

SUMMARY OF FY2014 CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

ORDINANCE NUMBER	DATE ADOPTED	SUMMARY
ORD. #2013-0614	June 19, 2013	Adoption of Interim Spending Plan Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013.
ORD. #2013-0617	June 19, 2013	Ordinance approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014).
Motion #2013-0405	June 19, 2013	All General Fund revenues and resources received in FY2014 in excess of \$2,207,376,250 shall be designated to the Fund Balance and shall not be appropriated for FY2014 expenditures.
Motion #2013-0408	June 19, 2013	This Amendment provides additional property tax relief for qualified older homeowners and assists them in keeping their homes. Currently, Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65 homestead exemption. However, the City of Houston offers a \$70,862.00 exemption. This Amendment would raise the City of Houston exemption to \$80,000.00 for those homeowners over 65 years of age, effective January 1, 2014. Eligible homeowners' savings would range from \$0 to approximately \$58.00 annually.
Motion #2013-0411	June 19, 2013	<p>The administration will allocate funding to purchase 25 surveillance camera systems for monitoring of chronic illegal dumping areas throughout council districts B, D, H, I, and K. These council districts have been identified by the Solid Waste Department as having the greatest issues with illegal dumping. Each council district will receive 5 camera systems for sole use within each said council district's boundaries for illegal dumping surveillance. The camera systems cost approximately \$10,000.00 per unit creating a total funding amount of \$250,000.00. An additional \$120,000.00 should be allocated for hiring extra FTEs to review and report on the recorded footage. The total funding for the camera systems and FTEs is \$370,000.00. Funding Source: Asset Forfeiture Fund or General Revenue Fund.</p> <p>Council Member Davis moved to amend the above motion to withdraw an additional \$120,000.00 to be allocated for hiring extra FTEs to review and report on the recorded footage. The total funding for the camera systems and FTEs is \$250,000.00.</p>

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Motion #2013-0412	June 19, 2013	In connection with the reauthorization of the City's Tax abatement guidelines that will expire in December 2013, the administration shall examine the possibility of using tax abatements to encourage the demolition of deteriorating or deteriorated residential or commercial structures and the subsequent construction of new improvements on the property and, if determined possible, make recommendations for changes in the guidelines necessary to implement the program.
Motion #2013-0413	June 19, 2013	HITS to work with appropriate departments to develop up-to-date electronic access available to Councilmembers that would eliminate the need for printed Agendas, Backups, MFOR's, Quarterly Investment Reports and Budget Books that are traditionally used during City Council and Council Committee meetings.
Motion #2013-0415	June 19, 2013	<p>Super Neighborhood Councils represent geographically designated areas where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community. They form organizational structures, draft by-laws, and they are officially recognized by the Mayor and Council Members. To accomplish their objectives, Super Neighborhood representatives need information and statistical data that is organized, easily accessible, and geographically specific. To the extent existing City of Houston personnel and resources are available and adequate, this amendment requires the initiation of a process within 30 days after approval of the FY2014 Budget by the Police, Fire, Public Works and Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Parks and Recreation, Houston Emergency Center, Administration and Regulatory Affairs departments to utilize technology to sort information and statistical data via Super Neighborhood boundaries and make it available.</p> <p>This amendment only proffers the use of existing City personnel and resources; therefore no additional funding source needs to be identified.</p>
Motion #2013-0416	June 19, 2013	Request that the Houston Public Library/Library Board establish a policy that would review funding sources for the Houston Center for Literacy in the amount of \$100,000. The need for the additional funding is due to the increase in providers that need the resources to

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		assist with adult literacy programs. Allocate \$100,000 from fund balance 7.5% threshold per ordinance 2003-474.
Motion #2013-0418	June 19, 2013	Dedicate 11%, \$41,000.00 to be re-allocated in the BARC budget to intake prevention (i.e. spay/neuter, micro chipping, and education awareness).
Motion #2013-0419	June 19, 2013	Create a taskforce charged with developing a comprehensive plan to increase BARC budget annually with an overall goal of reducing intake and increasing live release rate by 50% within the next five years (10% annually).
Motion #2013-0420	June 19, 2013	Respectfully incorporate the street lighting program within the City's CDBG funding for areas within low-moderate income areas (local streets only). HUD approved initiative.
Motion #2013-0426	June 19, 2013	Respectfully allocated \$1.5 million for Calendar Year 2014 to establish the City of Houston Youth Summer Jobs Program out of the General Government Contingency line item with the intention to have the program up and running for the summer of Calendar Year 2014.
Motion #2013-0427	June 19, 2013	General Fund—General Government: Transfer \$4,400 from the budget of Council Member Christie to the Parks & Recreation Department General Fund budget to continue Positive Coaching Alliance programming for youth sports.
Motion #2013-0430	June 19, 2013	Respectfully increase 1 FTE for the PSO (Public Service Officer) specifically for the Fort Bend Houston HPD Satellite Office (estimated cost of \$60,000 inclusive of salary, benefits and pension).
Motion #2013-0431	June 19, 2013	Increase funding to HFD FY2014 Budget to include replacement of 4 ambulance units (of 7 committed to in FY2013 amendments) back in service that were taken out in December 2012 due to budget shortfall.