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ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
ORD. #2007-0731	June 20, 2007	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007.
ORD. #2007-0732	June 20, 2007	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008)
Motion #2007-0616	June 20, 2007	Institute a 7th Houston Police Cadet class to begin in June of 2008, with funding derived from any end-of-year surplus in the Houston Police Department budget and/or other grant sources.
Motion #2007-0621	June 20, 2007	Within 30 days of passage of the FY08 budget, the administration will identify one area of police operations that will be the subject of an outside management review. A separate area will be reviewed each subsequent year.
Motion #2007-0622	June 20, 2007	In response to Bromwich's final Crime Lab recommendations, in annual budget book presented by Administration, a separate line item be written in, detailing funding for Crime Lab.
Motion #2007-0623	June 20, 2007	Houston Police Department will submit quarterly reports to the Mayor and City Council detailing all HPD expenditures for special events, street functions and parades. Report will include the number of staff provided, identifying the stations assignment of each officer, the amount expended on staffing, and any costs recovered for staffing the functions.
Motion #2007-0625	June 20, 2007	Within 6 months, Administration will submit to Council a plan of action for funding to institute a HPD/HEC partnership program with the High School for Law Enforcement.
Motion #2007-0627	June 20, 2007	Continuation of the sweat-equity program in the Houston Police Department's FY08 Neighborhood Protection Division budget, which allocated \$24,000 to two Super Neighborhood Councils identified as the Acres Homes SNC and Fifth Ward SNC, to abate weeded lots within their respective neighborhoods.

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Motion #2007-0631	June 20, 2007	Conduct a study to determine what the City of Houston's Police to resident ratio should be and submit to the Council Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security within 90 days.
Motion #2007-0632	June 20, 2007	Add a new position titled "After Hours/Liquor License Czar" using \$100,000 contingent on Governor's signature of HB 1 (Article V, page 516 of the Conference Committee Report).
Motion #2007-0633	June 20, 2007	Administration initiate a study and report back to Council Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security within 90 days reviewing the amount of vehicles transporting toxic chemicals in City's ROW.
Motion #2007-0638	June 20, 2007	Provide status of HFD implementing recommendations from Mir Fox Audit for Life Safety Bureau/Inspection Division – Fire Marshall's Office.
Motion #2007-0639	June 20, 2007	Continuation of the budget amendment approved in FY 07 that required the Fire Department, in conjunction with Finance and Administration, to conduct a study on the need to increase fire inspection fees based on the days it takes to inspect facilities, and the possible recovery of man-hour costs.
Motion #2007-0642	June 20, 2007	Within 90 days, the Mayor will propose a plan to fund and provide support for neighborhood traffic studies, evaluation, equipment, and programs for improving public safety and mobility challenges in neighborhoods during FY 2008.
Motion #2007-0643	June 20, 2007	Assess how an additional two (2) inspectors can be added for HFD to conduct atrium and mid rise inspections and safety programs within 90 days.
Motion #2007-0646	June 20, 2007	In monthly MFOR report presented by Administration a new performance measure be added under Municipal Courts, listing total time spent by officer and defendant in arraignment court and judge/jury trials.

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Motion #2007-0649	June 20, 2007	Increase funding at BARC by \$300,000 to provide for 6 new staff members and 4 vehicles for a "Trap Team" and a "Compliance Team", in order to deal with aggressive nuisance dogs and provide door-to-door Animal Control code violation inspections. Funding source to be determined by the administration.
Motion #2007-0651	June 20, 2007	Administration will identify funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the HIV/AIDS Outreach and Prevention Services.
Motion #2007-0653	June 20, 2007	Within 60 days, the administration shall conduct a sustainability evaluation of converting the existing sludge digestion and handling facilities at the 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant to an anaerobic digestion process with biogas capture and beneficial re-use. Funding Source to be determined by the Administration.
Motion #2007-0658	June 20, 2007	Provide \$23,000 for a coordinating feasibility study of a Lower Fifth Ward Model Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, which assists local residents in defining a vision, assists local developers in coordination of private efforts in the area, assists the City of Houston/ Harris County and METRO in developing a long-term strategy for the provision of municipal and transportation services, and is suitable for inclusion in a future federal HOPE VI application to HUD.
Motion #2007-0660	June 20, 2007	Water/Wastewater billing department move to stop sending duplicate paper bills in the mail to customers currently enrolled in the online billing program by the end of Fiscal Year 2008 and redesign the online bill payment program to make it more user friendly.
Motion #2007-0661	June 20, 2007	By September 1, 2007 provide funding up to the amount of \$50,000 to establish sustainable enforcement of the Sign Code. The source of funds will be determined by the Administration.
Motion #2007-0662	June 20, 2007	By August 1, 2007 funding up to the amount of \$150,000 will be appropriated for a city-wide sign audit. The source of funds will be determined by the Administration.

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Motion #2007-0663	June 20, 2007	Department of PW&E shall institute within one year an executive level diversity mentorship program and shall submit to Council Committee on Minority/Women Business Enterprise and Small Contractor Development and Contract Compliance progress of.
Motion #2007-0666	June 20, 2007	The scope of work of the Public Works & Engineering Department's City Mobility Plan shall reflect the provisions of Section 33-51(7) of the City Code of Ordinances. [In order to accommodate, facilitate and encourage desirable growth and development, the Plan will analyze the City's existing and potential growth and development; and utilize such information as a foundation for capital improvement, transportation, utilities and community services planning,] Section 33-51(7). This analysis shall be summarized in a "Development Opportunities and Priorities Map," and include an engineered Classification of Street Types. The additional amount of \$50,000 shall be added form authorized bond funds for transportation, utilities, drainage, and other capital improvements, or from funds provided by the H-GAC.
Motion #2007-0673	June 20, 2007	Reinstate Land and Grounds Maintenance funding to 07' level. Approximate cost - \$476,576.00.
Motion #2007-0675	June 20, 2007	Delete Section 15[c]. No waste reduction fund or waste reduction fee shall be established unless and until public hearings are held and the City Council approves and authorizes a waste reduction fee and/or waste reduction fund under a separate ordinance.
Motion #2007-0676	June 20, 2007	All City Facilities to participate in a recycling program and submit a report at years end to Council.
Motion #2007-0678	June 20, 2007	Consider a proposal to form a collaborative partnership with Youth Build USA for the purpose of training at-risk young adults in the construction of much needed affordable housing in Houston.
Motion #2007-0679	June 20, 2007	Require the City Finance and Administration Department to report on the unfunded liability of retiree health benefits in the Monthly Financial and Operations Report.

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Motion #2007-0682	June 20, 2007	The administration should explore selling city infrastructure assets as a financing option for pension/benefits and infrastructure projects.
Motion #2007-0684	June 20, 2007	PW&E shall create a Manager-Small Business Development and Contract Compliance.
Motion #2007-0687	June 20, 2007	Within sixty days the Mayor will propose a plan that includes Council affirmation prior to the acceptance of any property to the City that could require funding for maintenance or operations in excess of \$25,000.00.
Motion #2007-0690	June 20, 2007	Study the feasibility of creating a parking department, separating from CEF with current funding and revenue.
Motion #2007-0691	June 20, 2007	The administration will create a plan to provide incentives to Taxi Cab Fleets that switch to hybrid vehicles.
Motion #2007-0693	June 20, 2007	The administration will create a plan to increase the number of Hybrid Vehicles in the City's "light fleet" to a minimum of 80% of the total "light fleet".
Motion #2007-0697	June 20, 2007	Reduce the City of Houston property tax rate by \$.00125 to 64.375 cents per \$100 valuation.
Motion #2007-0698	June 20, 2007	Motion to amend Item 58a to correct clerical errors and omissions in Exhibit "A" to substitute new pages.
Motion #2007-0699	June 20, 2007	Within 60 days, the Legal Dept. will have researched the ability to increase the maximum fine to \$2,000.00 for the railroad blocking ordinance and will amend the ordinance, if permissible, and further amend the ordinance to place liability, in addition to the operators, on the railroad companies and supervisors.