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ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
ORD. #2011-0483	June 15, 2011	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011.
ORD. #2011-0547	June 22, 2011	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012).
Motion #2011-0486	June 22, 2011	<p>City Council requires adequate input and information to address both the short term and long term financial needs of the City. Within 60 days, the administration shall appoint, with Council approval, a Long-Range Financial Management Task Force consisting of at least two Council Members, a representative of the Administration, a representative from each of the City's three Labor Unions, a representative from each of the City's three Pension Systems and five members of the community representing businesses and residents comprised of financial and actuarial experts, business interests and community leaders. The Controller shall also be represented on the Task Force; however his representative shall neither be appointed by the Mayor nor confirmed by City Council.</p> <p>The Task Force will review the City's long-term financial situation and develop recommendations for a long-term plan of action for Council discussion and adoption. The Task Force will address long-range plans to include the City's unfunded liabilities, pension plans, benefit management, long-term indebtedness, and all other City financial obligations. The task force shall present its final report to the Mayor followed by a meeting of a Committee of the Whole no later than January 31, 2012. The final report will include a recommendation on whether continued existence of the group, in its current or altered form, would be beneficial. The Task Force shall maintain as privileged and confidential any work product or draft document used to compose its final report. The task force shall be advisory only.</p>
Motion #2011-0487	June 22, 2011	Reduce number of total FTEs in Project Cost Recovery Fund (1001) to 330. This is to be on line with FY2010 and FY2011 actuals and to adjust for 10 FTEs being transferred from other funds.

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Motion #2011-0488	June 22, 2011	<p>Within 60 days, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department shall make recommendations to: 1) create partnerships with residents, community groups, management districts, and other affected parties for the management and operations of the City's community centers; 2) enhance revenue generating opportunities for the City's community centers; 3) implement best practices based on operational and programmatic models utilized by other cities and counties for their community centers; and 4) increase flexibility to adjust community center operations and programs to meet the needs of the community.</p>
Motion #2011-0490	June 22, 2011	<p>Within 180 days the administration shall create a "Fast Track" service for permits, plan review, and other City services. These special "Fast Track" services shall be available for an increased fee which covers all costs associated with the faster service, including additional equipment, personnel, additional training, implementation of best practices and new technology.</p>
Motion #2011-0491	June 22, 2011	<p>Respectfully request that the Administration review and consider the cost to outsource or financially collaborate with other governmental entities (i.e., the county) the duties of the City of Houston jails from the FY'12 Houston Police Department budget or any identified budget surplus.</p> <p>Respectfully request that the Administration review and consider the cost to outsource or financially collaborate with other governmental entities (i.e., the county) the duties of the Houston Police Department's (HPD) crime labs (drugs, evidence receiving, firearms, toxicology and serology/DNA) from the FY'12 HPD budget or any identified budget surplus.</p>
Motion #2011-0498	June 22, 2011	<p>Within <u>60</u> days the administration shall present to Council the ordinance necessary to create the Department of Neighborhoods which will then present its budget, operational summary, organizational chart and employee responsibility, to the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee.</p>

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Motion #2011-0499	June 22, 2011	HPD will develop a written policy within 90 days on how Neighborhood Police Storefronts will be staffed in the absence of the HPD and the Public Safety Officers. All listed times of closures for each storefront will be listed on the HPD website and sent to Members of City Council 90 days of the passing of the 2012 FY Budget.
Motion #2011-0503	June 22, 2011	Within 60 days that Administration shall present to City Council Amendments to the appropriate sections of the Code of Ordinances to increase the annual Game Room permit fee to ensure full cost recovery. Cost analysis demonstrates that the City of Houston incurs an administrative and enforcement cost which should be recovered. The changes will be presented to the appropriate Council Committee.
Motion #2011-0504	June 22, 2011	Within 90 days the appropriate City Departments will establish ordinance/policies for the use of parking lifts. The ordinances should include lift standards, installation and permit fees.
Motion #2011-0513	June 22, 2011	Maintain funding for Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership at \$100,000 for FY2012.
Motion #2011-0517	June 22, 2011	Add one FTE to Finance Department for the sole purpose of sales tax audit compliance.
Motion #2011-0518	June 22, 2011	Review take-home vehicle policy for all non-public safety personnel, and if there have been no after-hours call out within the last 30 days (or pick some other arbitrary period of time) evaluate the need for that employee to continue to take a vehicle home. Consider a vehicle allowance, or reimbursement policy, for any legitimate city business for after hours use as an alternative policy.
Motion #2011-0520	June 22, 2011	Conduct a thorough inspection, report, recommended repairs, and timeline for all Houston Fire Stations. This is to be accomplished within 6 months of adoption of the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget.