

City Hall Council Chamber
September 15 - 16, 2026
2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Joe Panzarella, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Nirja Aiyer, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas out of the City on City business. Council Member Twila Carter absent on personal business.

At 1:42 p.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and requested Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck to preside. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Martinez for a proclamation.

Council Member Martinez presented a proclamation to Paulina Davila honoring her distinguished volunteer services to the Houston-Guayaquil Sister City Association.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Castillo for a proclamation. Council Member Castillo presented a proclamation to Daikin celebrating their support in helping to keep Houstonians cool during extreme heat events.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Davis for a proclamation. Council Member Davis presented a proclamation recognizing the American Legion honoring the 107th Anniversary of the American Legion.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck recognized Council Member Evans-Shabazz for a proclamation. Council Member Evans-Shabazz presented a proclamation recognizing Manuel Teal of Teal Glass Repair Services for his generosity, compassion and commitment to Houston's Third Ward community.

At 2:18 p.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Davis for the Invocation after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of September 9, 2026 and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Martinez for a procedural motion. Council Member Martinez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Sergio Lira to the top of the two (2) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **MOTION 2026-0513 ADOPTED**

Mayor Whitmire recognized Council Member Alcorn for a procedural motion. Council Member Alcorn moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Anastasia Malavansos to the bottom of the three (3) minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Huffman, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **MOTION 2026-0514 ADOPTED**

At 2:20 p.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

1 - RUTH NADAL - Public safety

EDUARDO DURAN - Public policy, city noise. Stores **Not Present**

2 - SERGIO LIZA

3 - TINH HOANG - Roads and infrastructure

4 - MARGO JORDAN - Putting student well-being at the center of Texas curriculum

RODNEY UNDERWOOD - Community development, housing and jobs **Not Present**

MICHELLE FERNANDEZ - Public safety **Not Present**

ORZE KILLGO - Residential parking enforcement **Not Present**

KIMBERLY ONYIA - New holiday event in the City **Not Present**

DIANDRA HOLLOWAY - Police misconduct **Not Present**

ANGELA ROSS - Creating a hack-free space for vital communications **Not Present**

5 - DANIEL ARGUIJO - Development going up by residential houses (3315 Milam St)

6 - NEREYDA GARCIA - Problems in apartments **(NEED TRANSLATOR)**

JESUS MEDEL - Proposed renaming of Hispanic History Research Center **Not Present**

LATORIA DAVIS - Update parking signage for towing **Not Present**

7 - MOAAZ KHAN - Flock cameras

DAVID PRICE - Questions for the homeless **Not Present**

8 - TAMECA DONAVON - RICO Act/Fraud

MARIAN WRIGHT - Data centers **Not Present**

9 - ANASTASIA MALAVANSOS

10 - JACOB KLEMENTICH - Austin chronicles

11 - ARKO BARMAN - Flock is preying on children

12 - ASIF CHOWDHURY - Safeguard ICE/HPD asking allies to create urgency

13 - RYAN SCHUETT

14 - ANTHONY HUBBARD

At 3:14 p.m., City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

For more information and details from the list of speakers, please click here.
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Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2026, Mayor John Whitmire presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Joe Panzarella, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Fred Flickinger, Mary Nan Huffman, Mario Castillo, Joaquin Martinez, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Julian Ramirez, Willie Davis, Alejandra Salinas and Sallie Alcorn; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Troy D. Lemon, City Secretary, present. Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas out of the City on City business. Council Member Twila Carter absent on personal business.

At 9:10 a.m., Mayor Whitmire called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and moved to the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on Fourth Amendment to existing Strategic Partnership Agreement between City of Houston, Texas and **SPRING CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT** to Annex for Limited Purposes, certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such district in Montgomery County, Texas **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented,

Rupesh Koshy, Senior Staff Analyst, Planning and Development Department, presented a presentation to members of Council.

Mayor Whitmire asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on this item. Seeing none, he requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to close the public hearing and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2026-0515 ADOPTED

At 9:13 a.m., Mayor Whitmire moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whitmire recognized Director Kenneth Allen, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, to give members of Council an update on Grimes Parks and the agreement with HISD.

Members of Council commented and questioned Director Allen.

At 9:53 a.m., Mayor Whitmire requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

2. RECOMMENDATION from Fire Chief to approve the sale of Decommissioned Firefighting Bunker Gear and Equipment to the Sister City of Guayaquil, Ecuador - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2026-0516 ADOPTED

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

3. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Purchase of Miscellaneous Security Equipment, Replacement Parts and Accessories through Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Airport System, awarded to **PREFERRED TECHNOLOGIES, LLC** - 53 Months - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2026-0517 ADOPTED
4. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$1,302,974.08 for Purchase of Hydraulic Generator Maintenance and Repair Services for Fleet Management Department, awarded to **HARRISON HYDRA-GEN** - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - Fleet Management Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2026-0518 ADOPTED
5. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$260,000.00 for Purchase of Medical Supplies and Pharmaceuticals through the OMNIA Partners Purchasing Cooperative for the Houston Health Department, awarded to **MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC** - Through January 31, 2029 - Grant and Other Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0519 ADOPTED**
6. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Purchase of Public-Facing Website Design, Development, Deployment and Services through The Interlocal Purchasing System for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security, awarded to **CONCOURSE TECH, INC** - Through May 31, 2030 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0520 ADOPTED**
7. APPROVE spending authority in the amount of \$6,915,742.93 for Purchase of Traffic Signal Controllers and Ancillary Components through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program for Houston Public Works, awarded to **CONSOLIDATED TRAFFIC CONTROL, INC** - Through May 31, 2029; and **PARADIGM TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC** - Through March 31, 2029 - Special Revenue Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0521 ADOPTED**
8. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$404,666.07 for Sole-Source Purchase of Metering Pumps for Houston Public Works, awarded to **GLOBAL WET** - 3 Years - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0522 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTIONS

10. RESOLUTION confirming No Objection to proposed development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in City of Houston, Texas, and submittal of applications for Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits for such developments - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2026-0031 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between City of Houston and **HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, joined by **NHH-CANAL STREET APARTMENTS, INC**, to provide loan of Community Development Block Grant Funds to partially finance Rehabilitation of New Hope Housing Canal, a 134-unit Affordable Housing Rental Community located at 2821 Canal Street, Houston, Texas 77003 - \$6,000,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0786 ADOPTED**
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing First Amendment to contract with **WHC HTX, LLC d/b/a ZTRIP (previously, Greater Houston Transportation Company d/b/a Yellow Cab)** to provide Transportation Services to Senior Adults - Through September 30, 2027 - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0787 ADOPTED**
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of application for Grant Assistance to **TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** for **Nurse Family Partnership Program**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to apply for and accept the Grant Funds, and expend the Grant Funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant; approving and authorizing a Grant Agreement with **TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** for Grant - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0788 ADOPTED**
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of application for Grant Assistance to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** for **FY26 Model City Initiative Grant Program**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to apply for and accept the Grant Funds, and expend the Grant Funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant - **The City Secretary advised that Item 15 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.**
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of application for Grant Assistance to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for **FY26 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program High Priority Grant**, declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to apply for and accept the Grant Funds, and expend the Grant Funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0789 ADOPTED**

17. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GULFGATE ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS D - EVANS-SHABAZZ; E - FLICKINGER and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0790 ADOPTED**
19. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the 1600 Block of Columbia Street, between East 18th Street and East 16th Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a Special Minimum Lot Size Block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - PANZARELLA** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0791 ADOPTED**
20. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the 5600 and 5700 Block of Milart Street, between Gammage Street and Kuhlman/Belmont Gully, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a Special Minimum Lot Size Block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0792 ADOPTED**
21. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 700 Block of Redan Street, between Reagan Street and Watson Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a Special Minimum Lot Size Block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0793 ADOPTED**
22. ORDINANCE renewing the establishment of the north and south side of the 2400 - 2500 Block of Oakdale Street, between Emancipation Avenue and Live Oak Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a Special Minimum Lot Size Block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0794 ADOPTED**
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Emergency Backup Water Supply Agreement with **PINE VILLAGE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0795 ADOPTED**
24. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for acquisition of real property interests in connection with Public Improvement Project known as Mansfield Off-Road Ditch (E116-00-00-B) Easement Acquisition Project; authorizing acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to four parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Ellis Benson Survey, Abstract 544, and Samuel McLeeland Survey, Abstract 544, Harris County, Texas, in City of Houston, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Relocation Assistance, Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to four parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0796 ADOPTED**

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for Construction of Water Lines along Clinton Drive and Mayo Shell Road - **DISTRICTS E - FLICKINGER and I - MARTINEZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0797 ADOPTED**
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$194,673.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, as additional appropriation; approving and authorizing First Amendment to contract with **MBROH ENGINEERING, INC** to provide Professional Engineering Services for Keegans Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT J - POLLARD** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0798 ADOPTED**
28. ORDINANCE granting to **DHAWK GREASE TRANSPORT, LLC, Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent. **ORDINANCE 2026-0768 PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. APPROVE spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$20,400,000.00 for On-Demand Plan Review and Code Enforcement Services through the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with OMNIA Partners for Houston Public Works, awarded to **SAFEUILT TEXAS LLC** - 5 Years - Building Inspection Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2026-0523 ADOPTED**
13. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2021-579; approving and authorizing First Amendment to contracts with (1) **CITY OF JACINTO CITY**, (2) **CITY OF LA PORTE**, (3) **CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON**, (4) **INTERFAITH MINISTRIES FOR GREATER HOUSTON**, (5) **EVELYN RUBENSTEIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**, (6) **BAKERRIPLEY**, (7) **THE SALVATION ARMY**, (8) **BAYTOWN MEALS ON WHEELS**, and (9) **NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES** to provide Nutrition and Transportation Services to Senior Adults; providing a maximum contract amount - Through September 30, 2027 - \$6,724,000.00 - Grant Funds - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0799 ADOPTED**
18. ORDINANCE relating to Fiscal Affairs of **HIRAM CLARKE/FORT BEND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HIRAM CLARKE/FORT BEND ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2026-0800 ADOPTED**

25. ORDINANCE accepting and authorizing Grant Agreement between City of Houston and the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM** for **Buffalo Bayou Bridges Rehabilitation Study**; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director of Houston Public Works to act as the City's representative for the Grant; to accept such Grant Funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any pertaining to the program - **DISTRICTS G - HUFFMAN and H - CASTILLO** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2026-0801 ADOPTED

MATTERS HELD

29. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for acquisition of real property interests in connection with Public Improvement Project known as IMD Bikeways from Dairy Ashford Road to Arthur Storey Park Project authorizing acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to five parcels of land required for the project and situated in the H.T. & B. R.R. Co. Survey Section 13, A-405, and Survey Section 10, A-1138, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located between Dairy Ashford Road and Arthur Storey Park, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Relocation Assistance, Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to five parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT F - THOMAS**

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS

This was Item 19 on agenda of September 9, 2026

- was presented, Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to refer Item back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Peck, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2026-0524 REFER BACK TO ADMINISTRATION

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Carter first

There being no further business before Council, City Council adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Troy D. Lemon
City Secretary