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ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
ORD. #2012-0565	June 13, 2012	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012.
ORD. #2012-0589	June 20, 2012	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013).
Motion #2012-0462	June 20, 2012	<p>If the Administrations Monthly Financial and Operational Report's FY2013 projected fund balance exceeds 7.8%, up to \$2,000,000 of fund balance shall be used to fund one or more independent third-party analyses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-Range Financial Management Task Force suggestions related to pension sustainability and health benefits. • The quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of citywide operations and support processes. <p>The third-party analysis shall include recommended improvements and a suggested plan for implementing those improvements, and the firm that would be used for this work would be barred from contracting with the City to do any of their recommendations.</p> <p>Council Member Brown moved to amend the above motion to provide that if funds do not exceed 7.8% within 90 days the administration would return to Council with a recommendation of an appropriate funding source.</p>
Motion #2012-0463	June 20, 2012	Provide \$160,000 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach. Within 90 days, the City of Houston will contract with the Houston Food Bank to increase the number SNAP participants in Houston. The Houston Food Bank is the only State-certified subcontractor (outside a State field office) eligible to issue SNAP electronic benefits transfer cards. Funds will be used to pay for trained staff to identify, assist, and distribute benefits to eligible SNAP for staff salaries for a period of one year until such time the Houston Food Bank may apply for Community Development Block Grant funding. The source of funds for this purpose will be grant/private funding to be determined by the administration.

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Motion #2012-0466	June 20, 2012	The IT Department shall evaluate methods and the cost/savings to the City's general fund to provide electronic delivery of Agenda and Committee documents. Electronic access must be available to Council Members and staff 24 hours a day and at all City Council and Committee meetings. The Director of IT shall provide his finds and recommendations to the TTI Committee and the Administration no later than November 16, 2012.
Motion #2012-0468	June 20, 2012	If the combination of property tax and sales tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2013 exceeds the projected \$1,477,570,000, all revenues over projection must be applied towards funding the City's general fund contributions to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board actuarially required contribution for the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System; the Houston Police Officers' Pension System; and the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund.
Motion #2012-0470	June 20, 2012	All Departments – General Fund: Any FTE position that has gone unfilled for more than 3 months as of July 1, 2012 shall be eliminated. Reinstatement of the position will be made only with written justification and budgetary impact to be submitted to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for approval and classified positions be exempted.
Motion #2012-0481	June 20, 2012	<p>Within 60 days the Administration shall establish an Illegal Dumping Task Force (IDTF). The objective of the task force shall be to develop a set of recommendations to reduce the incidence of illegal dumping.</p> <p>The Illegal Dumping Task Force membership shall include, but is not limited to staff from the Houston Police Department, Solid Waste Department, Mayor's Office of Sustainability, <u>Department of Neighborhoods</u>, 3 Council Members, and other members of the community that the Mayor deems appropriate. <u>County, State and Federal officials will be invited to participate.</u></p>

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		<p>The Illegal Dumping Task Force shall examine and make recommendations related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving interagency coordination • Expanding public education and prevention efforts • Identifying the gaps in ordinances and laws for authority and enforcement. • Increasing support for the prosecution of environmental crimes • Evaluating Department needs and appropriate staffing levels. <p>The Illegal Dumping Task Force shall meet regularly to examine and make recommendations to address the objective and until such a time that the Mayor deems the Task Force no longer necessary.</p>
Motion #2012-0486	June 20, 2012	ARA and Legal will view the current regulations on 8 Liner Operators. Provide information on whether 8 Liner Establishments can be regulated to certain hours of operations.
Motion #2012-0487	June 20, 2012	In 90 days HFD will present to Public Safety Committee an update on All Hazard Response to see if the change in how HFD response to emergencies decreased or increased the response times. Also review the current policy on the use of the 8 BLS units that were removed from out of service 2010 budget year and the cost of overtime saved.
Motion #2012-0488	June 20, 2012	Provide staffing for the Proclamation Office, which will allow a two week turnaround on proclamations.
Motion #2012-0490	June 20, 2012	Require that any costs for permitted street closures or parade permits for events not sponsored by CoH or covered by first amendment protections be fully reimbursed to be effective as of January 1, 2013.
Motion #2012-0493	June 20, 2012	Eliminate funding for Tuition Reimbursements not required by contract.
Motion #2012-0497	June 20, 2012	Maintain funding for Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership at \$100,000 for FY13.

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Motion #2012-0501	June 20, 2012	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 #2012-0503	June 20, 2012	Allocate \$2,000,000 to the buffalo bayou erosion control project near Memorial Park. Such funds to be matched by Harris County Flood Control District and private interest. The Administration will work with PWE, as the lead department on this project, to determine an appropriate funding source.
Motion #2012-0504	June 20, 2012	I move to reconfigure at least one (1) FTE from Director Dowe's Performance Management group. This motion will expand their role beyond financial analysis and will allow them to conduct departmental performance evaluations and ensure that departments are meeting performance measures, are operating efficiently, and are planning for the future growth of the City of Houston. No additional funding should be necessary, as the performance management group already exists.
Motion #2012-0505	June 20, 2012	I move to designate a liaison within the Planning Department who will be available to each Super Neighborhood and will interface on their behalf with Public Works, Planning, and other stakeholders to provide information on major development projects.
Motion #2012-0507	June 20, 2012	I move that the administration allocate the funds necessary for two (2) additional case managers for the Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative.
Motion #2012-0510	June 20, 2012	I move that ARA designate a liaison between music/entertainment businesses and the affected departments. This liaison should help ensure compliance with and understanding of city code and ordinances.
Motion #2012-0511	June 20, 2012	I move that the City of Houston addresses the littering by plastic bags or the phasing out of plastic bags city-wide. This proposal will be taken to the appropriate committee for proper vetting, consideration and input from businesses, residents, and environmental advocates.

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Motion #2012-0512	June 20, 2012	<p>I move that the Administration create an Innovation and Technology Advisory Board. This group of volunteers shall advise the mayor and make recommendations to ensure the growth and development of the creative class in the City of Houston. This advisory board will act as advocates and ambassadors for our city, and help draw in entrepreneurs, thought-leaders, innovators.</p> <p>Their goal will be to help make Houston an international hub for innovation and technology. No additional funding sources should be necessary at this time. This panel will be comprised of volunteers with an expertise in the relevant fields.</p>
Motion #2012-0517	June 20, 2012	<p>Within 6 months, Houston Fire Department will work with administration and Council Members to identify necessary source of revenue within Houston Fire Department budget to return 2 Basic Life Support and 1 Advanced Life Support units to service.</p>
Motion #2012-0520	June 20, 2012	<p>Respectfully maintain the current tax rate for the City of Houston at 63.875 cents per \$100 of taxable value.</p>
Motion #2012-0522	June 20, 2012	<p>Respectfully limit purchasing of the number of non-gas efficient vehicles (i.e. Ford Explorers); especially for one department over another department and also consider purchase of GNC vehicles.</p>
Motion #2012-0523	June 20, 2012	<p>Respectfully increase game-room fees from its current rate.</p>
Motion #2012-0526	June 20, 2012	<p>Respectfully create stand-alone Department for the Office of Business Opportunity. Afford this separate entity the opportunity to introduce their own budget (set-aside from the Mayor's Office) and justify their assistance separate from the authority of the Mayor's Office.</p>