept the work and authorize final payment, if any, of the contract with **AUSTIN GILBANE JOINT VENTURE** for Construction Manager-At-Risk Services Contract for Mickey Leland International Terminal (MLIT) Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, Project No. 826 - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON**
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 2 above
 - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0497 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

4. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$1,187,164.00 for Purchase of Proprietary Bio-Rad Diagnostic and Virological Test Kits for the Houston Health Department, awarded to **BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC** - 5 Years - Community Health & Assessment Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0498 ADOPTED**
5. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$347,683.45 for Lease of Print Shop Equipment and Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative for the Houston Police Department, awarded to **THE STEWART ORGANIZATION** - 3 Years - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0499 ADOPTED**
6. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$675,019.40 for Purchase of Depository Compactors and Balers through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative Purchasing for the Solid Waste Management Division of Houston Public Works, awarded to **BOX GANG MANUFACTURING LLC** - Through March 19, 2029 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0500 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

8. ORDINANCE denying application of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC** for approval to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor filed with the City of Houston, Texas on July 17, 2026; providing for severability - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0751 ADOPTED**
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000,000.00 out of Airport System Consolidated 2011 Construction Fund and \$29,907,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; approving and authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with **UNITED AIRLINES, INC** related to development of Multiple Capital Improvement Projects at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0752 ADOPTED**
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,500,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Conducted Energy Devices, Accessories and Supplies for the Houston Police Department - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0753 ADOPTED**

12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **DESIREEBITTNER, LLC DBA FIRST RESPONSE FAMILY CLINIC** to provide Medical Evaluations, Wellness Assessments, and Associated Services for Sworn Personnel of the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount 4 Years - \$2,000,000.00 - General Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0754 ADOPTED**
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING ECOTOXICOLOGY, LLC** to provide Biomonitoring and Analytical Testing Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,647,043.75 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0755 ADOPTED**
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **COMPASS GROUP USA, INC**, by and through its Canteen Division for Vending Machines and Related Products and Services - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - Revenue - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0756 ADOPTED**
15. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2021-966; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract with **GALLS, LLC** to provide Body Armor and Accessories; providing a maximum contract amount through November 18, 2027 - \$1,295,525.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund. **The City Secretary advised that Item 15 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.**
16. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2021-0461; approving and authorizing first amendment to the contract with **PURE TECHNOLOGIES, U.S., INC** to provide Underground Monitoring of Acoustic Fiber Optic Services; providing a maximum contract amount - Through December 31, 2031 - \$1,231,688.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0757 ADOPTED**
17. ORDINANCE appropriating a total of \$13,125,000.00, including \$12,200,000.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; and \$925,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for Design and Construction of Telephone Road Mobility Project; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery - **DISTRICT I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0758 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement among City of Houston, Texas, **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIXTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, and **UPTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, to provide for Participation of the County in the Zone for purpose of funding Capital Projects and Maintenance for Capital Projects as provided by Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code - **DISTRICTS A - PECK; C - PANZARELLA; G - HUFFMAN and J - POLLARD** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0759 ADOPTED**
22. ORDINANCE renewing the establishment of the north side of the 2400 - 2500 Block of Eagle Street, north side, between Oak Street and Emancipation Avenue 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 D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0760 ADOPTED**

23. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west side of the 2100 block of Jean Street, between Sanders Avenue and Hansford 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 I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0761 ADOPTED**
24. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 8.6259 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 64**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0762 ADOPTED**
26. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 186.026 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 493**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0763 ADOPTED**
27. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 267.49 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 159**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0764 ADOPTED**
28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 16.02 acres of land to **SPRING WEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0765 ADOPTED**
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Water Supply Supplement between City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 11** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0766 ADOPTED**
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Water Supply Supplement with **NORTH GREEN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0767 ADOPTED**
31. ORDINANCE granting to **DHAWK GREASE TRANSPORT, LLC, 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 - **FIRST READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0768 PASSED FIRST READING**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Procurement Processes; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0769 ADOPTED**
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Final Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreements between City of Houston and **M&M SALAZAR CONSTRUCTION LLC** - \$456,669.55 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0770 ADOPTED**

18. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIFTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (EAST DOWNTOWN ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS H - CASTILLO and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0771 ADOPTED**
19. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HARRISBURG ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS H - CASTILLO and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0772 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **MEDICAL CENTER AREA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEDICAL CENTER ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Authority - **DISTRICTS C - PANZARELLA; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ and K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0773 ADOPTED**
25. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 58.8896 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 441**, for inclusion in its district - was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Peck**

NON CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

32. **MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding Resolution of No Objection for Reserve at Ella seeking 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs)
HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
- was presented, Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to set a public hearing date and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0501 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD

33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to Regional Participation Agreement with **THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP**, a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD
This was Item 7 on Agenda of August 26, 2026
- was presented, Council Member Panzarella voting no, balance voting aye.
ORDINANCE 2026-0774 ADOPTED

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY - including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds Controller - was presented, City Controller, Chris Hollins, and Director of Finance Department, Melissa Dubowski, reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial Report, copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's Office for review. Council Member Alcorn moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2026-0502 ADOPTED

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

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary