

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, M. J. Khan, Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Mark Ellis, Gordon Quan, Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Ms. Susan Taylor, Senior First Assistant City Attorney, Ms. Connie Acosta, Division Chief, Labor Division, Legal Department; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Mr. Jose Soto, Assistant Agenda Director present. Council Members Addie Wiseman and Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D. absent on city business.

At 2:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Green who invited Reverend Lisa Berry Dockery with Windsor Village United Methodist Church to lead all in prayer and Council Member Green led all in the pledge. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent.

At 2:01 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Quan and Berry absent.

Council Members Quan and Holm moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

HEARINGS - 1:30 P.M.

1. PUBLIC HEARING on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 - was called.

Mr. Paul Meza, 123 Christensen, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-923-3996) appeared and stated that he was president of the Second Ward Residents Organization and present to refer to the modification, movement of shelves and downsizing of floor space at the Flores Library to the point that some of the original furniture would not be returned as it was needed, but the patio area could be modified and converted into a useful area; that the budget for Flores, Mancuso, Pleasantville and Lakewood was \$1,997,850.00 with Mancuso receiving \$900,000.00 and Flores and Pleasantville divided \$843,000.00 and there should be \$225,000.00 left in the budget and he was asking it be allocated to improve their patio area so they could compensate for the lost space and continue being an asset to the community; that they were never told the furniture would not be returned and their recommendations were not taken into consideration; and they were asking that their recommendations now be considered. Council Members Quan and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he had the information and would be briefed on it. Council Members Quan and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Garcia, Mr. Meza stated that he did not remember when they talked with the library about the renovation but they went over the plan and made recommendations, but once the construction was started they were never talked to about the changes and it was important not to downsize their library; and Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Dadoush for getting back to Mr. Meza very promptly and they would get back with Mr. Meza. Council Members Quan and Berry absent.

With no other speakers present Council Member Alvarado moved to recess the Budget hearing until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2005, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Members Quan and Berry absent. MOTION 2005-0486 ADOPTED.

At 2:07 the Public Session began. Council Members Quan and Berry absent.

Mr. Fred Swerdlin, 815 Bradwell Drive, Houston, Texas 77062 (281-488-8193) appeared, presented information and stated that he was a resident of the Clear Lake area and present to ask two questions; that Mayor White presided over the grand opening of the Maxi Park and dog run which was the first dog park and not included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan dated September 2001 but was built and city endorsed; that he would like to know if there were any current fiscal land restrictions, barriers or limitations which would prevent a fenced off leash dog park from being built at the Clear Lake Regional/Sylvan Rodriguez Park and if there were not would the City of Houston allow their local not for profit group, Bark9, to raise private funds to build a local fenced off leash dog park at the Clear Lake Regional/Sylvan Rodriguez Park for residents in southeast Houston, District E, it would not cost the City anything. Council Members Edwards, Quan and Berry absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he would do whatever he could to support their proposition; that complaints he heard on dog parks were unfounded as there was no smell, they were not unsightly and there was no health problem, instead communities were getting together and dogs were allowed to run free; that he would like to see more in appropriate places and if they were willing to raise the money he would like to see something. Council Members Edwards, Garcia, Quan and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he would ask Mr. Soto to make sure he received a briefing and recommendation from Mr. Turner and he did appreciate Mr. Swerdlin coming and bringing it to Council's attention. Council Members Edwards, Garcia, Quan and Berry absent.

Mr. Eddie Krenerk, 15835 Park Te Place Drive, Suite 110 (281-578-7711) appeared and stated that he was present to bring to Council problems he believed were ongoing with the City Planning and Development Department; that he and minority co owners were involved with property in the city and they were trying to get it developed into a storage facility; that they had been in the process nine months and it was going smooth until the department realized there were minority co owners and at that point they refused to allow and approve projects unless the group dedicated for free to the City of Houston and it was outright extortion and improper; that they finally hit a road block with their application being denied unless they gave land to the City of Houston land from their entities for future expansion of roads not even currently under construction or even planned. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Khan, Mr. Krenerk stated that the project was located at Furman and Fuqua, 13500 Furman, they were trying to develop a storage facility and there was four acres; that adjacent to it was another four and a half acres where there was a potential expansion of Fuqua and it did not intersect on their property in any form or fashion and they were told outright it would not be approved unless their related entity who owned the land adjacent to it gave the City of Houston right-of-way; that it was asked of senior planner Imar Mohiti and Mike Kramer; that they drew on their plat if a portion was dedicated they would approve the plat and if not it would not be approved. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Upon further questions by Council Member Khan, Mayor White stated that he would ask Ms. Hargrove to confer with Mr. Krenerk; that this did not have to do with Mr. Krenerk's situation but he was sure there were some legitimate planning functions concerning easement and right-of-way for development so they did not have to clean up later on, but where this fit into the whole process, he would ask Ms. Hargrove to take a look at his situation and report back. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Quan, Mayor White stated that he imagined there were things involving easements and right-of-ways on long-term plans and in order to comply with the major thoroughfare plan for example someone may have to have a portion of properties dedicated and he assumed that was the case; and upon further questions by Council Member

Quan, Mr. Krenerk stated that it was about one and a half acres out of a four acre section and not on the property they were trying to get approved for construction and the issue went back to 1995, there were no definite plans for construction at this time and yet because it was on a horizon they stopped everything and it all started when they found there were minority co owners; and Council Member Quan stated that he also wanted a report on this, it was the first time he was aware it was happening and he wanted to be sure they did not inhibit development on a regular basis for something so in the future it did not serve an interest to do it. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Krenerk stated that they were going along smoothly until that minority information came out in the process, the significance was there was two ways the city was dealing with people and when there was part minority ownership it was not treated fairly; and Mayor White stated that if a different standard came to his attention someone would be trying to get their job back and secondly, it was illegal under state and city laws, but if that was not the case it was like accusing someone of the darkest thing he could accuse them of. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards moved to suspend the rules to call on Ms. Hargrove at this time, seconded by Council Member Quan; and Mayor White stated that with no objection they would ask Ms. Hargrove to come up at this time. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Ms. Hargrove stated that this was part of the normal process, Mr. Krenerk applied for a plat in March and the top half of the property had a piece scheduled to be used for the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan; that it was looked at and they saw it was to be used for the extension of Fuqua. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that what Mr. Krenerk might do since it was for a future road was property owners might not want the road to ever go through and if all agreed they could buy it from the city so he should check with them; and Mr. Krenerk stated that it did not impact the business they wanted to build; and the City wanted them to give it to them and then buy it back later; and Council Member Lawrence stated that she was familiar with the process but he needed to see how the others felt about it being a road. Council Members Garcia, Ellis and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he would request a follow-up briefing, he wanted to know in terms of policy if the City ever required developers to carve out a piece of their property and hand it over to the city that he understood easement requirement, but he understood you did not have to give up ownership because there was an easement requirement, you still maintained ownership and had the easement so there was no construction, but here the City was asking them to give property and he would like Ms. Hargrove to follow-up; and Ms. Hargrove stated that she would be happy to do so. Council Members Garcia and Ellis absent.

Mr. Effrum Webber, 6303 Overdale, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-204-3068) appeared and stated that he was present to talk about the land that was just discussed by Mr. Krenerk as he happened to be one of the co owners of the property; that the land was owned by Mr. McDowell in the 1950s and they had a map which indicated a road would be going through, but it was never a promised road it was just a maybe; that when they were going to put a nursing home for the elderly they were told to go ahead and build but they decided the best thing would be a storage facility and when they went to pull permits he showed up and that was when things started looking down and that was Mr. Krenerk meant; that the Council Member said to talk to the neighbors and there were no neighbors; that he knew who owned the land behind him and he would not approve of the road going in; that they purchased the property in 1986 and he did not think it was fair to have to buy the road back when it was already bought; and also all permits were pulled until he came and then it started going down hill and they would appreciate some help. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Ellis absent.

Ms. Nina Walters, 12746 Justin Trail, Houston, Texas 77070 (281-970-7674) appeared, presented information and stated that she loved Houston but one thing bothered her and that was the freeways and major roads were not attractive because of litter and some had little or no landscaping; that the "Stop Trashing Houston" campaign made some progress and much trash was removed and she went to the office of Keep Houston Beautiful and spoke with executive director Robin Blut and again much trash was cleaned up but only so much could be done with volunteers; that the Texas Department of Transportation spent \$32,000,000.00 last year cleaning roads in Texas and it was a shame there was still litter and it reflected bad on Houstonians and on Houston's City management; that she thought Mayor White's "Stop Trashing Houston" campaign was good but not high profile and needed to be kicked into high gear and she had solutions. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that Ms. Walters should present what she had in writing to Mr. Cantu and it would be distributed to all Council Members. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she was happy Ms. Walters came to Houston and was so passionate about the subject; that this year something new was started where each District Council Member would do a whole zip code cleanup and so far three had been done; that the problem was being addressed and they looked forward to more ideas. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Ms. Aura Nunez, 6405 W. Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-283-1316) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Mr. Stuart Hill, 4014 Betsy, Houston, Texas (832-771-4270) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Mr. Charlie Rowan, 2823 East Grove, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-899-0009) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Rev. Willie Alston, 9955 Bammel #621, Houston, Texas 77086 (281-260-6134) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado, Ellis and Green absent.

Mr. Andrew Spence, 7610 Battlecreek, Houston, Texas 77040 (713-466-1891) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Alvarado, Ellis and Green absent.

Mr. Jim Bartley, 10424 Rockley, Houston, Texas 77099 (281-561-5557 x-222) appeared, presented information and stated that the Montrose had unique issues of young people and the agencies who served them were in that area but did not work well and in effect the agencies had enabled the young adults to hangout and do nothing to improve their lives, with one agency providing food, one showers and one providing beds but no one providing a setting to really help and they roamed from one agency to the other to get what was being given out and when evening came they engaged in prostitution, vandalism, theft and assault and slept wherever they could with the result being no help for the kids and a neighborhood living in fear; that an officer said he had not seen it so bad in years and Harris School on Lovett Blvd. had to put up a fence spending over \$15,000.00 to keep the young adults off the property and keep them from shooting up and urinating there during school hours; that they slept in the carport of his apartment complex and urinated in the corner and the enabling agency next door even used his dumpster; and based on this deteriorating situation he proposed that enabling agencies involved

have a permit to operate requiring adequate facilities and adequate security 24 hours a day; that the City should also put more emphasis into the loitering and trespassing ordinances, the corporate nonprofit agencies should consolidate. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she worked strongly on the issue in the community and was sorry she had missed him; and upon questions, Mr. Bartley stated that he called and faxed her office; and Council Member Edwards stated that if there was no response that was not the norm and she disagreed this was the worst it had ever been and they were working with people in the area; and Mr. Bartley stated that the issue was they were trying to make the Montrose a taxing authority and tax the citizens twice; and Council Member Edwards stated that there were two bills for taxing authorities and Rep. Martha Wong's failed and Rep. Garnet Coleman's passed but it was not for a taxing authority but for the authorization to talk with the community about whether they wanted a management district and there would be discussions on benefits and liabilities; that she had met with Neartown and would like to meet with him. Council Members Goldberg, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he received a letter from a restaurant near Inner Faith Ministries about them and they had been in touch with them; that he understood they had very constructive discussions with the young men and a lot of the activity had stopped; and upon questions, Mr. Bartley stated that it was still going on and representatives from the school would attest to it; and Council Member Quan stated that he would be glad to work with Council Member Edwards and see what was needed. Council Members Goldberg, Holm, Ellis and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Lawrence, Mr. Bartley stated that he and Sgt. Boyster at the Montrose Storefront knew each other well; that an officer gave him information and said the state legislature had changed the law on trespassing and you had to see someone on the property and get their name twice before you could arrest them and now they were asking for a rejection letter from the DA's office; that he had "NO Trespassing" signs but the kids would take them down; and Council Member Lawrence stated that they had a similar situation and officers started going by at night and he should go up the chain some and she thought he would find help. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Ellis and Green absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that this was a part of the greater homeless problem in the city and there was a staff working on the issue, many were aware of it and she wanted him to meet with Ms. Rideaux and she would set a time and place for that. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Ellis and Green absent.

Mr. Joseph Walbert, 2140 Westheimer, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-526-3276) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Ellis and Green absent.

Ms. Jerri Boykins-Edwards, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-695-8082) had reserved time to speak and when her name was called Mr. Robert Wheat appeared and stated that he was present for Ms. Boykins the founder of Inaction Ministry as she was unable to be present at this time; that she helped the homeless, etc., and had run into a financial crisis; that she helped him and his family and without her they would have had to give up the baby, but she helped and assisted them with a place to stay and she needed help to help others; that she had two other buildings she wanted to open for others and they were asking for help to do so. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mr. Wheat stated his name; and Council Member Edwards stated that she spoke with Ms. Boykins about two weeks ago and she was supposed to come and talk about the situation but she never came; that they were aware of her

organization and what she was doing and she needed to hear from her to put her in touch with those who could help. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Quan, Mr. Wheat stated that he was familiar with Coalition for the Homeless, but not fully; and Council Member Quan stated that Mr. Anthony Love was present and could speak to him about efforts the Coalition was working on and the money the City had available to work with him on that if he would visit with him. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Quan yielded to Council Member Edwards who stated that was the meeting they were trying to set up with Ms. Boykins; and moved to hear from Mr. Anthony Love as the next speaker; and Mayor White stated that if there were no objections it would be so ordered. Council Members Galloway, Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Anthony Love, 1301 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-739-7514) appeared and stated that a couple of weeks ago Council approved Phase I of the Ten Year Plan to end chronic homelessness and he thanked them; that a gentleman spoke on the Montrose area issues and he, himself, had attended meetings held by Interfaith Ministries and believed the dialogue and actions occurred since have been viable and in good faith; that he noticed a tremendous decrease in those loitering and he believed service providers went where the problems were and not the other way around; that he invited Mr. Ken Baines from Covenant House to come talk about their work and they had participated in the meetings and were an intricate part of solutions. Council Members Galloway, Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards moved to allow Mr. Baines time to speak: and Mayor White stated to be sure Mr. Love understood by consent he was allowing Mr. Baines the rest of his time; and with no objections Mr. Ken Baines was called on. Council Members Galloway, Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Baines stated that he was program director at Covenant House and there was a gentleman who spoke on issues involving homeless young people in the Montrose area and youth had always congregated there and there was a decrease in the number since he began working in the field; that they began in 1983 in response to the homeless and they had a structured program in a gated community with 24 hour security; that they could stay one night and they also had a transitional living program where they could stay up to a year and those who successfully graduated from their program could go into their own apartment so there was a structured program for young people who wanted to take advantage of it. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards thanked Mr. Love and Mr. Baines for coming and for their work; and stated that one issue was the early morning prostitution; and upon questions Mr. Baines stated that he had no hard numbers but believed that problem was evading, when young people knew of services in the community and wanted to make a change they did tend to go to such places as Covenant House; that he believed people relieving themselves on the street was episodic. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Quan, Mr. Baines stated that Covenant House was more than willing to come to the table and often people think young people were on the streets because they wanted to be but most of the time they were running from something; that he did a PIP Meeting a couple of months ago and did not remember Mr. Bartley, but was not saying he was not there. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry

absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 2820 Palm 2B, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-723-3453) appeared, presented information and stated that his company was not an architect company but a concept company and as they could see this presentation was for an African American Heritage Museum, Artist Development Community Center and Entertainment District and have various components such as clubs, theater, amphitheatre, hotel, mall, etc., which were revenue generating; that it would also be a tourist attraction and create business and employment opportunities and tax resources; that the estimated cost was \$40,000,000 and 50% to be funded by the City of Houston and 50% from sale of 5,000,000 shares of stock at \$5.00 per share; and Mr. Omuari's time expired. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent.

Mr. Omuari asked for more time and upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Omuari stated that his plan was not in writing; and Mayor White stated that most plans would need to be in writing at some point; and there was Council rules to protect other speakers. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated they would need his proposal in writing and points she would look for would be the board of directors, whether the organization was profit or not for profit, the mission statement of what they would be doing, funding sources his organization would bring to the table and the programming; and Mr. Omuari stated that he was not an entity of that nature, he had a design and if he was to do work he wanted to know he would be paid for it so he was not going to sit and do a proposal; that he was offering to sell to the museum people and then they could go forward; and Council Member Edwards stated that if he was trying to sell to the African Museum Board then he needed to make the presentation to them. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that it seemed he had excellent ideas; and upon questions, Mr. Omuari stated that it was not about the money and anything offered would be accepted, it was for creation of the project. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent.

The City Secretary stated that Ms. Nunez was now present and would be the next speaker with Citizens Assistance translating for her. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Aura Nunez, 6405 W. Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-283-1316) appeared and stated that she was present representing the West Bellfort Villas apartment complex, where police had found a gang name, and she was asking for help as there was much prostitution, drugs, theft and rapist in the area; that they needed much help in the complex and the owner was paying off duty police officers to work four hours a week, but they needed additional protection; that 40 families lived there and many were women with children and very afraid; and asked that their request be taken into consideration. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that prostitution was serious in that part of town and other places in Houston; that tomorrow they would be holding a townhall meeting in the Gulfton area and many were invited, it would be at noon tomorrow at 5920 Hillcroft, Suite D; that police would be present and they would address the issue she just discussed; and Ms. Nunez stated that they were getting help, but needed more; and Council Member Khan stated that they did need help to clean that area and tomorrow was a small part of it and she could come and share her information with officers and she could invite others to attend also; that another townhall meeting would be held September 19, 2005, on Boone Road and he would get her that information later. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Dula Abdu, 3307 Ripplebrook, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-446-5222) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Naomi Zewde, 6311 Clear Canyon Drive, Houston, Texas 77450 (832-640-9669) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Douglas Nicholas, 2418 Broad, Baytown, Texas 77521 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77020 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Garcia, Ellis, Quan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Maryland Whittaker, 9014 Livings, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-635-8447) appeared and those who were present with her stood to be recognized; and Ms. Whittaker stated that she was president of the East Houston Civic Club located at 7418 E. Houston Road and they were asking that no permit be issued for the BFI landfill expansion; that it would allow them to operate another 10 years and 30 years was long enough; that the proposal was to take the current site from 188 feet to 316 feet a growth of approximately 50% and they accepted all waste including asbestos and dead animals; that they also wanted to use Mesa Road as an entrance to the business and that would be more odor and trash along their street; and they were asking for Council's help in cleaning up their area. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Ellis and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White thanked Ms. Whittaker and those who came with her for sharing their concerns. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Ellis and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. John T. Mezick, 6633 W. Airport Blvd. #1304, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-283-9518) appeared and stated that he was present to discuss what was wrong with the City of Houston and that was this Mayor and Council; that he had 35 years in business experience and never lost money for anyone he worked for; that what was wrong with Houston was everyday thousands of unborn children were slaughtered under the law and homelessness was a direct coalition and addiction to the problem, you could not go against the fifth commandment and allow people to kill under any condition; that there were good places for the homeless in Houston but other things in Houston were wrong such as downtown was filthy; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James Partsch Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Cody Gerth, 20351 Field Tree, Humble, Texas 77338 (281-446-6011) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present again to talk about the HFD paramedic

class as he received no response and wondered if Council was going to help him or if he would need to take it further himself; that a class started now with 39 and there were only 9 left and people with felony charges got their jobs back, someone was arrested at the station for attempted murder and he got his job back; that the city spent money to train three individuals and just to let them go; that he was asking for Council to do the right thing and give him and the two other firefighters their jobs back; that he did nothing wrong and had no record, he simply went to fire school, got a badge and failed paramedic school; and again asked if Council was going to help. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Quan stated that after his presentation last week he asked for a report on the situation and was told he was in Class 32 and Class 28 had requirements waived; that tutoring had been made available and he was more than willing to go over it with him; that he had inquired as to why he was not given his third try to pass and he had severe questions as to how firefighters were recruited and trained and what he brought to Council had helped enlighten him and he would be glad to see what could be done; and Mr. Gerth stated that over \$70,000.00 was spent to send him to fire school and he was in a fast track class and graduated before Class 28 and he graduated, why spend more to hire someone else and let him go; and Council Member Quan stated that he was not given much encouragement after speaking with them, but he would check; and Mr. Gerth stated that what he turned in was a list of 21 guys who all got their jobs back in 1997 and signed the same contract he signed, they were all reinstated and he could not see what the big deal was; that they would be throwing away \$300,000.00 they spent to train the three of them; and Council Member Quan stated that he was trying to see within the Administrative process if there was anything he could do to assist him and that he was treated as fairly as everyone. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that he was sharing the way he saw it and that was they wanted the Fire Department to be fair and wanted it to honor its contract terms, at least so long as he was Mayor he wanted to make sure certain processes were in place but he could not say put this person back in the academy or take someone out, he did not want to order them around; and Mr. Gerth stated that he was not in the academy he had graduated, had a badge and could be on the street now, he was an EMT and a firefighter; and Mayor White stated that he would look at the report from the Fire Department and as Council Member Quan said they would need to look at it as individual cases, but as one person to another they would have to rely somewhat on the judgment of the Fire Department, but he would ask for a briefing on his particular case; and Mr. Gerth stated that he did need help and hoped it could be resolved before he went to the next step. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Holm, Garcia, Ellis and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Berry, Mr. Gerth stated that he was forced to resign; that he graduated and received his badge in January and was then sent to paramedic school, he was told you got three chances to pass the course and it was two years forced into one, but if you failed all three you would ride an ambulance for five years because they still needed EMTs on the ambulance, but after his two chances he and two others were called in and forced to resign; that they needed paramedics but not everyone could be a paramedic; that they needed firefighters too but he said to all classes if you failed you would get fired and that was to motivate people and get them to pass so with them being the first three he, Chief Boriski, let them go to show he was sticking to his guns; that he told them they did not need firefighters they needed paramedics, but they were losing 200 over the next couple of months with retirement; that if he had not resigned he would be fired and then he could not reapply or use them on a resume, he would not have been able to appeal which was what he was doing; and Council Member Berry stated that Council did not have the power to say rehire someone and the Mayor was right in that the process had to work and Council's concern needed to be it did work and he would ask for a briefing; that Chief Boriski was generally a fair and descent man and they would find out. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Garcia

and Ellis absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mr. Gerth, Mayor White stated that he would make sure they were briefed and if something changed he would be notified; that he would not be included in the meeting but if there was a change they would get back with him; that he was not going to order a Chief, if he was doing a bad job he would be replaced. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Garcia and Ellis absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Quan stated that he would like Mayor White to share with him the report from the Fire Department and he would be glad to give Mr. Gerth the name and number of a contact person in his office. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Garcia and Ellis absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Robert Horton, 3714 Bain, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-260-6144) appeared and stated that he was God and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Garcia, Ellis and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:42 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2005. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Garcia, Ellis and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, June 15, 2005

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2005, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Mark Ellis, Gordon Quan, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Financial Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Mr. Jose Soto, Deputy Agenda Director present.

At 8:30 the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor White called to order the meeting of the City Council and recognized Council Member Goldberg for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that the Houston Bar Association was putting on a show starting tonight through Saturday and was called Night Court, that it was a musical being performed at the Hobby Center and was written and performed by attorneys and the band had attorneys, that it had several District and County Court Judges and one Houston Municipal Court Judge, one City employee, one County Commission and one Council Member and introduced a member of the musical named the Governator of California, Mr. Tim Melton. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent.

Mr. Melton stated that he was present to tell everybody about the show and to encourage them to come to the show and introduced Ms. Debra Baker, who was the writer and producer of the show, and Ms. Baker introduced Ms. Jennifer Elrod, who sang a song from the musical. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council Member Ellis moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 32 and 10 out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent. MOTION 2005-0487 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE No. 2005-0692, passed second reading June 8, 2005
ORDINANCE granting to **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC** the right, privilege and franchise to use the public rights-of-way to use, license, or exploit the company's facilities within the public rights-of-way to conduct an electric delivery business in the City and for such other business purposes as the company may desire from time to time, specifically including, but not limited to, the granting of access to those facilities for the delivery of broadband through power lines or similar service within the City of Houston, Texas - **THIRD and FINAL READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg and Sekula-Gibbs absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0692 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL

10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **GREATER HOUSTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU** for the Promotion of Tourism and the Solicitation of Convention Business - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg and Sekula-Gibbs absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0746 ADOPTED

Council Member Berry stated that they had some representatives of CVB, Mr. George DeMontrand, Mr. Don Henderson, Mr. Chris Wilmont, Mr. Franklin Jones and Mr. Dennis Brown and also Mr. Jordy Tollett and asked that they stand and be recognized and thanked them for what they did to promote the City.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 34

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 and 4

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$64,000.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **AAR INCORPORATED**, for Asbestos Abatement and Special Demolition at Ley Road R.O.W. Expansion Project, GFS N-587B-03-5 - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0487 ADOPTED.

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,023,316.41 and acceptance of work on contract with **INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation Sims Bayou Relief Line, Package 1, GFS R-0294-03-3 (WW4770-01) - 06.30% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS D - EDWARDS and I - ALVARADO** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0488 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 5 through 7

5. ORDINANCE appropriating \$127,620.29 out of General Improvement Consolidated Fund to Furnish and Install Furniture at 611 Walker for the Building Services Department, CIP D-0106 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0747 ADOPTED.

- 5a. **ALLSTEEL, INC** - \$95,724.59 and **THE HON COMPANY** - \$31,895.70 for Office Furniture including installation from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Building Services Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0489 ADOPTED.

7. **HACH COMPANY** for Chemicals, Water Testing for Department of Public Works &

Engineering \$159,045.57 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0490 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 11 through 30

11. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2003-168 to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City and the **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON** for Behavioral Surveillance Services - \$247,767.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0748 ADOPTED.
- 15-1. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MEDTRONIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS, INC** for Automated External and Public Access Defibrillators for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years with one five-year option - \$743,408.00 - General, Grant, Enterprise and Other Funds – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$281,600.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PATE ENGINEERS, INC** for Keegans Bayou Trail, GFS N-0420-25-2 (SB9158-01); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG and F - KHAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0749 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$90,850.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **DE ANDA ENGINEERING, INC** for Little White Oak Bayou Trail, GFS N-0420-36-2 (SB9121); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0750 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$83,920.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **DE ANDA ENGINEERING, INC** for Columbia Tap Union Station Trail, GFS N-0420-37-2 (SB9122); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0751 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$99,093.75 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to the **FOUR SEASONS DEVELOPMENT CO., INC** for Construction of Forest West Park, GFS F-504C-01-3; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; providing funding for engineering testing services, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0752 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$658,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **JTR CONSTRUCTORS, INC** for Westway Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, GFS R-0265-31-3 (WW4867-01); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and

other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0753 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$251,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **J.T.B. SERVICES, INC** for Gulf Meadows Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, GFS R-0265-45-3 (WW4876-02); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0754 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,130,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Dairy Ashford No. 3 Lift Station Diversion, GFS R-0267-86-3 (WW4861-05); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F - KHAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0755 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$181,250.00 out of Water & Sewer Contributed Capital Fund, and \$1,490,750.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Construction of a 12-inch water line along Post Oak Boulevard from Richmond Avenue to Westheimer, GFS S-0521-15-3 (WA10758-01); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; providing funding for engineering and testing services, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer Contributed Capital Fund and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG and G - HOLM** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0756 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,515,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 755, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Jersey Village Pump Station Improvements, GFS S-1004-02-3 (WA10563-1); providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 755 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0757 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

2. ORDINANCE appropriating \$91,664.10 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Lakewood Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0057-01-3; Flores Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0010-01-3 and Pleasantville Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0061-01-3 under construction contract with **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** approved by Ordinance No. 02-0617, providing funding for design

services relating to facilities financed by the Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and H – GARCIA** – was presented.

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted to thank Mayor White for the completion of the two libraries, that the community was very excited when they had the rededication of the libraries and wanted to emphasize that she thought they were really moving in the right direction to upgrade all of their libraries to help those communities which had been in need for so long.

Council Member Garcia stated that as they remembered Mr. Mesa from Second Ward was present to speak specifically about the Forest Branch Library renovation, that he was not going to delay the item but would appreciate the Mayor's administration support in looking at those issues that Mr. Mesa brought up and Mayor White stated that they intended to.

A vote was called on Item No. 2 All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0758 ADOPTED.

- 2a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services for approval of Change Order 5 in the amount of \$73,878.31 on contract with **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Lakewood Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0057-01-3; Flores Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0010-01-3 and Pleasantville Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0061-01-3 - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and H – GARCIA** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0492 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS** for Preventative Maintenance Agreement for Genetic Analyzers for the Houston Police Department - \$29,377.08 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0493 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

8. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a certain fee-owned excess street right-of-way acquired for the Waco-Hirsch Connection Project, designated as Parcel Number S92-072 and containing an aggregate of 0.0902 acres of land, being comprised of a 0.0589 acre portion of Lot 13 and a 0.0087 acre portion of Lot 12, both in Greens Addition, Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 516, Page 429 of the Harris County Map Records, and a 0.0226 acre portion of Lot 1 in Block 6 of Conklin Court, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 8, Page 1 of the Harris County Map Records; vacating and abandoning said tracts of land to the East Orange African Methodist Episcopal Church, abutting owner, in consideration of owner's payment of \$15,700.00 and other consideration to the City - **DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0759 ADOPTED. **(Note: The City Secretary in error called Item No. 8 as a motion instead of an ordinance)**
9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **ARTS COUNCIL OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY REGION** for the Support of the Arts Community – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. (Note: Council Member Wiseman released her tag later in the meeting.)
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **U. S. FILTER/IONPURE, INC** for Preventive Maintenance and Repair Services for the City's Laboratories; providing a maximum contract amount - Through December 31, 2006 with

three successive one year terms \$67,468.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0760 ADOPTED.

13. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2000-0395, passed May 17, 2000, which approved and authorized the submission of the 2000 Consolidated Plan and the grant application for the 26th Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program, among others, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) under the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Holm.

Council Member Quan stated that the item had gone through their committee and he was concerned because if they did not the money very soon they stood to lose that money, that as they knew they made a great effort to address the people under the Pierce Elevated and unfortunately that situation was again coming back, that SEARCH had been a great partner in the process and he did not know if there was a question that Council Member Holm might have that could be answered during Council and did not know if they could possibly reconsider it today, that this was essential for their funding source for another grant that they may be receiving so he would ask Council Member Holm to consider that.

Council Member Holm stated that she supported SEARCH wholeheartedly and from its inception she had personally supported it and again today had made a personal contribution, but she was tagging it because there were a lot of questions that she did have that she needed to have the answers for in order to resolve the dilemma, that she wanted to support the project, and here were her questions because she was not sure exactly who it was that needed to answer them for her, that from adding up the numbers from the different areas of the City she got the figure of \$940,000 that the City had given SEARCH already in 2005 through General Funds, HOPWA and CDBG, if so another \$200,000 meant that the City would have contributed \$1.1 million to their organization this year, she needed to know if that funding was correct, that she would like to know what was the total budget of SEARCH and what percentage of that budget was funded by the City of Houston through the grants, HOPWA and the General Fund, that she would like confirmation that if it was CDBG money that would be lost or if it was something that could be spent on other required needs, that she was not sure what the City’s policy was and would like to know if there was a policy in funding the operating costs of non profits, and how in this economy they justified meeting the needs of the community and paying for operating expenses, and how did they justify to other agencies that also did good jobs that this one was important, that she would like to know if there was some research that showed that through spreading their money out to reliable and responsible organizations was a good use of funds than putting all of their eggs in one basket, that it was her understanding that SEARCH needed \$700,000 in order to meet their budget, was there a way that they could put a commitment if they decided on the \$200,000 that they only award it contingent on the fact that they met all of their other qualifications, and did the City go through any qualifying process before contributing to non profits.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Quan moved to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. Milton Wilson, Director, Housing and Community Development, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Berry absent. MOTION 2005-0494 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that with consent of Council, Ms. Sandy Kessler could be of assistance with Mr. Wilson. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Holm, Mr. Wilson stated that basically Council Member Holm was correct but HOPWA was a separate entire program, that they got \$395,000 and it was not CDBG funds so if they backed the \$395,000 out of those funds she was correct, that it was correct that the \$940,000 was a combination of General Funds, HOPWA and CDBG. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Wiseman absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Holm, Ms. Kessler stated that the total budget of SEARCH was \$7.5 million and if the \$200,000 was awarded the City was funding 12%; that they had 4 day shelters that they were operating at full capacity and within the last two years they had lost 3 of those because they had not been able to continue to raise the funds to work with that hard core population that SEARCH was continuing to work with, they were not cherry picking they were working with people, as Council Member Edwards said, that no one else could afford to work with or was willing to work with. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman and Ellis absent.

Upon further questions by Council Member Holm, Mr. Wilson stated that the CDBG funds were funds that they recaptured from prior years, the Fiscal Year 2000, they were not funds that were in the current budget, they went back and recaptured them, that SEARCH came in and had a request for \$800,000 and it was not his job to cut it but it was reduced to \$200,000 and they felt that they could raise the other funds privately which they had done, that also the City had asked SEARCH to help in homeless issues before without funding and they had always stepped up, that HUD had monthly been asking him about the homeless situation and they were doing a decent job but if they did not get the funds they were going to have to cut staff and eliminate services and he thought it would be counter productive to what they had been doing, that as they knew SEARCH had an excellent reputation so he felt it was his job to bring it forth to the Council. Council Members Goldberg and Wiseman absent.

Upon further questions buy Council Member Holm, Ms. Kessler stated that they had already identified the rest of the funding and what the \$200,000 would do was put them in a position to leverage the other money, they had verbal commitments from the County and had already received \$200,000 from the Houston Endowment, \$91,000 from Midtown TIRZ and basically had all the other money lined up, this was the last \$200,000 that they needed, that the SWAN Foundation had come to them and stated that if they finished in the black this year, as they liquidated all of their funds, they would be willing to allow them to apply for \$2 million to completely eliminate any debt that SEARCH had, that they served 11,000 people last year, so they would maintain that capacity and even hopefully be able to increase the numbers they were serving, so it would leverage many times the amount they were requesting, that they saw the Pierce Elevated building back up, and saw the 500 people that were in their building everyday and they were simply trying to continue to respond to every district and every call that they got from every Council Member at the table, that they had the other money lined up and this \$200,000 would just seal the whole \$700,000 that they initially needed and would put them in the perfect position to keep moving forward and serving the same amount and any additional numbers, that the importance of 7 days was that their fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 and so what the other funders were going to look at, specifically the private money from the SWAN Foundation, was a history of their finishing in the black, which had happened in the last three years and they needed it to happen again this year so that they met all of their requirements to get that debt retired so they were not paying interest and they could be taking that money they were borrowing to keep their programs going forward to feed and house people and to take them of the streets. Council Member Goldberg absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Holm stated that she would release her tag on Item No. 13, and a vote was called on Item No. 13. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Goldberg, and Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0761 ADOPTED.

13a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SERVICE OF THE EMERGENCY AID RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, INC** to provide \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist in the continuation of Homeless Program Operations - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Goldberg absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0762 ADOPTED.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would release her tag on Item No. 9 and moved

to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 9 at this time, seconded by Council Member Khan. Mayor White stated that if there was no objection it was so ordered.

9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **ARTS COUNCIL OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY REGION** for the Support of the Arts Community – was again before City Council.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would like to extend her thanks to CACHE for all they had done this past year to show their sensitivity and their interest and support in providing outreach for the cultural needs throughout the City, that she was very appreciative of that because she represented a district that was on the outer fringes of the City and it was through their support that children in those communities had an opportunity to become exposed to cultural arts and thus an opportunity for a better life, that she appreciated the fact that they had shown support for so many wonderful groups such as the American Festival for the Arts, it was a wonderful program that provided an opportunity for young musicians to become exposed to and tutored by premier artists from throughout the world. Council Member Garcia absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 9. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0763 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **GORDON C. KAMKA** for Inspections of City's Detention Facilities; providing a maximum contract amount - \$200,000.00 General Fund - was presented. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Quan stated that as he was sure they were aware, they were under a consent order with the concern of their jail situation and this was a continuation of that contract and he wanted a report on how they stood on the jail, that he knew they were trying to merge with Harris County and it was a five year contract with Mr. Kamka and hoped that they certainly did not use all five years and that they would get out of it as soon as possible, that he understood it was a necessity because it was a person agreed upon by all parties and Judge Sim Lake but by the same token he hoped it was not a continuing scenario by the City. Council Members Holm and Garcia absent.

Mayor White stated that he thought that early in the coming fiscal year it might be appropriate to have a Council hearing on jail time tables and the goals, that he thought it was a major issue for the City of Houston and thought it was an appropriate topic for discussion on the jail. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that they were under court order to continue to have outside parties look over the jail process and that was essential, that she wanted to thank Ms. Elena Marks for the summary she provided to them in May about the opportunity to increase and improve the jail health services and understood they were in ongoing discussions with the University of Texas Medical Branch in bringing some enhanced jail services to their jail, that the opportunity to partner with an institution like UTMB that had tremendous expertise at providing health services to the criminal justice system was a fantastic opportunity for the City and she was supportive of the concept of continuing those negotiations. Council Members Holm and Garcia absent.

After further discussion a vote was called on Item No. 14. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0764 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to contract between the City and **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Construction and Repair Services to include additional repair work to be performed on Homebuyer Assistance Properties, negotiate pricing, to delete certain typographical errors in the contract, and to delete federal funding or wage rate provisions from the contract - was presented. Council

Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she was excited to see the item on the agenda, that she did have some concerns about the wage rates for the job but after she got an explanation as to what funding source was going to be required she hoped they moved quickly because she had many constituents needing some repairs to their homes, that she was glad that they were able to create other means. Council Member Garcia absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 15. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0765 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing grant agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Impaired Driving Mobilization Selective Traffic Enforcement Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0766 ADOPTED.

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,363,305.14 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$3,712,787.79 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund for Construction Contract between the City and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Street Improvements on Lyons Avenue from US 59 North to Waco Street, GFS N-1305-01-3, S-0521-VZ-3, R-0521-S3-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that the Fifth Ward Community had waited long for this particular item and she was glad that the funding was coming though now so she knew they could see some changes going on on Lyons Avenue because they had moved a lot of the utility poles back, that she was glad it was happening before she leaves the City Council because it started when she first came on. Council Member Garcia absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 17. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0767 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,075,800.00 out Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC** for Lift Station Renewal/Replacement, GFS R-0267-D1-2 (WW4895); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS E - WISEMAN; F - KHAN; G - HOLM and H - GARCIA** - was presented. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would like to visit with the department this week on the item, that she did not plan to hold it up but would like a visit on the item. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that if this company fulfills their MWBE obligation she thought it would be 1 out of 10,000 contractors because the goal was set at 24% and they had set for themselves 42.7%, she thought it was really outstanding, that she just wanted them to be aware so when they came for the final payment to make sure that they held to their commitment and hoped other companies would follow the pattern as well. Council Member Garcia absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 21. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0768 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$98,545.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATEX CORPORATION** for Design and Construction Services for Fire Station 105, GFS C-0166-01-2; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** - was presented.

Council Member Wiseman stated that on this item as well she would like to visit with the department so if someone would give her a call to set it up. Council Member Garcia absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 22. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0769 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,570,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding Design/Build Contract to **GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY** for Looscan Branch Library Replacement, GFS E-0095-01-3; providing funding for engineering testing services, Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to design and construction of facilities financed by Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - HOLM** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0770 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Holm and all the constituents in her district, that she had worked very hard on working towards Looscan Library and many of the citizens had been very anxious to have the project move forward. Council Member Garcia absent.

Mayor White stated that he remembered the state of play when he took office, competing groups, competing sides, a library with an inadequate facility that was not in the CIP and here they were 18 months later with private funding of expansion of land, money in the CIP, alternative construction delivery technique to provide sooner rather than later, that it had been one of those things where he had seen it go from a situation that was very difficult to something come to closure. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she hoped this would be a model for the City in the future in the partnerships, the community around Looscan raised \$1 million in six weeks in order to help facilitate the project. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that this was the second library in a row where the citizens in the community got together and came up to close to \$1 million, that in District C they were able to expand the size of the library by 10% and add the newest technology because of the private funding. Council Member Garcia absent.

Mayor White stated that he thought it also set a model on the time table, that he and Council Member Wiseman shared information and if they could get something like this kicked off within the period of 18 months, award a contract and working with other entities, they ought to be able to do some other things. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to thank Mayor White for the support, that the community appreciated very much the commitment he had given to try and put forth such a project in the time frame he had just mentioned, that it was definitely a goal they would like to set and hopefully achieve.

29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,495,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated

Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Construction of Two Ground Storage Tanks at Two Pumping Stations, GFS S-0610-34-3 (WA10812); providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE and E - WISEMAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0771 ADOPTED.

31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the first amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City and **WESTON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**; making various findings and provisions relating to the subject - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0772 ADOPTED.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET MATTERS

33. ORDINANCE providing for the continuation of appropriations for the support of the City Government pursuant to the requirements of Article VIa, Section 1 of the City Charter; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a severability clause - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Holm.
34. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2006 for the General, Enterprise, Special Revenue, Internal Service and Revolving Funds; providing for future adjustment to the beginning fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; 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 – was presented.

Council Member Goldberg offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged his amendments.

- No. 8.1 - Present to the appropriate Committee an outline of guidelines and policies for below fair-market leases or rentals of City property within 30 days of the passage of the City of Houston Budget.
- No. 8.2 - Transfer all City Property Acquisition and Disposition responsibilities to Building Services Department except property acquisitions related to the Public Works and Engineering Department.
- No. 8.3 - Remove all expenditures for any City Employee's membership in an organization unless it is essential to their employment position.
- No. 8.4 - Present to the appropriate Committee within 90 days of the passage of the City of Houston Budget, a City Ordinance that would require all pet adoption facilities and pet sales enterprises to collect the City of Houston pet license fee.
- No. 8.5 - Present to the appropriate Committee within 90 days of the passage of the City of Houston Budget, a plan to combine all City of Houston permits into one application and allow applicants to receive permits for a three-year period.
- No. 8.6 - Appropriate any necessary funds to the Health Department that would allow BARC to accept free chip scanners in order to scan all incoming stray animals collected.
- No. 8.7 - Present to the appropriate Committee within 90 days of the passage of the

City of Houston Budget a written policy regarding Storm Damage Clean-up procedures.

- No. 8.8 - Place CIP Program Management for 2007-2011 in the Building Services Department.
- No. 8.9 - Appropriate any necessary funds to the Building Services Department that would provide for a database that will maintain a master list of all City of Houston properties.

Council Member Wiseman offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged her amendments and Item No. 34.

- No. 10.1 - Amend the Budget to replace previous staffing levels at Fire Station No. 94 by December 30, 2005.
- No. 10.2 - Amend the Budget to reassign Company 94 to the Clear Lake Area until such a time as Station N. 94 is reopened.
- No. 10.3 - Reduce line item 3330, Legal Services, in the Legal Department General Fund to the FY05 estimate – \$1,444,294
- No. 10.4 - Amend the Police Special Services Fund to separate and adequately explain all funds associated with the SafeClear program and the red light camera program.
- No. 10.5 - Reduce line item 3335, Consulting Management Services, to the FY05 estimate - \$3,369,899

Council Member Berry offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34, tagged by Council Member Alvarado. Council Member Goldberg absent.

- No. 5.1 - Reduce the 2005 property tax rate by the equivalent of projected revenue reductions that would have resulted if a 7% cap on homestead valuations had been implemented in FY05.
- No. 5.2 - Require that private source funds paid to either enable or accelerate participation in a City program be used to increase the program budget unless otherwise authorized by City Council.

[For example: The speed hump program has a finite budget used to install speed humps that have been requested by a neighborhood and verified by Public Works to be necessary. Due to budget constraints, there can be significant delays in getting speed humps installed. Some constituents have expressed a desire to pay for the speed humps in their neighborhoods themselves to speed hump installation. When this occurs, their speed humps are bumped up on the waitlist for installation. The private funds paid for speed humps do not, however, go towards increasing the number of speed humps installed. Instead, the private funds are deposited into the general fund to be used for any purpose. As a result, the speed humps for a neighborhood that chooses not to, or in most cases cannot, pay for speed humps get pushed further down the list. Private funds that are paid to enhance a program should be dedicated to that program and remain in that program's budget. While the City should always be willing to pay for and install necessary infrastructure, we should also encourage private contributions that will expand the amount of infrastructure that can be

provided]

- No. 5.3 - Implement the expansion joint/crack sealing program in the Public Works Department

Council Member Khan offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged his amendments. Council Member Goldberg absent.

- No. 11.1 - Analyze and develop a policy to revise the competitive procurement process to give preference to qualified local vendors.
- No. 11.2 - Analyze and develop a policy to allocate a percentage of Public Safety revenue to graffiti, gang violence, and prostitution enforcement.
- No. 11.3 - Reclassify Police Department job code 4300 (Chief Technology Officer) to job code 4311 (Data entry operator).
- No. 11.4 - Analyze and develop a policy that ensures that expenditures in the Civic Art Program are maintained within the district from where the funds are generated.
- No. 11.5 - Develop a policy to gradually expand the scope of the Safe Sidewalk program to include areas where high pedestrian traffic exists.
- No. 11.6 - Expand the new Southwest Multi-service Center on Highstar to include an E-Library. Funding of the library shall be through general funds or a Community Development Block Grant.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged her amendments. Council Member Goldberg absent.

- No. 3.1 - The City of Houston will cap city spending for the Safe Clear program at the current level.
- No. 3.2 - Safe Clear shall be phased into a user pay system, requiring motorists who carry auto club, insurance and dealership towing coverage to reimburse the city for "free tows."
- No. 3.3 - The City of Houston shall adopt a policy to put all our efforts into maintaining our existing buildings and to provide the funding necessary to bring the structures to their highest standards before constructing new buildings unless a clear need is demonstrated.
- No. 3.4 - The City of Houston shall adopt a master plan for all departments that do not currently have a master plan in place.
- No. 3.5 - The Health and Human Services department Fiscal Year 2005 budget surplus of \$850,000 will be added to the Fiscal Year 2006 HHS budget in an effort to provide adequate health services to Houstonians.
- No. 3.6 - The City of Houston shall facilitate efforts to create a public health district, the first step in the process of restructuring the city and county health departments into a comprehensive, integrated system.
- No. 3.7 - The City of Houston Health Department shall study the feasibility and financial structure of combining the Harris County Rabies/ Animal Control

and the City of Houston Bureau of Animal Control and Care.

- No. 3.8 - The administration shall authorize a study to create a tunnel connecting the new Superblock Park to its proposed underground parking garage, the George R. Brown Convention Center and the Hilton Americas Hotel. The tunnel will also serve as a work of art or a showcase for art. Artwork would be included in the civic art plan and would be purchased with a portion of the 1.75% set aside in the CIP for civic art.
- No. 3.9 - The City of Houston shall amend the FY06 budget to retain the budgetary and accounting functions for city council on a full-time basis within the Finance and Administration Department Budget and Evaluation Division.

Council Member Holm offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged her amendments. Council Member Goldberg absent.

- No. 12.1 - The city will adopt the following policy for all departments for Memberships and Professional Fees to be implemented and reflected in every department's budget for FY05:
- The membership must be required in order for the employee to perform the duties for which he/she was hired.
 - The employee must be an active participant in the organization (75% attendance at meetings).
 - The membership must promote professional development.
 - The membership must benefit the specific City of Houston department.
 - The membership must be recommended by the Assistant Director with concurrence by the Deputy Director.
 - Membership will be limited to employees per the following:
 - Pay grade 15 through pay grade 24, a maximum of one membership per employee.
 - Pay Grade 25 and above, a maximum of 2 memberships per employee (except pay grade 30 and above may have third membership if appropriate and to the city's benefit. Must be approved by the director.)
 - Membership must be limited to 1 per employee per Fiscal Year unless written justification for an additional membership is approved in writing by the department director.
- No. 12.2 - The city will adopt the following policy for all Licenses to be implemented and reflected in every department's budget for FY05:
- The license must be directly related to the employee's specific job requirements.
 - The license must be certified by the State of Texas.
- No. 12.3 - The city will adopt the following policy for all Travel to be implemented and reflected in every department's budget for FY05:
- Travel will be related to a current membership with direct benefit to current assigned position.
 - The employee must be an active participant in the organization (75% attendance at meetings, active committee member, etc.)
 - The travel must have an established value in networking with other governmental agencies.
 - The absence of the employee will not impede his/her assigned duties.

- Out of town travel will be limited to executive personnel only (pay grade 30 and above) unless travel is approved in writing by the department director.
 - Travel must be limited to no more than 1 trip per Fiscal Year.
- No. 12.4 - The city will adopt the following policy for all local training (during duty hours) to be implemented and reflected in every department's budget for:
- The training must be required to perform assigned duties (i.e. defensive driving).
 - The subject must be relevant to specific job performance.
- No. 12.5 - The city will develop a policy for Fund 405 that restricts expenditures exclusively for street and bridge projects.
- No. 12.6 - The city will conduct a meeting six months into FY 2006 to confirm that amendments approved during the budget process have been implemented.
- No. 12.7 - The city will establish a process for program funding of nonprofit organizations.
- No more than 5 percent of the organization's operating budget will be funded using any combination of city funds.
 - All funding must be designated for specific programs (no administrative or operating costs).
 - Establish program criteria for nonprofits to apply for funding from the city.

Council Member Holm stated that she thought for all of them it had really been difficult sometimes just to find things in the budget as they had gone through it and asked if there was some type of a way to either index or come up with some process to try and have a little bit more clarity in some of the placement or description of the budget items so that they could find some of them. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Council Member Edwards offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged her amendments.

- No. 9.1 - Maintain the current level of funding for the arts.
- No. 9.2 - Maintain the FY00 level of funding for the City's After School Program
- No. 9.3 - Develop and implement software for maintaining a Deed Restrictions Database
- No. 9.4 - Fund a study of Public Parking in Urban and/or Dense Communities, relating to accessibility, creation and development
- No. 9.5 - Fund a study on the local income median in relation to the income median used in the formula that determines Affordable Housing Requirements
- No. 9.6 - Increase the current level of funding to \$500,000 for HIV/AIDS outreach, and prevention services
- No. 9.7 - Increase the current level of funding to \$500,000 for Hepatitis C education,

outreach, and prevention services

- No. 9.8 - Increase the current level of funding to \$450,000 to the West Gray Multi-Service Center for playground equipment, programming, and staffing
- No. 9.9 - fund the development of a Multi-Service Facility focused on accessibility for the disabled. Facility will be similar to the City of Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center located at 1475 West Gray. The facility is not district specific
- No. 9.10 - Funding to hire two (2) Hydrologists/Engineers with backgrounds in Hydrology
- No. 9.11 - Funding to hire two (2) Full-time Inspectors for the Office of Flood Plain Management
- No. 9.12 - Funding to hire a Plan Reviewer for the Office of Flood Plain Management
- No. 9.13 - Fund a study that speaks to the Management of HFD; to include, but not limited to, an Assessment Center for Sensitivity Training
- No. 9.14 - Increase the current level of funding by \$100,000 to fund two (2) additional staff positions for Parades/Street Functions
- No. 9.15 - Increase the current level of funding by \$50,000 for additional staffing in the Disabilities Department

Council Member Alvarado offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged her amendments.

Convention and Entertainment

- No. 14.1 - Direct CEFD to analyze event-parking rates in the Theater District and the surrounding area and make a recommendation regarding possible rate increases as a means of reducing theater-operating losses.

Finance and Administration

- No. 14.2 - Future Cable TV agreements must serve entire city
- No. 14.3 - Expand COH fleet programs to reduce emissions – (PWE and Solid Waste already implementing these initiatives)
 - a. Retrofits with exhaust after-treatment devices
 - b. Use of alternative fuels
 - c. Repowering (engine replacement)
 - d. Scrapping and replacing older equipment
 - e. Engine repairs and rebuilds to maximize performance
- No. 14.4 - Request TABC to increase fees associated with alcohol licenses – new and renewals.

Health and Human Services

- No. 14.5 - Conduct a review of all fees charged by BARC to ensure that costs are covered and that fees designed to incentivize behavior are appropriately set

Municipal Courts

- No. 14.6 - Support increasing the technology fee on municipal court dispositions from \$4 to \$8 in the next legislative session

Parks & Recreations

- No. 14.7 - Implement a season pass program for municipal golf courses.

Police

- No. 14.8 - Transfer the Lyons Ave. HPD Storefront (District H) to Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center (District I). CM Garcia is in agreement.

Public Works Department

- No. 14.9 - Implement an ordinance revision establishing a grease trap permitting process, which establishes trap cleaning standards.
- No. 14.10 - Consider an asphalt recycling process to repave major arterial roads. The process recovers two inches of the existing roadway and processes it as reconditioned asphalt. Machines are used to heat, mill, and rejuvenate the top two inches of a road surface and then redistribute the material.

Council Member Quan offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged his amendments.

- No. 2.1 - Reduce the Houston Fire Department budget by \$7,000,000 by reducing the role of the HFD Academy. Hire only firefighters and paramedics who have already earned certification by the state of Texas. Train only fast track classes. Rationale: State provides funds for training of firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics. The Texas Work Service pays tuition for minority students to attend training through Houston Community College. The teachers are HFD officers. We do not need to pay cadets during training. Graduates have 60 degree credits and an associate degree for the future. Local colleges providing this training include San Jacinto, College of the Mainland and Houston Community College, among others.
- No. 2.2 - Expand the new Southwest Multi-service Center on Highstar to include an E-Library of between 5,000 and 6,000 sq. feet. Funding of the library shall be through general funds or a Community Development Block Grant for up to \$1,000,000.
- No. 2.3 - Increase Planning and Development Department training budget by \$250,000 to provide accelerated training program for building permits to eliminate variation in interpretation of the building codes.
- No. 2.4 - Increase the budget of the Planning and Development/Water Department

budget by \$500,000 to acquire software, hardware and provide data entry to update "As Built Plan" maps for builders and developers to properly locate water and sewer lines. This is especially required as redevelopment occurs in older portions of the city.

- No. 2.5 - Increase budget of the Planning and Development Department to provide \$200,000 for acquisition of software, hardware and personnel for plan review of historical properties. Reduce current processing time of 30 days to 10 days.
- No. 2.6 - Allocate \$1,000,000 to create a citywide database for all deed restrictions to improve the enforcement of deeds by the Planning Department and the Neighborhood Protection section of HPD.
- No. 2.7 - Reallocate funds from mature TIRZ to assume cost of funding amendments 2.3 to 2.6 as allowed by amendments to state law.
- No. 2.8 - Adopt a policy requiring Strategic Purchasing to utilize the Reverse Auction process on commodities procurement contracts on as many opportunities as possible. Currently, Reverse Auction has been used on approximately 42% of eligible procurement contracts (23 of 55). Indicates a potential savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Council Member Lawrence offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged her amendments.

- No. 6.1 - Create and fund two Hydrology Engineer positions, two Flooding and Drainage Inspector positions and one flood plain Plan Reviewer position within PWE.
- No. 6.2 - Concerned with the Texas Municipal League's lack of consultation with the City leadership before this legislative session and their support and lobbying of legislation in direct opposition of the stated City goals and legislation. Therefore, I recommend the City of Houston withdraw its membership from the Texas Municipal League.
- No. 6.3 - Direct the Finance and Administration Department to create an ordinance, for a fee based uniform process, to allow the placement of Cell Phone Antennas on City property. (Potential revenues of up to 5 million dollars a year for the City of Houston.)
- No. 6.4 - Direct the Finance and Administration and Information Technology Departments to investigate and place a RFP to consolidate the repairs of all Motorola Radios within the City Departments such as HPD, HFD, Emergency Services and PWE. (Potential savings of 2 million annually.)
- No. 6.5 - Given growth in the Mobile Food Vendor Industry, increase the Mobile Food Unity Medallion Permit Fee to hire six additional sanitarians/food inspectors, which would fully ensure adherence to the City of Houston's Health Code and would mirror the six regions of the Neighborhood Protection Corps.

Council Member Garcia offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged his amendments.

RELATING TO TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- No. 13.1 - C&E pays for Special Ops related to downtown patrol budget.
- No. 13.2 - Building Services Department takes over HAS CIP Projects.

RELATING TO POLICY DIRECTIVES

- No. 13.3 - Implementation of departmental performance measures as it relates to total days from inception of 3-1-1 calls to corrective action taken.
- No. 13.4 - Performance Measures must remain the same when departmental dollars are transferred, unless Council approval is given.
- No. 13.5 - Require oversized commercial truck vehicles to purchase special permit and use money to fund:
 - (A) Truck Enforcement Unit overtime and equipment
 - (B) PWE to provide for repairing routes most frequently taken by such vehicles
- No. 13.6 - Partner with Harris County on a regional centralized radio Management system.
- No. 13.7 - Formalize as a City program District H (Community Alliance for Responsibility Empowerment and Safety) C.A.R.E.S. right of way and weeded lot program.
- No. 13.8 - All drainage & infrastructure projects be submitted to Council Flood & Drainage Committee for approval.

RELATING TO SPECIFIC EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

- No. 13.9 - HFD pay raise with no increase in number of shifts to be worked.

RELATING TO STUDIES AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- No. 13.10 - Conduct a pilot project where HFD & Health Department officials target neighborhoods with disproportionate number of emergency calls for EMS calls reduction in to dependency to 911.

Council Member Green offered the following written amendments to Item No. 34 and tagged his amendments.

- No. 4.1 - Municipal Court Administration must seek reimbursement of State court costs on Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) checks. When a fine check is received, the COH pays the State court costs, up to \$73 per offense. If the check comes back as NSF, MCA does not seek reimbursement of the court costs from the State. This amount totaled nearly \$1 million in unreimbursed payments to the State, over the past 5 years. The State credits current year obligations, with a credit up to 5 years prior.
- No. 4.2 - Municipal Courts Administration must change their policy on Non-Sufficient (NSF) checks to include sending a certified letter, which cites the Penal Code and states that in 10 days, if payment is not received, that matter will be referred for criminal prosecution.
- No. 4.3 - Require the Housing and Community Development Department to provide

City Council with quarterly reports on available Homeless & Housing Bond Funds.

- No. 4.4 - Increase of \$50,000, in the Parks Department's funding, for after-school enrichment programs for FY2006.
- No. 4.5 - Increase, by \$100,000, the Health and Human Services Department's current funding amount, for HIV prevention, for FY2006.

Mayor White stated that concluded the Council Member amendments and the main item was tagged by Council Member Wiseman.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 35

MISCELLANEOUS

35. MOTION to set a date not less than seven (7) days from June 15, 2005 to receive nominations for new Positions 10 and 11 of the **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, the three year terms to expire June 30, 2008 - was presented.

Council Member Khan moved to set June 22, 2005 to receive nominations for new Positions 10 and 11 of the Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2005-0495 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that they would work as a team with the City Council so they would have the right diversity of life experience and skill.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 36 through 41

36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Artist Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **SUZANNE SELLERS** to create a Mural for Fire Station 27 and accepting the mural into the City's Art Collection upon completion - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA - (This was Item 45 on Agenda of June 1, 2005, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2005-472)** - was presented.

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to thank the administration for working with his office on the item, that he had some questions and most all of them had been answered, that he wanted to be clear that when it came to art and issues like it, he was like the Mayor, he wanted more rather than less and sooner rather than later so he looked forward to working with Ms. Sellers on the project, that the community had been looking forward to it for quite some time and he just wanted to make sure that their issues and concerns were addressed.

A vote was called on Item No. 36. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2005-0773 ADOPTED.

37. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,278,601.51 and acceptance of work on contract with **HORSESHOE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods, GFS R-0266-11-3 (4257-27) - 02.72% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; B - GALLOWAY; C - GOLDBERG; D - EDWARDS; F - ELLIS; G - HOLM; H - GARCIA and I - ALVARADO - (This was Item 2 on Agenda of June 8, 2005, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GALLOWAY, KHAN, QUAN and GREEN)** - was presented.

Council Member Quan stated that they had some concerns regarding the MWBE

components of the item, that they had a discussion with the new construction manager and he admitted that they had made a misrepresentation to the City regarding why they did not meet the goal, but it was not that the minority contractors who were originally listed who were unwilling to reduce their fee because of rising fuel costs, it was just that there was no need to use them, that person had now been removed from the company and it was his understanding that a new letter was going to be sent to Ms. Velma Laws department explaining why they had not met the goal, that he appreciated their candor and at least acknowledging that they had not done what they said they had done, that he wanted them to know that they certainly monitored these things and expected the department to monitor them as well. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she also had some concerns and moved to postpone Item No. 37 for one week, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Holm and Berry absent. MOTION 2005-0496 ADOPTED.

38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Houston, Texas; **HARRIS COUNTY**, and **WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY** for the Creation of a Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council – **(This was Item 33 on Agenda of June 8, 2005, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS EDWARDS and LAWRENCE)** – was presented. Council Members Holm and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that the issue was that the advisory was important and very sensitive and he had been very respectful of that, that Council Member Edwards had raised some very important issues at the last Council Meeting and he would like to have clarity as to how the Council Committee and the Council Advisory would be able to work together, discuss information and hold public discussion in relation to it, that throughout the City, when he traveled, many people were curious and concerned and wanting to know how they were moving forward in relation to homeland security specifically, that he would appreciate the Mayor's support in helping to find clarity and process and roles of how both committees would consequently work together. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he appreciated Council Member Garcia bringing these concerns forward and thought it would be useful to have some clarification of roles and responsibilities, that he anticipated, although this began with the City and County, and the County wanted to be involved and in fact provided the funding out of County designated Homeland Security Funding, that the Mayor's of the cities particularly to the east of Houston had a keen interest in making sure they had adequate information on some highly specialized topics. Council Member Holm absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted thank Chief Storemski for trying to get her to understand how it was all working out, that it was going to be a work in progress for her because she still had some questions and she looked forward to working with him in the future. Council Member Holm absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she was real concerned about time commitment and how much they were taking away from their law enforcement already in place, the last thing she wanted to do was create another layer that their law enforcement had to go through to make decisions, that she would request that, every six months or a year, find out how much time was actually being asked of these gentlemen and also the attendance of the people on that board, that she wanted to make sure it was a passion for them because it was important that they did not just have that recognition and not have the input and if they were not really serious about homeland security that they resign from the board, and Mayor White stated that he was 100% about both of those.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she supported the creation and ongoing reinforcement of the Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council, it was an important piece of

the development of their homeland security network for the Houston region and the Mayor's choice of members seemed to be a very appropriate one, that she realized that it was a serious commitment and would request that everybody dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the imminent task at hand, the BRAC Commission and what their decision would ultimately be regarding the 147th Texas International Guard, that it would happen in July 2005. Council Members Galloway and Quan absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to commend the administration for bring the item forth and give recognition to Council Member Garcia, that she knew it was something that he had been working on for quite some time and knew his involvement certainly had a lot to do with where they were today and thanked him for his work.

A vote was called on Item No. 38. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Galloway absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0774 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **DELOITTE CONSULTING LLP** as assigned by **DELOITTE & TOUCHE** for Project Management of the Integrated Case Management System for Municipal Courts; allocating supplemental funds to such contract; containing provisions relating to the subject - \$200,000.00 - Municipal Courts Technology Fund – **(This was Item 35 on Agenda of June 8, 2005, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN and GREEN)** - was presented. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Green stated that he had gotten some questions from some of the parties involved and they may be under the impression that the MWBE goal did not continue with the allocation of additional funds and he wanted to stress that certainly it was just a continuation of the same contract and that the terms of the contract did not change.

Mayor White stated that was correct, and Mr. Lewis, by his body language, indicated that would be correct, as they would expect through extensions of the contract the other applicable terms of the contract would apply.

A vote was called on Item No. 39. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Galloway absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0775 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$300,000.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional environmental consulting services contracts between the City of Houston and **TERRACON, INC** - GFS D-0073-01; **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES, INC** - GFS D-0073-02; **GARNER & ASSOCIATES, INC** - GFS D-0073-03; **WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC** - GFS D-104; **HONESTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** - GFS I-0001-DB; and **TECHNOLOGY SERVING PEOPLE, INC** - GFS I-0002-DB; for Asbestos and Environmental Consulting Services; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund – **(This was Item 39 on Agenda of June 8, 2005, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELLIS and WISEMAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Galloway absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0776 ADOPTED.

41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC** for Water Resources Management Services \$250,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 42 on Agenda of June 8, 2005, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Galloway absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0777 ADOPTED.

Item received during the meeting.

15-1. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MEDTRONIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS, INC** for Automated External and Public Access Defibrillators for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years with one five-year option - \$743,408.00 - General, Grant, Enterprise and Other Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Galloway absent. ORDINANCE 2005-0778 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS -

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that it was an exciting two days that she spent in Washington, D. C. trying to encourage their congressional delegation and others to continue to support and fully fund the NASA Program, that it was a well received initiative and thought that the majority of the members that they met with, with the Citizens for Space Exploration, were very encouraged in their discussion of the mission for NASA and thought that people were understanding that it was vital that NASA continue to work towards exploring new worlds, developing a crew exploration vehicle and reestablishing a position on the moon and using it as a launching point to go on to Mars, that it was a great opportunity that also allowed her an opportunity to discuss the BRAC and the impending decision that it would have on the placement of the 147th International Guard, that Council Member Wiseman worked very hard on that regard as well. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to invite everyone to the Texas Gulf Coast United Way dedication ceremony at their new Center for Philanthropy and Leadership and Volunteerism, that it would be Thursday, June 16, 2005, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., located at 50 Waugh Drive, at the corner of Feagan and Waugh. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that the Houston Galveston Area Council and the Area Agency on Aging were having an Elder and Caregiver Support Service Seminar in Bay City, that it was an educational program that would tell people how to take care of elders in a good way, that it would be on June 18, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bay City Service Center at 2105 Avenue M in Bay City, that she would encourage everyone to take advantage of the program, if they were interested they could call 1-8877-747-1542. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Khan stated that the Cricket game was supposed to be this week but because many of the stars could not get their visas on time they had to postpone it for the month of August, 2005. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Khan stated that crime was a really major problem, whenever they went to a townhall meeting that was all anyone was talking about, that last night he was at two civic club homeowner meetings and that was all people were talking about, crime problems, that they were holding a meeting of the business owners and some church groups this afternoon at a restaurant on Hillcroft to address the issue of prostitution in that area, that he knew HPD had done a very good job and the vice squad had arrested about 200 people in the last few months but the problem was still there so they really needed to put some focus on that issue. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Khan stated that there was a waterline contract in southwest Houston, the contractor is CTI, on Dunlavy Street parallel to Hillcroft and the contract had tremendous problems, the contractor was way behind schedule, they did not pay attention to what was going on and the Public Works Department was fully aware of it, that the residents were really frustrated and many of the people had their driveways dug up and it was not replaced for over a month and the contractor was blaming it on a shortage of cement for the delay of the contract, that they had come up with a new schedule and it called for completion by September 30, 2005

and the Public Works Department was working diligently with them, but the point he was raising if there was any way they could look at the past history of a contractor before they awarded them new contracts. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Mayor White stated yes, that it had been asked a couple of times, that on this contract in particular there were some guidelines that they had, that he did not know all the facts of the case, but if somebody did tear up the driveways of people and then gave as a lame excuse the fact of their own incompetence in securing the inventory of cement, that the State statute says lowest responsible bidder and responsible did not mean that they tear up the people's driveway, and then someone did not order the cement and did not know when it was going to be delivered, that if the facts were that they tore up citizens driveways and had not secured their inventory of cement then there ought to be some period of time when they were not on the list for being responsible bidders. Council Member Khan stated that Public Works Department, who worked with the contractors on a regular basis, should come up with a very objective way of screening out the good ones from the bad ones, that they should be looking at their past history because that was what their expertise was. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Khan stated that there were some residents willing to work with the Parks Department and they had identified a 4.5 acre piece of land which was owned by a neighborhood group, it was owned by the subdivision, and they wanted to donate it to the City to see if it could be acquired as a pocket park, so he would be talking to Mr. Turner, the Director of the Parks Department and he would appreciate if Mayor White would look into it also. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues for their support on the item for SEARCH. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Quan stated that they would be having their next Neighborhood Housing and Redevelopment Committee meeting next Tuesday and there were several items of interest that he thought Council Members would want to know about, the land bank for instance, they passed an ordinance last week for 1,400 lots that would go to a land bank, what they would do from there, he thought, was a very important step and Mr. Tinnermon would be addressing that issue; that they would also be looking at a proposed ordinance that ACORN had asked them to consider dealing with City priorities for community development funds, as well as development funds in the future; that also they would have an action plan on how they would really go about implementing a number of steps to accommodate affordable housing in the City of Houston, that he encouraged Council Members to attend, especially those on the committee. Council Members Galloway, Khan and Ellis absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Juneteenth, which was coming up this weekend, that there were celebrations all over the City, most notable at Miller Outdoor Theater and Acres Home. Council Members Galloway, Khan and Ellis absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to wish Mayor White a Happy Birthday. Council Members Khan and Ellis absent.

Council Member Berry stated that they had some individuals come down and make some very strong statements with regard to the Houston Police Department, that it concerned him a great deal when the protesters came down and he had some conversations with some of them but some of those individuals were professional protesters and that was not to say that there was not anything wrong with protests in and of itself, but those individuals were very good at knowing what to do to make the media cycle and his point was that if they wanted to criticize Halliburton or KBR or George Bush or the war in IRAQ, that was fine, but when they suggested that the police officers were outlaws, thugs and bullies, then he had to draw the line because it either better be true or they should not say it, so he committed to reading the packet and looking at the website of the protesters and he had to say he was a little nonplused with their

arguments, there were some situations where officers were going into crowds and he was sure the Mayor had seen that, but regardless of what they may think about the merit of their protest and the virtue of First Amendment rights they made some statements with regard to the Police Department, which he did not think were true, that he looked at the their information and more importantly the report that the Mayor commissioned, that he looked at both of the news reports and neither of them suggested that the Police Department was in any way out of line or that the Police Department had any way gone up and beyond what they were supposed to do, but if they were to give an credence to the report it said it should be noted that the Houston Police officers working the disruptive and sometimes violent protest showed remarkable restraint and professionalism in handling the crowd control duties, that the officers had not only received basic SRG training but had also attended a 16 hour CDT training class and an additional 8 hour training session each year with their required 24 hours of annual SRG training, during each quarter members of the mounted patrol officers worked together in each SRG basic class and CDT class, that it was noted in the report that some of the protesters began throwing barricades into the roadway and that there were things done to the horses, that the Mayor asked for a response from the Internal Department and the response said that the officers did what they were supposed to do, were well trained and followed orders, that he thought it was their obligation to say, as a governing body, that they either stood by that report or they did not, and Mayor White stated that the report speaks for itself, and in general whether it be an organization on the right or left or it be a small business or major corporations, there ought to be the right of people to have free entry and exit to a building to assemble to hold a meeting, that if it was some other organization or business they would protect the right to people to get in an out of the building in order to have a lawful and peaceful meeting. Council Members Khan and Ellis absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he understood that Mayor White had formed some subcommittees with the Planning Commission and they were supposed to meet monthly and go over some of the items that came to the Regulatory Affairs Committee, Regulations Planning and Development and he did not know how long it was going to take for the subcommittees to work through the issues, but it seemed like it was going to take a rather long amount of time and they were not going to be able to wait and would have to proceed, that they would put the agenda items up, whether the subcommittees were through with them or not, they also had not seen plans for below market leases and that had been waiting for a year and a half and there were a lot of other items that seemed to be taking a long time, that they had been waiting for a change in the ordinance regarding the Medical Center, right now every time a building was built there were a minimum number of parking spaces that were required they needed to change that to a maximum number to alleviate some of the traffic problems, that they were just not getting the responses from the Planning Department that they needed and he hoped the administration would take a look at that; that the next committee meeting for Regulations, Planning and Development would be on Monday, June 20, 2005. Mayor White and Council Members Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Council Member Goldberg stated that Night Court tickets were on sale at the Hobby Center, starting tonight through Saturday. Mayor White and Council Members Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to piggyback on some comments made by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs with respect to the NASA group grassroots lobbying group, which was taking place in Washington, D. C., she did have the opportunity to join in on the effort on Monday and Tuesday and they were well received, and she did make sure to share with them the support that the Mayor had publicly expressed for NASA and the Clear Lake Community as they tried to maintain the level of funding for that project; that she also had the opportunity to visit with Senator Rick Santorn to discuss NASA issues and wanted to share that he had such glowing praise for the TSU President, Dr. Priscilla Slade. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to congratulate the Kingwood Mustang's Baseball Team, that they were the new 5A State Champions, that they were very excited, that as they knew the basketball team also won State and the boys swim team and girls cross country were also State title holders, that they were very proud of the accomplishments that they made. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to give a big thanks to the Director of the Houston Visitors Center, Ms. Jerri Enow, for her fantastic support and contribution to the Summer Page Program children, they were very excited about that, that she went out of her way to welcome them and gave them an opportunity to see what the center was all about, that they were very excited about the response that they received for citywide participation in the program. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that last night a young man was killed at one of the parks and asked a moment of silence for the family of the young man, that she wanted to compliment Mr. Turner, Director, Parks Department, for his efforts, he had a press conference this morning, the young man was playing on the soccer goal and it accidentally toppled over, that she talked to the mother this morning and the family did not have any funds in order to have a funeral service for the young man and to bury him, that she had set up a trust fund for her son who was 11 years old and if anyone would like to contact her office to give any type of assistance for the family they could call 713-247-2009, that it would be most appreciative. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Galloway stated that last week they passed the Crane Inglewood Drainage Project and she was very excited, that it would eliminate some of the flooding in District B, that it was one of the many projects that was on the books and they had others pending. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Galloway stated that she received a memo and maybe they needed to do some training on procedures, that in the Public Safety Committee meeting a resolution was passed and it was something that a committee could not do, they could recommend a resolution, so she hoped that her colleagues would really study some of the rules as to what Council committees could do and what they could not do and the procedures for doing those. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Galloway stated that permitting that she had been trying to get resolved as it related to the excavation on some property, she finished talking to Mr. Nelson because she had been dealing with the issue since May 27, 2005, that she was making him aware that she would be bringing it up before City Council about the situation, that he promised he would have a resolution for her right away so she would not go into the particulars at this time. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Galloway stated that they were experiencing a crime spree in the Pleasantville Community, a young man was killed, several ladies were shot and they had a drive-by shooting in the community, that she wanted to have a crime prevention and safety meeting with Chief Hurtt, the gang task force person and someone from the Mayor's office to have some type of meeting for the residents in the Pleasantville Community very soon because what she was hearing was that it was going to escalate and she did not want that to happen, that she wanted the community to be aware of the measures they could take in order to prevent that, that she wanted the meeting set up right away for the community because she did not want

another life lost. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that he would ask the HPD representative, that he thought the Council Member's judgment on it was wise, that they should follow up on that. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Gary Bridges for his promptness and response to persons who were building without building permits on weekends, that she could pass properties during the weekends and on she could see it on a Friday evening and by Monday morning they almost had a whole house built and ready to move in, that was how fast some of the building was going on in her district, it was illegal, that she would like to encourage the Mayor to put into place some type of staff, maybe on overtime, to drive through the older communities and monitor the situation because they did have a lot of building start on Friday evening and finish by Monday morning with no permits, that she thought they were losing a lot of revenue, that when she notifies Mr. Bridges he has inspectors at those properties in about 30 to 45 minutes and she wanted to complement him on his quick action. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she was glad Council Member Galloway brought up the resolution in Public Safety, that she had been chair of committees for two sessions now and she had never seen a rule or policy for a committee so if there was such an instrument she would like to see it so she was aware of what was going on. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Jack Sakolosky and her staff, they had a very instructive community meeting last night regarding a cul-de-sac that the community did not want open and there were new schools, that those kind of meetings they had been doing for the last year and Mr. Sakolosky was kind of thrown in the mix and he was very supportive and instrumental in getting the meeting to a new plateau so they could move forward, that she wanted to thank Mr. Joe Hurd and the Windsor Village Civic Club for their vigilance and being mindful of what was going on in their community. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that to the whole team of Public Works, they had really been trying to push hard for 311 to become the eyes and ears for fill being put on properties, that Mr. Bobby Oates was very responsive, that there were 100 truckloads of fill on a property in Council Member Lawrence's district in the flood plain that they had already unloaded, that they got a call on 311 from one of the citizens who had been aware of what they were doing and Mr. Oates went out there and it had been taken care of, that those were the kind of eyes and ears they needed in the community and the partnerships to make sure that it worked and that they were all responsible members in the community. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that there would be a very important meeting on June 21, 2005 at the Judson Robinson Community Center at 6:30 p.m., that it would be a status meeting on the South Central YMCA, they were moving and wanted to discuss the sites that they had located and have the community's input as to where it was going. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that on June 25, 2005 they would have their community cleanup at the Alameda Plaza and Hiram Clarke area so if anyone wanted to help them with that

to call 713-247-2001; that the Houston Comets and the Houston Public Library were going to host Houston Public Library Day at the Comets game on Saturday, June 25, 2005 at 1:30 p.m., that they could get discount tickets at any Houston Public Library Branch, that it was a national effort to deal with illiteracy; that she wanted to thank Mayor White for responding to her request for monthly meetings on the Houston HOPE Project, that she thought it would be very instrumental in keeping both the community and the City Council abreast of what was going on and how they were moving forward; that Mayor White would be participating this weekend in the celebrity basketball game at TSU. Council Members Lawrence, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to acknowledge Mr. Richard Perez, that last night he was honored at Jeff Davis High School as the Alumni of the Year, that Mr. Perez was from the class of 1965, that he wanted to send congratulations and well deserved recognition. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that this Saturday he was following up on some neighborhood cleanups that they were doing and there was one location in Independence Heights that they were looking at, it was a location on a dead end street that had been a point of concern for an elderly lady where there had been illegal dumping occurring, coupled with prostitution activity, that he sent his staff to deal with it and as he was standing there looking at it and talking with his staff he noticed that he was standing on some pretty nice blacktop and asked for a report on how that occurred, that it was on the 900 Block of E. 37th, that he would appreciate some information on that. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that she had been reading the Texas Municipal Leagues Legislative Wrap-up and noticed there were about four pieces of legislation passed regarding increasing Municipal Courts Fines and Fees and what most of the public did not realize was that the City did not get all of the money, a significant portion went to the State, that she hoped they could get from Ms. Ann Travis a breakdown on the increases and then to highlight how much of that actually came back to the City and how much was sent to the State. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that she saw that Texas Petro Chem signed an agreement with TCEQ and while she thought it was a good start she knew that Mayor White had been working with them to get an agreement with the City, that she would have preferred to see them reach an agreement with the City because some of the things that Mayor White had been asking to agree to were a lot more stringent and a lot more specific and detailed, that she hoped they would continue in a good faith effort to negotiate with the Mayor and his staff, that she hoped the City could be involved in some of the things that TPC agreed to do, one of the things they mentioned was a real time monitor at Milby Park, that they would agree on the trigger level on what would trigger the monitor and she was hoping the City of Houston could be involved in studying the trigger concentration. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that he thought that the whole issue of environmental compliance, a corporation, whether incorporated in Texas or Delaware, was legally recognized as a person and had no more rights than any other person, including a resident, when most of the things that the City did like this, they had public hearings and a public discussion, and one thing that he had asked Ms. Marks to consider was to have all types of people, Health Scientists, representatives of the company's, TECQ and the City personnel and they ought to have a hearing, that he sent a letter to Texas Petro Chemicals where they wanted to make sure that an agreement contained

all the essential elements. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to recognize a young man who was volunteering in their office, Mr. Kyle Attwater, who was 13 years old and a student at Lavell Middle School, that his mother, Ms. Terri Attwater, worked in Public Works at Utility Maintenance. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Quan, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 11:47 a.m. the City Council recessed until 1:30 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 1:45 p.m. the City Council reconvened for the public hearing. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

HEARINGS - 1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Mayor White requested the City Secretary to call the public speakers.

Ms. Tammy Rodriguez, 61111 Glenmont, no. 21, Houston, Texas 799 (713-933-5625) appeared and stated that she was the President of the Super Neighborhood Council for the Gultton area and once again they were wanting to see if there was a way possible that the area receive a library of some sort, that she had brought some things to light, the kids, basically in that area, were pedestrian oriented, there was not very much mobility in the Gultton area so they were wanting to address a library which was in walking distance for the children in that area, that after getting some information about the breakdown of every school in that area they had 10,600 children that were registered in that community and she thought that was quite a bit and that was not including the students that were being transferred out, and her child was one of them, because there were not enough school classes available to tend to those, so that was approximately 230 children that were bused out to the Bellaire area, so that was not including that number, that she wanted for them to take into consideration that in that area, as they knew, they had a very high need for children having something to do after school, having a library in that area was one of their main concerns in that area for them to concentrate on bettering the education of children in that area and hopefully bringing down some of the gang activity if they could get them to concentrate on education instead of the other resources that they would have in that area. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Rodriguez for being present and for being an advocate for her neighborhood, that her community was previously promised a library and asked what happened, and Ms. Rodriguez stated that yes they were promised a library but it was denied, that they had asked for it for the past four years and it had been denied every year, and Council Member Quan stated that as she knew they were building a new multi-service center in that area and originally the idea was that the service center would host a library as well but they ran out of space, that his budget amendment, 2.2, would ask that they build an "E" library to at least address the need of the library, that the Library Department had been looking at an "E" library for a long time, they had not built an "E" library anywhere in the City before, that as they knew the way libraries were evolving it was not so much books anymore but electronics and the internet and the more students were familiar with that the better they were, that he had talked with Mr. Issah Dadoush, Director, Building Services, and they could add 6,000 square feet, which would be sufficient to house that library and Mr. Wilson,

Director, Housing and Community Development Department, indicated that they would have some funds that could possibly fund that, that Council Member Ellis was familiar with that. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that when he first took office and represented District F it was something that Council Member Driscoll had talked about, building a library in the Gulfton area and it was cost prohibited at the time and they were renovating Walter Branch Library, at Fondren and Clarewood, and because of Ms. Rodriguez being vocal, and they appreciated her efforts, they looked at building a library in the multi-service center, that they pulled down a basketball court to have a library, that everything seemed to be running along smoothly and it was Ms. Barbara Gubbin, former Director, Library Department, who stepped in and changed the design, that it was at the Southwest Multi Service Center, that he thought it was something that they needed to address, that when Walter Branch Library was closed down for renovation he had a district office in the Sharpstown Mall and they set up a satellite library at that location where children could come in three days a week and check out books and so forth, that he thought the past director for the Library was more about telling them why she could not get things done as opposed to giving them reasons why she could accomplish the task before her, that he was really encouraged about the new director's attitude and approach to how she was running the library, that he would be in favor of Council Member Quan budget amendment to move forward with the multi-service center and also include a library in that location. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if the multi-service center was going to come to light in October 2005 and asked if that still stood, the Southwest Multi Service Center, and Mayor White stated that the contract to build the center was going to come to Council next week, but because they had a generic design for the "E" library they told them it was going to cost millions of dollars to put a library in there, which he thought was high, so he sent them back to the drawing boards a couple of times using the generic design for the "E" library, and asked who funded that design, and Council Member Quan stated the American Institute of Architects did a competition along with the library to come up with that design, and Mayor White stated that he gave some direction within the last two days to go back and tell him why they could not do the "E" library, that he thought they could put it in the design, that he did not want them to do it by change order, that he wanted them to tell him how long it would take to do it by Fast Track, and to hold up before submitting it to Council next week so it would be in the design, that the Director knew about it because it was a decision they made in the last two days, and Mayor White stated that all the work that had been done, by Council Member Khan in particular and Council Member Ellis before that and Council Member Quan, was coming to fruition and they were changing the library design. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she was glad to see that they were thinking along the lines of partnering with the multi-service center and the library and hoped that they would continue to do that, that she thought it was a great concept and hoped they would keep that in mind as they moved forward. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Mayor White asked where they put the oversight of libraries, and Council Member Quan stated it was in the Quality of Life Committee, and Mayor White stated that one issue that came up, as they did more "E" libraries, they were in big demands, and library rank and file employees said they were going to have to have different roles and workforce in the City Library system, and what should their policy be and what should the role of library staff be concerning the games on the computers, what should their responsibility be, it was something that he had challenged the Library Assistant Director with. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that the South Post Multi-Service Center would be

housing the Vincent Library, they were building it into that building and Building Services was over that design so Mr. Dadoush had been working very close with, that it would give more use to the center as well as the library because it gave the opportunity to merge those two institutions. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she agreed with them, that their multi purpose centers should have some concepts with libraries and by the same token libraries they were building today had a multi-center component to it, and Ms. Toni Lambert was receptive and so into the future, that she thought they had great opportunities to move forward. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Ms. Barbara McCormick 12119 Boheme, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-464-8802) appeared and stated that there had been some interesting happenings in Austin in the last 6 months and she had before them a preliminary report from Children at Risk about some of the legislation impacting children that they worked on, they did not have any significant gains from the Legislature but they had a few small victories and she thought probably the largest failure they had was the inability to get more funding to fund children for CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the funding allowed very little money, she thought there was \$12 million to get them back up to the 2003 level and for new population growth for enrollments and that would have taken about \$92 million, so they could see the gap, that certainly that would continue to put pressure on the City clinics, that she would say that Dental, Vision and Mental Health Services were restored to CHIP children this session so that would alleviate some of the pressure for clinics, that they did get the prevention program, keeping children out of juvenile probation and in school, they got those back to the 2003 level, the SCAR, Services for Children at Risk Program and the Community Youth Development Program, which they knew, worked to really keep kids out of gangs, in school, start before the problem really starts, some victories, that as they knew, Children at Risk was a local advocacy organization for Harris County Children and they based all of their advocacy and community education on growing up in Houston, that she was going to deliver the 2004 version but her colleague was ill but they would be sure to get them to the Council Members offices as a basis as they looked at the budget for child health, that while she had not had much time to study the City budget, yes the budget was up slightly for the Health and Human Services Division for 2006, but it was \$5 million down from where it was in 2002, that times were hard and she thought there were some real significant increases in the budget but overall they continued to lose in Health and Human Services, that she really appreciated the opportunity to have community input, the surveys that went all across the City asking what their priorities were, she understood, they came back that child health was very high and she saw that reflected and was very pleased about that in terms of the budget, she was certainly very supportive about the increases for the immunization program for the women's and children's health, a big boost, almost three times, that she hoped they would all support that for the women and children program. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to thank Ms. McCormick for being present, that she mentioned the City's Health Department Budget and that was where much of the child oriented services that they provided were located, that it was her reading of the budget that they were going to be losing money in the Health Department Budget, not only was it \$5 million less from 2002, but it was significantly on a downward trend since 1994 and they continued to see a shrinkage in that Health Department Budget, that she did not know any way to say it was a positive thing, there were 51 fulltime employees who targeted for permanent elimination, those were services that they would no longer be providing, that maybe some of that would come with some enhanced efficiencies but if they looked at the services they delivered, whether it was examining infants, pregnant women or taking care of individuals who had diseases, they were down almost by 60 to 70% from 10 years ago, there was no way to candy coat that, that she did not think they should be hesitant about addressing that and asking the Council to restore the funds that they needed for some of those positions, that in going through the budget she had been able to find about \$850,000 that was left in the City Health

Department Budget after 2005 and had asked to have that money put back into the Health Department for next year, that she would like to ask Ms. McCormick's help with that because she knew Ms. McCormick had a lot of outreach into the community to let people know it was an opportunity for them to point out to the Mayor and the administration that those services were tremendously important, that they were also facing notice that Saint Joseph Hospital was on the block for sale, that their emergency room had turned into a primary care center, so if the City was cutting back and they had Saint Joseph possibly going away, they were heading for a serious crisis. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Ms. McCormick stated that they certainly had the support of Children at Risk and child advocates across the City, that while tuberculosis services had a slight increase she saw that the expectation, the goal was down and the decrease in tuberculosis cases for Houston's children had been one of their positive trends over the past 12 years, that on the performance review it consistently said that they had 85% of their 2 year olds immunized, she would like to know where that came from because she thought it was very high because their percent for 3 year olds was much lower than that, that their air quality inspections number was down, and also taking the cut for the West End Health Clinic, because of the federally qualified health clinic going in there, but that would be a while and she did not see that money distributed among the other health clinics, that she would have liked to see the clinic money stay in the public health clinics. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she had a meeting with some primary care givers in her district, that her concern with the children in the district were, hypertension, that they were finding in alarming rates for children from ages 9 to 15, Diabetes, Obesity and children with disabilities, so a lot of her budget amendments were geared around those and keeping that money and infusing that money, that if they had children with high blood pressure starting at age 9 they would not have enough kidney machines in 10, 15 or 20 years for all of the people they were ignoring, that she was trying to structure that through the after school program but they did a lot of cutting but she would like to see those after school programs deal more with nutrition or add nutrition components or physical activities in there and asked Ms. McCormick if they had done any work on how they could get their hands around those particular epidemics for children, and Ms. McCormick stated that they had begun to track obesity so they could see the rate in the new book, her comment was that the City did well child checkups, as they well knew, but that was for small children and not school age children, so they had to catch the school age children and those were the children that were also being cut from CHIP services as well, and Council Member Edwards stated that the thing with hypertension, obesity and Diabetes, those were all primarily kind of preventable if they could get in front of it so she would like Ms. McCormick's support in trying to get those amendments, especially the after school programs and the issue with children with disabilities, they had little to none activities, so Mr. Turner was looking at that with Parks and Recreation as to how they could utilize the pools and so forth, that she would like to sit and talk with Ms. McCormick as to how they could attack it systematically. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he knew the City had discontinued the DARE Program, PAL Program and asked Ms. McCormick if she had done an evaluation of their after school programs and noted that Council Member Goldberg had introduced an amendment to provide more funds for after school, and Ms. McCormick stated that they had been following them and knew about the reorganization and the move, that she was having a little difficulty finding the funding trail in the budget for the After School Program, that she thought she had seen a good effort to answer some of the concerns, that she actually was a volunteer reviewer for a small number of proposals and the proposals she saw certainly were following the criteria, that there was no question about dollars saved when they compared it to juvenile justice cost at \$50,000 per year for kids, and Council Member Quan stated that if McCormick would keep auditing or reviewing how the program was coming along and give them feedback he would appreciate it. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that Ms. Sheria McKenzie and the Board of the City and County Commission on Children, who originally conceived of the After School Program, had been given some citizen oversight responsibility, that he wanted to let them know that the level of oversight and attention given to the topic and the funding had not decreased year to year, he knew that was something that he said he would not allow to happen and thought the numbers on the CDBG Consolidated Plan would reflect that and Mr. Milton Wilson and people in his department could assist in doing what Ms. McCormick said in following the funding trail. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that ask Council Member Edwards stated one of the things, as they moved forward with libraries, after school and everything, was the expansion of their roles, that when they first developed a lot of these programs they basically were for after school care, that she now it really was a City role to be looking at it to see how they would use it as a resource to incorporate some of those things within the program. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

There being no more speakers who had previously reserved time to speak, Mayor White asked if there were any other speakers in the audience who wished to be heard and there being none the Budget Hearing was completed. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 2:16 p.m. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Khan, Garcia and Berry absent.

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Anna Russell, City Secretary