

## SUMMARY OF FY2022 CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
Ord. #2021-435	June 2, 2021	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021.
Ord. #2021-436	June 2, 2021	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).
Motion #2021-0281	June 2, 2021	Dedicate up-to \$75,000 toward a process improvement consultant to assess governance, operations, organizational structure, process workflows, and technology at the Houston Permitting Center (HPC), and make recommendations to improve customer service and communication, streamline processes, and reduce the overall time it takes to issue permits. This exercise will be done in cooperation with internal and external stakeholders, the HPC Advisory Board, Houston Public Works, HPC, and the Mayor's Office. The outcome of this analysis will be a report that highlights areas of improvement with recommended priority, time to completion, estimated cost to completion, and impact to staff and the public. The results of this report shall be presented to the TTI Committee within 30 days of completion.
Motion #2021-0282	June 2, 2021	Within six months, the administration shall bring forth an ordinance amendment to include the Office of the City Engineer (OCE) section to the customer-paid overtime ordinance. In addition to customer-paid overtime, applicants shall have the option to pay a fee to the city to fund a third-party contractor to augment staff and speed up OCE and other permitting processes.
Motion #2021-0285	June 2, 2021	The City shall increase the number of MCOT teams to twenty (20) and decrease the number of proposed CIRT teams by two (2).
Motion #2021-0286	June 2, 2021	<p>Within six months, the administration shall present Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) reform recommendations to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. Recommendations to include benefit plan design changes aimed at reducing the city's \$2.233 billion unfunded OPEB liability.</p> <p>Further, the administration shall explore establishing a Section 115 OPEB Trust with potential seed funding from: (1) Health Benefits Fund (9000), any contingency reserve funds in excess of the maximum reserve funds (i.e. according to the City's Financial policies, the minimum is 10% of annual claims up to a maximum of 60 days average claims expense paid over the prior fiscal year for each self-insured program); (2) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Fund, to the extent permissible by the law; and (3) any unbudgeted one-time revenue sources, such as land sales.</p>
Motion #2021-0288	June 2, 2021	Allocate up to \$4.5 million toward operating maintenance to ensure capital facilities and equipment are sufficiently maintained. This funding will bring the city into compliance with financial policy G.8. which requires funding for operating maintenance of general fund facilities be increased by at least 0.25% biennially until funding reaches 2% of current replacement value.

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Motion #2021-0289	June 2, 2021	Form a shared-services working group to focus on potential opportunities to reduce overlapping and duplicative services between the City of Houston and Harris County. Focus areas in FY 2022 to include: HPARD, BARC, HITS, HPD (police property and evidence, body worn cameras), and HHD (air quality and pollution control).
Motion #2021-0290	June 2, 2021	Implement a cost-neutral composting pilot program to divert more materials away from the landfill. This six-to-eight-week program will introduce composting and its benefits to residents in up-to-three Houston neighborhoods.
Motion #2021-0291	June 2, 2021	Allocate \$300,000 to fund an additional four animal control officer positions.
Motion #2021-0292	June 2, 2021	Amend the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department budget to allocate an additional \$500,000 to BARC for spay/neuter services in FY2022, for the expansion of the Healthy Pets/Healthy Streets program and to support up to three large-scale spay/neuter events to occur in FY2022 for a total of up to 3,000 additional no-cost spay/neuter surgeries in FY2022.
Motion #2021-0293	June 2, 2021	A contract shall be procured for on-call maintenance for minor ditch cleaning and repair when requested through Council District Service Funds.
Motion #2021-0294	June 2, 2021	The Summer Enrichment Program shall be reinstated at the Carverdale Community Center (at RL and Cora Johnson Park) for Summer 2021.
Motion #2021-0296	June 2, 2021	Explore the use of coffee/food kiosks installed in all libraries in the City where feasible. City departments shall have an affirmative duty to grant preference to businesses located within five miles of the library unless doing so would be clearly contrary to the best interest of the city.
Motion #2021-0298	June 2, 2021	An on-call contract subject to vendor availability and following procurement rules to assist with Solid Waste Management collections as needed in each council district if directed through Council District Service Funds.
Motion #2021-0299	June 2, 2021	The Solid Waste Department shall explore the possibility of sending automatic text messages for those who opt in to remind them each month of their trash/recycling days and whether it is junk or tree waste month.
Motion #2021-0300	June 2, 2021	The Department of Neighborhoods shall partner with Harris County on their class for civilians to remove bandit signs.
Motion #2021-0302	June 2, 2021	Council District Service Funds (CDSF) shall be allocated, when requested, to pay for the overtime costs of Department of Neighborhoods Code Enforcement Inspectors.

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Motion #2021-0303	June 2, 2021	A link shall be added to the City of Houston's website to allow City employees and Houstonians to report cost savings and/or innovation ideas. There shall be the option of submitting the information anonymously or submitting contact information. The submission shall be sent to the Finance Department and the Controller's Office.
Motion #2021-0304	June 2, 2021	The Strategic Vehicle Replacement Program shall be expanded where possible in every department where vehicles are currently being purchased.
Motion #2021-0306	June 2, 2021	Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) shall explore the creation of a citizen's patrol program to assist Urban Park Rangers.
Motion #2021-0307	June 2, 2021	The City shall try to renegotiate the agreement with TxDOT for the cost of freeway lights to be paid either in full by TxDOT or split between the City and State.
Motion #2021-0308	June 2, 2021	The Houston Information Technology Services (HITS) Department shall create a new online portal to allow people to sign up for Public Session online and see names (without addresses and phone numbers) of who signed up so that they can confirm that they are scheduled to speak.
Motion #2021-0309	June 2, 2021	The illegal dumping problem in the city is out of hand, and is especially egregious in a number of districts, including B. One way to mitigate the problem is by giving people greater access to disposing of their trash and tires legally at depositories. This amendment would increase the number days of operation at the existing depositories from 5 to 6 days a week.
Motion #2021-0311	June 2, 2021	Credible Messenger Amendment In order to help break the cycle of marginalization and justice system involvement, sustained investment in the most impacted communities is required. Such an investment should focus on the recruitment, development, and empowerment of Credible Messengers – natural leaders who have successfully navigated their own involvement in the justice system, share similar life experiences with current justice-involved young people, and are poised to have a transformative impact on an individual, family, community and systemic level. This amendment would instruct the Houston Health Department to develop a Credible Messenger program using appropriate grant funds whenever possible, and, if general funds are required, the Administration will come back to Council for approval. The cost shall not exceed \$500,000.
Motion #2021-0312	June 2, 2021	Before the end of FY22, the Solid Waste Management Department shall begin the stakeholder engagement process regarding mandatory multi-family recycling. The Solid Waste Management Department shall present an ordinance for a vote before Houston City Council for a program that will begin implementation no later than January 2024.

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Motion #2021-0313	June 2, 2021	The Administration and Regulatory Affairs (ARA) Department shall recommend an ordinance to be presented for a vote before Houston City Council amending Chapter 30 to create “weekend hours,” as distinguished from weekday hours, as it relates to sound created by the erection, excavation, construction, or demolition of buildings or structures, to prevent disturbances for residents during early morning hours on weekends. This proposed ordinance shall be presented for vote before Houston City Council before the end of FY22.
Motion #2021-0314	June 2, 2021	The Houston Permitting Center shall evaluate and analyze the budgetary impact of charging a “re-inspection fee” for projects that have received repeated red tags and violations of city code, and evaluate the feasibility of creating a public list or registry of “repeat offenders” that have received an unusually high number of red tags on projects. The results of this evaluation shall be presented to a City Council Committee before the end of FY22.
Motion #2021-0315	June 2, 2021	City Council Members may contribute funds from the portions of their Council District Service Fund budgeted for each City Council District to qualifying nonprofits or agencies in their district towards programs and initiatives of public purpose through current funding mechanisms or through separately issued purchased orders provided each order does not exceed \$50,000.
Motion #2021-0317	June 2, 2021	Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the development of a clinic program with Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences through which veterinary students can garner valuable experience by supporting BARC operations.
Motion #2021-0318	June 2, 2021	<p>Houston Public Works shall review and determine if a portion of its FY 2022 Combined Utility System revenues can be directed to pay for public service announcements, and water bill inserts, that promote city ordinances, services, and programs such as anti-litter and anti-dumping efforts.</p> <p>The department shall report on its findings and any recommendations to the Quality of Life Committee or the Transportation, Technology &amp; Infrastructure Committee within 90 days.</p>

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Motion #2021-0319	June 2, 2021	<p>The Houston Solid Waste Department shall conduct a study of its residential Tree and Junk Waste Program collection schedule to determine if a revised schedule, that could provide 8 total Tree and Junk collections per year and increase the Junk Waste collection period, would be more efficient and sustainable for the department, and more reliable and better meet the needs for customers, than the existing monthly pickup schedule.</p> <p>As part of this study, the department should also consider establishing and assessing extra collection service fee (to be determined as part of this review) to residential customers who require additional pickup beyond what could be provided under a revised Tree and Junk Waste collection schedule.</p> <p>The Department shall report on its findings and any recommendations to the Quality of Life Committee or the Regulation &amp; Neighborhood Affairs Committee by December 2021.</p>
Motion #2021-0320	June 2, 2021	<p>In keeping with guiding principles outlines in the Houston Climate Action Plan, the Houston Fleet Department shall continue to pay for all costs associated with the management and operation of the FleetShare program for city council offices, including costs for the rental and usage of electric, hybrid, and alternative fuel City FleetShare vehicles utilized by council staffers for all city business.</p>
Motion #2021-0322	June 2, 2021	<p>This amendment proposes to increase the total amount allocated for each District's Service Fund to \$1,000,000.00 for FY2022.</p> <p>Currently, District council members have access to \$750,000.00, distinguished by \$500,000.00 for Metro and \$250,000.00 for general operation. This amendment would increase the general operations portion to \$500,000.00.</p> <p>The increase of \$250,000.00 (totaling \$2.75 million) to each Council District Office will be appropriate from the General Fund.</p>
Motion #2021-0324	June 2, 2021	<p>The City of Houston will hire 11 additional code enforcement officers for the Department of Neighborhoods. Each council district will have an assigned code enforcement officer to work in their district to address district and community priorities. DON will assign a Code Enforcement Officer to each Council District to work in their district and address community concerns utilizing the Code Enforcement Officers that we currently have in place.</p>
Motion #2021-0325	June 2, 2021	<p>The City of Houston will offer \$3,000 sign on incentive pay for licensed CDL drivers that commit to 3 years of employment as a Solid Waste driver until open positions are filled. (40 driver positions at \$120,000).</p>

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 2, 2021

Mayor of the City of Houston

City of Houston, Texas Ordinance 2021-436

**AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY; APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGETS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, 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 10, 2021, 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, (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 virtually held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 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 2022 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 2022," 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022" 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 2021 included in the final Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021 for each respective fund, when released. The revised Beginning Fund Balance shall thereafter be used to calculate the Fiscal Year 2022 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 **\$21,861,220** 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 2022, 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 2022, 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 FY2022, 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 FY2022, 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 FY2022, 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 FY2022 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 FY2021 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. 551.001 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, 2021, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2021.


APPROVED this 2nd day of June, 2021.

  
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Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

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

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City Secretary

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET**

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 (ELN/en 5/28/2021) Assistant City Attorney  
 (Requested by Tantri Emo, Director, Finance Department)  
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....	....	<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>
✓		PECK
✓		JACKSON
✓		KAMIN
✓		EVANS-SHABAZZ
✓		MARTIN
✓		THOMAS
✓		TRAVIS
✓		CISNEROS
✓		GALLEGOS
✓		POLLARD
✓		MARTHA CASTEX-TATUM
	✓	KNOX
✓		ROBINSON
✓		KUBOSH
✓		PLUMMER
✓		ALCORN
CAPTION	ADOPTED	

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