

## SUMMARY OF FY2018 CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
ORD. #2017-0379	May 31, 2017	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017.
ORD. #2017-0380	May 31, 2017	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018).
Motion #2017-0261	May 31, 2017	Restore Council District Service Fund to \$1 million per district council office (\$500,000 General Fund to each). Transfer \$3 million to Cost Centers 5500020001 through 5500020011. There is no additional cost incurred as these funds are essentially transfers within departments based on council directive and Mayoral approval.
Motion #2017-0262	May 31, 2017	An administrative fee, service charge, or any other similar fee shall not be charged by any City of Houston department for any project funded with Council District Service Funds if the City of Houston already performs the service.
Motion #2017-0263	May 31, 2017	<p><b>Market Based Revenue Opportunities</b>                      This amendment is follow up to an amendment I proposed last year that asked the City to begin looking at opportunities for new streams of revenue through advertisements. Since tabling my amendment, the City's own consultant firm has identified this potential stream of revenue as an opportunity to support the long range financial outlook for the City.</p> <p>Market Based Revenue Opportunities (MBRO) simply put is utilizing the existing assets the City of Houston has (i.e., building, fleet, population, etc.) and finding innovative ways to monetize these assets. Some examples are advertising, Municipal Marketing Partnerships, and Secondary use of public real estate.</p> <p>Peer cities such as "Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia all generate significant revenue from MBROs" (PFM). In fact, the City of Houston Combined Utility System currently participates in an MBRO program for its sludge.</p> <p>This amendment required that within 90 days the City will determine whether to hire a firm that will identify Market Based Revenue Opportunities for the City. A report will be given to City Council Economic Development Committee on the City's findings.</p>
Motion #2017-0267	May 31, 2017	Disallow use of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund to reimburse developers new Chapter 380 Agreements.
Motion #2017-0268	May 31, 2017	Require unanticipated FY 2017 departmental savings to flow to fund balance. Within 60 days, require finance department officials to present a report to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee detailing General Fund FY 2017 savings by department. Show how much each department came in under projected FY 2017 spending of \$2,043,578,610. Require total amount saved to remain in the city's fund balance and not spent on FY 2018 operating expenses.

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Motion #2017-0269	May 31, 2017	The Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOSE) shall explore establishing a mechanism for reimbursing The Heritage Society (THS) at Sam Houston Park annually for lost revenue as a result of non-THS events that are planned or permitted by MOSE at the park.
Motion #2017-0270	May 31, 2017	The Public Works Department shall explore expanding services provided under the "Safe Sidewalk" program to include curb, gutter and culvert repairs. An update shall be presented to the Regulation & Neighborhood Affairs Committee, or the Transportation, Technology & Infrastructure Committee within 60 days of the approval of the amendment.
Motion #2017-0271	May 31, 2017	All RCA's (Requests for Council Action) related to the Public Works & Engineering Department, the Rebuild Houston program, or any related projects brought to City Council for consideration shall state on the cover sheet whether or not any resources from the drainage utility charge are being utilized for that particular item. If any drainage utility charge resources are being utilized, then the RCA shall clearly state the dollar amount utilized for each year including any multiyear contract. If no drainage utility charge resources are being utilized, then the RCA shall state, "No Drainage Utility Charge Resources are being obligated for this item."
Motion #2017-0273	May 31, 2017	In order to cultivate innovation in a manner that enhances quality of life for Houstonians and helps brand Houston as a smart city of the future, the City of Houston shall adopt a Smart Cities Initiative Strategic Plan within Fiscal Year 2018 that identifies its objectives, and its strategies for establishing partnerships and grant funding for the use of smart city technologies.
Motion #2017-0274	May 31, 2017	In an effort to safeguard against the adverse impact of unexpected multi-million dollar lump sum settlements owed by the City of Houston (within a fiscal year) resulting from residential or commercial property tax disputes with the applicable appraisal districts, the City of Houston shall seek to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the applicable appraisal districts in Fiscal Year 2018, to formalize a process of notification by which the appraisal districts provide to the City of Houston notice of any large scale property tax refund litigation that may have a multi-million dollar impact in a particular fiscal year, so that the City of Houston may have the opportunity to negotiate and enter into multi-year settlement agreements, as needed, rather than lump sum settlements or payments.

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Motion #2017-0275	May 31, 2017	In order to increase transparency and allow for increased oversight of the City's finances, the City of Houston Finance Department shall analyze each Special Revenue Fund to evaluate the following: (1) the source of revenue within the Special Revenue Fund; (2) the manner in which the Special Revenue Fund was created; and (3) the use of such funds within the Special Revenue Fund. The Finance Department also shall provide recommendations regarding the continued use of each Special Revenue Fund. The Finance Department's review of the Special Revenue Funds shall be presented to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee within Fiscal Year 2018.