

SUMMARY OF FY2021 CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
Ord. #2020-500	June 10, 2020	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.
Ord. #2020-501	June 10, 2020	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).
Motion #2020-0269	June 10, 2020	The City shall establish a Shared Services Working Group to explore areas in which the City and Harris County may jointly provide services to gain efficiencies. Sharing services has the potential to reduce overlapping and duplicative services, pool resources to better leverage additional funding, take advantage of economies of scale, and create opportunities for innovation. Opportunities for shared services include, but are not limited to, public health, public safety, libraries, parks, information technology, fleet, animal services, road construction/maintenance, flood mitigation, and 311. Forming a Shared Services Working Group is a "high budgetary impact" recommendation of the PFM Report, one which could lead to potential savings of more than \$10 million. The Shared Services Working Group shall be made up of personnel from the city and county and shall commence work as soon as practical.
Motion #2020-0272	June 10, 2020	The Human Resources Department, in consultation with all city department directors, shall perform a comprehensive analysis of the city's teleworking policy, and submit a plan to significantly increase the number of civilian employees allowed to work from home. The plan shall include an estimation of potential cost savings resulting from reductions in office space, lower utility costs, and decreased maintenance of city assets. Other potential benefits to explore: increased productivity; reduced traffic congestion; improved air quality; increased access to talent; stronger work/life balance; better resiliency; improved employee retention; and added flexibility. To determine the pros and cons of teleworking, the analysis shall include surveying the over- 3,000 city employees who worked from home during the COVID-19 Stay Home, Work Safe order. The analysis shall also include sections detailing suggested accountability measures for staff and best practices for supervisors who telework. Teleworking analysis and plan shall be presented to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee within 90 days.
Motion #2020-0273	June 10, 2020	The City shall begin phasing in adoption of outcome-based budgeting in Fiscal Year 2021. Outcome-based budgeting is a budget process that aligns resources with results. The budget is organized at the service level around the city's priority outcomes. Government is cut down to its most effective size, through strategic reviews, consolidation, and rightsizing; using competition to squeeze more value out of every tax dollar. The PFM report recommends the implementation of outcome-based budgeting. The Finance Department shall complete the discovery and data gathering phases of outcome-based budgeting implementation in Fiscal Year 2021.

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Motion #2020-0275	June 10, 2020	Council Members shall work to increase public engagement in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget process by issuing an online budget priorities survey. Current budget processes allow for minimal public input and greater efforts should be made to solicit and incorporate public opinion.
Motion #2020-0276	June 10, 2020	The City shall create a pilot program to offer tax incentives to grocery stores or other companies to deliver food to Houstonians experiencing food insecurity and living in food deserts, areas without access to fresh, nutritious foods within a one-mile radius. A presentation outlining the parameters of the pilot program shall be made to the Housing & Community Affairs Committee within 90 days. The program should consider: a. Job creation within the delivery area (for example, hiring drivers from the community served); and b. Standard grocery item delivery to include options for fresh meats and produce.
Motion #2020-0278	June 10, 2020	The City shall review offering an incentive plan for municipal employees to retire early when appropriate. A presentation shall be given to the Budget & Fiscal Affairs Committee within 120 days.
Motion #2020-0279	June 10, 2020	The City shall review a plan to begin leasing vehicles instead of purchasing them. The vehicles shall include but not be limited to large apparatuses such as ladder trucks (HFD), ambulances (HFD), patrol vehicles (HPD), trash/recycling vehicles (SWMD). A presentation shall be made to the Transportation, Technology, & Infrastructure Committee within 120 days.
Motion #2020-0280	June 10, 2020	As City of Houston residents pay taxes to Harris County, it is likely that a disproportionate amount of those county dollars are spent outside the city's boundaries. As we continue to see a constrained city budget, county investments that benefit City of Houston residents and taxpayers will be increasingly critical. The City of Houston shall commission a study to determine the existence and scale of the disparity between Harris County's tax revenues from City of Houston resident taxpayers and county budget expenditures within the corporate limits of the City of Houston. The results of this study shall be presented to the Budget & Fiscal Affairs Committee in the third quarter of FY21 along with recommendations on addressing the disparity to ensure City of Houston residents' taxpayer dollars are fairly and equitably spent by the county in the City of Houston.

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Motion #2020-0281	June 10, 2020	<p>In August 2019, the City of Houston released the "Houston Incentives for Green Development" report outlining recommendations for using Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) to achieve greater flood resilience in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, including property tax abatements for private developments that incorporate GSI. Green infrastructure improves neighborhood resilience by reducing drainage concerns from small storms. Furthermore, green infrastructure mitigates urban heat, which is a major issue for the city as Houston expects to go from 10 days to 74 days a year with a heat index of 105 or more by the year 2050. The GSI incentives program aligns with the Resilient Houston strategy, Climate Action Plan, and Harvey recovery programs. This program presents an opportunity for the City to address two major risks, flooding and urban heat, by implementing a program with strong support from the private sector.</p> <p>Before the fourth quarter of 2020, City Council shall vote to amend the Tax Abatement Guidelines in Chapter 44 to incorporate property tax incentives for green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) in private land development within the corporate boundaries of the City. Once implemented, the city will annually monitor and report the increase in GSI implementation across the city and track the number of projects that have taken advantage of the incentive program.</p>
Motion #2020-0284	June 10, 2020	The City of Houston will conduct a cost benefit analysis regarding managed competition for building maintenance services.
Motion #2020-0286	June 10, 2020	The City of Houston will conduct a cost benefit analysis regarding managed competition street maintenance services.
Motion #2020-0298	June 10, 2020	<p>Within 60 days of approval of this amendment, the Houston Public Works Department shall provide an update on its neighborhood street maintenance program to the Quality of Life Committee or the Transportation, Technology & Infrastructure Committee.</p> <p>The update shall focus on the department's preventative and corrective maintenance schedule, prioritization and funding allocation process, and ways to expand the department's maintenance program to include gutter, curb, and sidewalk repair utilizing operations and maintenance funds (DDSRF 2310, 2311, or 2312).</p>
Motion #2020-0299	June 10, 2020	In order to provide additional savings, while protecting our workforce from drastic layoffs, the City of Houston shall implement a Voluntary Furlough Program to allow eligible municipal employees (excluding classified police, fire, and SWMD operations employees) to take unpaid days off, provided that City business and operational needs are not adversely impacted.
Motion #2020-0301	June 10, 2020	The Mayor will direct the City Attorney and the City legal to institute lawsuits on behalf of the City of Houston to seek a civil penalty up to \$1000 for violators of the bandit sign ordinance as allowed by state law.

Mayor's Office

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Houston, I submit and introduce to you the Ordinance set out below with the request that it be passed finally on the date of its introduction. There exists a public emergency requiring such action and I accordingly request that you pass the same if it meets with your approval.

Date: June 10, 2020 Mayor of the City of Houston

City of Houston, Texas Ordinance 2020-501

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY; APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR FUTURE ADJUSTMENT TO CERTAIN FUND BALANCES; MAKING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGETS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS; RE-DESIGNATING A CASH RESERVE IN THE FUND BALANCE; ESTABLISHING A COST FOR COPIES OF THE BUDGET; MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas, filed with the City Secretary a proposed budget of the expenditures of the City of Houston General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, (the "Proposed Budget"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution of the City Council of the City of Houston, and after notice was provided as required by law, a public hearing on the Proposed Budget was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at which hearing all residents and all taxpayers, had the right to be present and to be heard, and those who requested to be heard were heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the Proposed Budget and has made those changes to the Proposed Budget that in the City Council's judgment are warranted by law and demanded by the best interest of the taxpayers of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve and adopt the final Budget as set out herein; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are adopted as a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That in accordance with the City Charter and Sections 102.001 through 102.011, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code (Vernon's), the City Council hereby approves and adopts the Proposed Budget as amended herein as the Fiscal Year 2021 City of Houston, Texas, Budget, the same being contained in the budget document on file with the City Secretary in a volume entitled "Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2021," as amended and supplemented herein, but specifically not including as part of the Budget, the Overview, the description of the General Fund other than the Fund Summary, data relative to any Fiscal Years prior to 2021, the General Obligation Debt Service Fund, the Internal Service and Service Chargeback Fund budgets, the Capital Improvement Plan Summary, and the Appendices or information concerning Full-Time Equivalents, all of which is provided for background, accounting convenience and reference purposes only (the "Budget"). The City Secretary is hereby directed to attach to the Budget a copy of this ordinance, any motions amending the Proposed Budget and an endorsement reading "The Official Budget of the City of Houston, for the General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021" and to keep the Budget on file in her office as a public record. In addition, in accordance with Section 102.009(d), Tex. Loc. Gov't Code (Vernon's), the City Secretary is hereby directed to file a true copy of the approved Budget in the offices of the county clerks of the counties in which the City is located.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby incorporates into the final approved Budget the revisions to the Proposed Budget contained in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. Further, this ordinance is amended by the Motions or Amendments approved by City Council, if any, which shall be attached as Exhibit B and become a part of this ordinance for all purposes. Any non-substantive changes necessitated by adoption of these amendments, such as changed page numbers, are also approved.

Section 4. That the Beginning Fund Balance reflected in the Budget for each fund for which a budget is adopted hereby automatically shall be adjusted to be the amount of the Ending Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2020 included in the final Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020 for each respective fund, when released. The revised Beginning Fund Balance shall thereafter be used to calculate the Fiscal Year 2021 Ending Fund Balance for each such fund, which also shall be adjusted automatically. No adjustment to the expenditure budgets is authorized by this Section.

Section 5. That the City Council hereby re-designates a cash reserve of up to

\$16,151,013 in the General Fund fund balance for the Budget Stabilization Fund (formerly known as the "Rainy Day Fund") to be available for unforeseen contingencies consistent with City of Houston Ordinance No. 2003-0474, as amended and restated by Ordinance No. 2014-1078, as further amended. Each use of this designated portion of the fund balance must be approved and funds appropriated therefor by City Council.

Section 6. That the City Council hereby authorizes for each City Department the necessary Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) included in the budget for that Department, including as applicable personnel staffing authorized in connection with Internal Service and Service Chargeback Funds over which the Department has control. In addition, the City Council previously has authorized classified Full-Time Equivalents subject to Chapter 143, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code, through individual personnel ordinances, which shall continue to regulate those positions. The City Council further authorizes the currently existing grant funded positions. In the future, additional grant funded positions will be authorized by acceptance or modification of a grant whether by City Council or administratively. The City Council takes cognizance of the fact that in order to facilitate the operations of the various City departments the numbers and types of positions needed to carry out the functions of the departments may vary through the year. Accordingly, the Mayor is hereby authorized to alter the numbers and types of positions authorized herein (classified positions subject to Chapter 143, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code not being authorized herein, but by separate personnel ordinances) in order to accomplish the program goals of each department; provided, however, that in so doing, all such positions must have been established by City Council in the Master Classification Ordinance and the total departmental expenditures for the affected department must remain within authorized budgetary limits, or in the case of grant funded positions, within the funding levels of the grant. The Full-Time Equivalents adopted by this Section are not to be considered part of the Budget adopted by this Ordinance for purposes of amendments to the Budget.

Section 7. That all expenditures heretofore made for Fiscal Year 2021, if any, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed and because it is the intention of the City Council that the Budget hereby approved be inclusive of previous expenditures and commitments for Fiscal Year 2021, the City Controller is hereby directed to apply the amounts thereof to the appropriate accounts in the Budget.

Section 8. That the City Council takes cognizance of the fact that in order to facilitate operations of the various City departments established in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Houston (singularly "department"), and to make adjustments occasioned by events transpiring during the year, some transfers will be necessary to and from some of the accounts contained in the Budget as adopted herein. Accordingly, the Mayor shall have authority to transfer funds to and from the Budget accounts within any department without limitation. In addition, for transfers among departments within a Fund, the Mayor shall have authority to transfer funds from any Budget account (whether one or more) in one department to any other account or accounts in any other department within the Fund, but for each department, such aggregate interdepartmental transfers from any Budget Expenditure Account Group in that department's budget shall not exceed 5% of the total amount shown for such Budget Expenditure Account group in the adopted budget for such

department. Provided, however, that any such transfers shall not be subjected to or be included within the foregoing 5% limit if such transfers are approved by City Council through this ordinance or, subsequent to adoption, in compliance with Section 102.001 through 102.011, Local Government Code (Vernon's).

As used in this Section the term "Budget Expenditure Account Group" means a group of accounts within a department or a group of nondepartmental accounts which have similar purposes (for example, the Budget Expenditure Account Group for "Personnel Services" within a given department might include all of the following accounts: 500010, 500030, 500090, 500060, 501120, 501070, 502010, 503010, 501010, 501160, 500020, 500040, 500050, 500190, 500070, 501040, 501130, 501090, 501080, 503070, 502020, 503020, 501020, 501170, 503090, 503080, 504030, 503060)

Section 9. That the City Council approves the increase, during FY2021, of the adopted budget for the Aviation Revenue Fund (Fund 8001) by the amount of any increase in revenue over that projected for the Fund as certified by the City Controller, but only for the purpose of transfer of such increased revenue, if any, to the HAS-Airports Improvement Fund, and hereby approves and authorizes any such transfer.

Section 10. That the City Council approves the increase, during FY2021, of the adopted budget for the Water & Sewer Operating Fund (Fund 8300) by the amount of any increase in revenue over that projected for the Fund as certified by the City Controller, but only for the purpose of transfer of such increase, if any, to the Combined Utility Systems Operating Fund (Fund 8301), which must subsequently transfer such increase, if any, to the Combined Utility System General Purpose Fund (Fund 8305). The City Council approves the increase, during FY2021, of the adopted budget for the Combined Utility Systems Operating Fund (Fund 8301) by the amount of increased revenue transferred from the Water & Sewer Operating Fund (Fund 8300) pursuant to this section, but only for the purpose of transfer of such increase, if any, to the Combined Utility Systems General Purpose Fund (Fund 8305).

Section 11. That the City Council hereby directs and authorizes that the ending Fund Balance of any Fund that receives revenue during FY2021 over and above that projected for the Fund as certified by the City Controller, shall be increased by an amount equal to the additional revenue received and that such fund balance shall be available for appropriation and transfer for any lawful purpose of the Fund.

Section 12. That the City Council approves the payment of the City's general debt service obligations created elsewhere by separate Council action from funds in the General Obligation Debt Service Fund.

Section 13. That the City Council hereby establishes the price to purchase for the Budget documents by the public at \$35.00 plus tax and postage, if any.

Section 14. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only. The Budget adopted by this ordinance replaces the FY2020 Budget.

Section 15. That the City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Sec. 651.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 16. That if any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 17. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor or July 1, 2020, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2020.

APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2020.


Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is _____.

City Secretary

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 (ELN/en 5-29-2020) Assistant City Attorney
 (Requested by Tantri Emo, Director, Finance Department)
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✓		PECK
✓		DAVIS
✓		KAMIN
✓		EVANS-SHABAZZ
✓		MARTIN
✓		THOMAS
✓		TRAVIS
✓		CISNEROS
✓		GALLEGOS
✓		POLLARD
✓		MARTHA CASTEX-TATUM
✓		KNOX
✓		ROBINSON
✓		KUBOSH
✓		PLUMMER
✓		ALCORN
CAPTION	ADOPTED	

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