

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 7, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2006, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell and Michael Berry; Ms. Connie Acosta, Division Chief, Labor Division, Legal Department; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; present. Council Member Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D. absent on city business. Council Member Ronald C. Green absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Clutterbuck who invited Ms. Jamie Brewster and those with the Houston Intown Chamber of Commerce to the podium and Ms. Brewster stated that the Houston Intown Chamber of Commerce was to provide leadership within the Loop and they were committed to that goal representing over 300 businesses covering nine zip codes; that their key issues were transportation, education, infrastructure, beautification and law enforcement; and today was present to present the Mayor and Council Members honorary memberships. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Council Member Brown congratulated Council Member Clutterbuck and the Intown Chamber of Commerce on their marvelous works. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards invited Ms. Neuhaus and those present with Jack Yates Senior High School to the podium and stated that it was the school's 80th anniversary; and presented them a Proclamation recognizing all their good work and their countless graduates; and proclaimed February 7, 2006, as "Jack Yates Senior High School Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia invited Ms. Betty Herrera with Sam Houston High School to the podium and presented her a Certificate of Recognition recognizing the Sam Houston High School Student Council and the Future Leaders of Tomorrow.

At 2:26 p.m. Mayor White called on Council Member Garcia who invited Father Oscar Cantu and Associate Pastor Gerald Goodrum with Holy Name Catholic Church to the podium and they led all in the prayer and Council Member Garcia led in the pledge.

At 2:27 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Member Green absent.

Council Members Khan and Garcia moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Member Green absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Edwards moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Johathan Howard, Miss Magalyn Lewis and Mr. Michael McGrath after Ms. Cloydia Garrett for two minutes, seconded by Council Member Berry. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Member Green absent. MOTION 2005-0111 ADOPTED

Council Member Garcia moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of maintaining Ms. Michelle Colvard at the top of the three minute Non-Agenda speakers, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Member Green absent. MOTION 2005-0112 ADOPTED

Mr. George Corse, 1500 W. Loop North #140, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-250-0577) relinquished his time to Mr. Robert Brown.

Council Member Khan moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Mr. Robert Brown to speak in place of Mr. George Corse, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Member Green absent. MOTION 2005-0113 ADOPTED

Mr. Robert Brown appeared and stated that he was executive vice president of A T Securities System, Inc., based in Phoenix, Arizona, and they had been in security management business for about 50 years and present in the greater Houston community for about seven years and today was present to express concerns with the evaluation process and recommendations for the security management firm for the Houston Airport System; that after events of September 11th the face of private security changed in this country and they had been actively involved in providing security for category X and Category One airports since September 11, 2001, and very few companies in the United States could supply that type of service and expertise and they supplied it for the fifth busiest airport in the country, a Category X, with over 600,000 aircraft operations a year, a Category X was the largest type of airport in the country and deemed that way due to enplanements, international travel and threats.

Council Member Berry stated that Council did not choose the company but approved the process; that when Mr. Brown suggested the process was inappropriate he hoped he did not mean his company did not get chosen, but if it was for unethical reasons, etc., he would like to know; and Mr. Brown stated that they looked at the recommendation and the recommended company and there was some concern and he had to go back to the evaluation process; and Council Member Berry stated that if he would present him anything showing the process was unfair he would be happy to review it.

Council Member Khan stated that all Council Members would be interested if they had a reason why the process was flawed; that he knew he was a well qualified firm, all who participated had to be qualified to begin with; and upon questions, Mr. Brown stated that they were qualified under the TSA qualified vendor list; and based on public information it was difficult to voice a specific opinion as to whether the process was fair, but once more information was available they would probably come back with more specifics and would put concerns in writing. Council Member Edwards absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Garcia, Mr. Brown stated that one opinion was there was a mandatory pre-proposal meeting and there was concern not all individuals were there. Council Members Lawrence and Edwards absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she would speak more on this tomorrow, but did understand his frustration; that she did not think he was questioning the capability of the award winning person, but the process the airport system went through and in asking questions, the group who won it did have the criteria and was a solid firm, but the way they had been treated and the way the Airport System handled this was of an extreme detriment to the citizens of the City of Houston as well as those who bid; that to bring it to Council a week before the expiration of a contract knowing full well questions would be asked and the winning person now still had to go through a long process and the Airport System was fully aware of what was needed before it was implemented and it was costly, inefficient, and unfair to the citizens. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Mr. Joe Jordan, P. O. Box 640, Kemah, Texas 77565 (713-680-3181) appeared and stated that he was president of the Limousine Association of Houston and he was present as their association was in favor of the temporary drivers license for out of town drivers; that they would like to see it codified so when other events came they would not need all the extras to get them permits; that they were also concerned with drivers getting lost and for taxicab drivers the

city had a written test for knowledge of Houston and they would be in favor of limousine drivers taking the same type test; and they were grateful for the city helping with the traffic around the Toyota Center with the circular traffic patterns. Council Members Lawrence, Edwards and Garcia absent.

Mayor White stated that he appreciated Mr. Jordan appearing and was glad they were able to respond quickly. Council Members Lawrence, Edwards and Garcia absent.

Miss Cloydia Garrett, 3703 Sampson, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-749-8840) appeared and stated that she was Student Council President at Jack Yates High School and today they were honoring the Mayor and Council by making them official mighty Jack Yates Lions and read from a list of notable individuals who had attended Yates High School. Council Members Garcia and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Berry stated that if another Council Member did not steel her first he would like her to intern in his office after her first year of college. Council Members Garcia and Alvarado absent.

Mr. Jonathan Howard, 3403 Arbor, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-529-2027) appeared and stated that he was present to thank the Mayor and Council for their foresight and commitment for their future by making education the epicenter of their visions to improve the quality of life in Houston; that strong schools equaled strong neighborhoods and strong neighborhoods equaled a strong Houston, but when neighborhood schools were underserved and under funded the immediate impact was a decline in the quality of life for all Houstonians and too often parents needed to look beyond their neighborhood for a properly funded and resourced school; and because of the wisdom, courage and leadership of this administration the future of Houston's children had just gotten brighter; and he thanked them. Council Members Garcia and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Holm stated that Mr. Howard was one bright young man and they were behind him and together would make a difference. Council Members Garcia and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Edwards thanked Mr. Howard for his words and upon questions, Mr. Howard stated that he lived and went to school in Third Ward; and his suggestion would be improved conditions at the school as it was antiquated; that they also needed modern computers; and Council Member Edwards asked Ms. Howard, Jonathan's mother, who worked in the City's Legal Department to stand to be recognized. Council Members Garcia and Alvarado absent.

Miss Magalyn Lewis, 3703 Sampson, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-748-5400) appeared and stated that she was from New Orleans, Louisiana, and in the Bible was a parable which talked about being a neighbor and today she was present as she had a proclamation of her own; that Los Angeles was known as the City of Angels and Philadelphia was the City of Brotherly Love and whereas this city put out love and kindness to her family and tens of thousands of others; today she proclaimed Houston as the "City of Good Samaritans". Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Mayor White thanked Miss Lewis and stated that meant a lot to him and he thought to all present; and upon questions, Miss Lewis stated that she had not read Martin Luther King's Sermon on the Good Samaritan; and Mayor White stated that it was his favorite sermon of all time; that the words "Good Samaritan" always meant something good and different to him and he would get a copy to her teacher. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Mr. Michael McGrath, 6646 Meadow Lawn, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-488-5963) appeared and presented information from which he read telling the story of Rev. John Henry

(Jack) Yates from which their school was named, and who was one of the most prominent, religious and civic leaders in Houston after the Civil War. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that from listening to the students today he felt confident the future of America was in great hands because of people like him. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that history was not just about people who had gone before them, they were making history too; that their presence, what they were doing at Jack Yates today would be remembered by someone 20 years from now and they should appreciate and know that. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Ms. Michelle Colvard, 6549 Bayou Glen, Houston, Texas 77057 (832-824-4651) appeared and stated that on behalf of the Houston Commission on Disabilities she wanted to acknowledge and thank the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for all efforts they made in insuring parks were accessible and user friendly for those with disabilities; that there was an obesity epidemic in the U. S. and the cost associated with the epidemic were astronomical and continued to rise yearly; that Mayor White launched a get moving Houston initiative and with her being a member of the Mayor's Wellness Council and her having a Masters in public health she was aware people with disabilities were disproportionately affected by obesity and health problems which arose from it; that one problem was the environment was inaccessible for them to exercise and maintain a healthy weight and the Houston Commission on Disabilities made it a goal to help promote health of those with disabilities; that Parks Director Joe Turner and Deputy Director Doug Earle and the entire team was receptive and she was happy to announce they had gone beyond what was legally required under the Disabilities Act to make sure park services were able to be used; and she thanked them for all they were doing. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mayor White thanked Ms. Colvard for her role on the Commission on Disabilities. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm thanked Ms. Colvard for coming and sharing her experience and helping. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Alvarado thanked Ms. Colvard for coming and making sure the city addressed concerns of disabilities in the community and suggested that perhaps the Wellness Council could be inclusive with the community; and Mayor White asked Ms. Colvard to address that issue; and Ms. Colvard stated that she served on the Mayor's Wellness Council and was representing people with disabilities and all the members had worked well to provide more services. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards thanked Ms. Colvard for her work and presentation and stated that they had been speaking with Parks to see if they could get one day a week devoted to people with disabilities at all parks, pools, etc., so there would not be such a long waiting list at a West Gray; and upon questions, Ms. Colvard stated that the Parks Department was working with that facility to help improve services and changes were in the works; and Council Member Edwards stated that she would like to speak further with her. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that Council Member Edwards had raised the issue with him about six months ago and immediately he spoke with Director Turner and he convened a staff and they were looking at West Gray being used and over used and were looking at expanding that use at other sites; that Director Turner, Doug Earle and Gail Brown were involved in it and they had conceived a fund raising plan to supplement public resources; and Fonde would soon be compatible with wheelchair capabilities; and Ms. Colvard stated that they were holding their

second health and town hall meeting on April 27, 2006, and hoped the Mayor and Council would be attending.. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Jamie Brewster, 1712 Kipling, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-524-8000) appeared and spoke previously during presentations. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mr. James P. Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mr. Willis Taborn, 6139 Belarbor, Houston, Texas 77033 (281-222-8601) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mr. John Juanopulas, 2207 Eastex Freeway, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-227-5207) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

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 Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Dorothy Olmos, 102 Funstan, Houston, Texas 77012 (282-636-1058) appeared, presented information and stated that she was again present to present a concern for residents of Pineview Place Addition, a petition was drawn up with over 100 residents regarding the construction going on, the CIP project, and traffic accidents were at the turning of Harrisburg to Pineview and the construction was narrowed down and that was the concern and they would like modification at that entrance; that with the narrowing of one of the streets it caused a lot of conflict and congestion backing up on Harrisburg; that she also wanted to mention when the construction design was being done not all residents were informed so there was not a lot of voicing concerns; that she had spoken with Mr. Norman and he hoped they could have a resolution in the next couple of days and she would like Council Member Alvarado to help them; and would like to be allowed to give the rest of her time to another concerned citizen.. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that there was no quorum present and with no objection they would allow her to speak. Maria stated that she was also representing citizens from Pineview; that it was a great concern and if they would go park for about 15 minutes they would see the problems. Council Members Johnson, Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Alvarado thanked Ms. Olmos for bringing the problem to Council's attention; and stated that she was familiar with the project and when it started her office sent a letter to all residents in the neighborhood describing the project and letting them know what it consisted of; and Ms. Olmos stated that she had a copy of the petition to present to her; and Council Member Alvarado stated that the project was supposed to be completed in 60 days so any changes would delay the project and add to the cost; and Ms. Olmos stated that what they wanted was minor and she thought with an adjustment it could be worked out and Mr. Norman was putting together a meeting. Council Members Johnson, Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Alice Craft, 1706 McDaniel, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-691-5805) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mr. Phil KUNETKA, 601 N. Shepherd #330, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-869-1976) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Terry Thompson, 1010 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-942-4541) appeared, presented information for Mayor White and stated that she was present with suggestions and gratitude; that she thanked them for the METRO rail but it should be expanded; that screening the drains would keep the debris out; get inmates to separate items in the landfill and recycle it and put it into compost, etc., she would also like codes and laws enforced; that she was survivor of a rape because of an abandoned vehicle and she would like those taken care of; that she would also suggest police and fire have more employees and raises; that she was also a survivor of drugs and alcohol and hoped to make a difference; and thanked all for support of the hurricane victims. Council Members Edwards, Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-453-6376) appeared and stated that he was the first Black American President and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Senator 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 Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Alice Jones, 3722 Simsbrook, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-413-2327) appeared and stated that she was present again because the city inspected her roof on February 1, 2006, and it was the roof that created the problem; that she was trying to have it fixed and they said they would fix it, but no one was talking about tearing down the walls and in the mold report it said the walls needed to be torn down because of the mold in there; that no one was returning her calls and this was serious; that she had been coming to the city because she knew what was wrong and now they finally agreed it was the roof. Council Members Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she just received notice of the red tag since she was in Council and was trying to get more information and would like Mr. Steve Skeets from Housing who was present to speak and moved he be allowed to speak at this time; and Mayor White stated that there was no quorum and with no objections the rules would be suspended to all him to speak. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards thanked Mr. Skeete for coming and stated that she had also called Code Enforcement to see what they were inspecting and why, but would like to know what this meant; and Mr. Skeete stated based on the results of the mold tests one recommendation was to go out to conduct an inspection on the roof and determine if it was a potential source or source for water intrusion; that was what was asked of Code enforcement and they went there on February 2, 2006, and did inspection but did not have access to the interior of the home, however, based on their inspection they identified roofing nails exposed and that the flashing around the chimney was not properly installed so they issued a red tag for poor workmanship; and Council Member Edwards stated that this had been going on for three years and upon questions, Mr. Skeete stated that they were saying what they saw was work done several years ago was improperly done, but that does not change Housing's position as to where they stood with Ms. Jones roof repairs, it was their opinion the roof had no effect on the situation as related to the mold. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Jones stated that the roof was never given a final proper inspection and she had been coming since 2003 telling of the smell; and Council Member Edwards stated that last week she had asked her to get a copy of the inspection that was done; and Ms. Jones stated that she just

called someone out of the Yellow Pages because she knew it was the roof but wanted someone to check because the city never would get on the roof and only inspected it from the ground; that she could talk to them and try to get something in writing, but what they gave her was a free estimate; that this was the city's fault and now they wanted to come take care of the room, but do nothing for the mold. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:27 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent on city business. Council Member Green absent. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, February 8, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2006, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Mr. Anthony Hall; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present.

At 8:27 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:24 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Members Johnson, Edwards, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT** - Residential Choice Initiative

Mayor White stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to visit with the Council Members on an initiative which they had been working on since September 2005, that if they wanted to give him and Mr. Dadoush feedback they would welcome it, that it involved one of the biggest issues facing their citizens, that making sure they had the reliable, least expensive and least emissions electrical power was one of those things which was important for the community, to put it another way, they all attended civic club meetings where they had heard some many stories where people had seen their property taxes go up by 50% over a period of years, that the fact was that families in these communities paid a whole lot in electricity and those costs had gone up by a whole lot over the last five years and anything that they could do in order to try to ease that burden on their citizens created more purchasing power in the existing community and made businesses and jobs more affordable and the like, so he was here to talk about something that right now the choice of name was in progress, that they called it the consumer choice initiative for electricity, that a few years ago they had a traditional utility system where they had a company that owned the power plants and the electrical wires to the house and then marketed to the consumers, that was changed in the 1990s, that now there was a company that owned the wires and maintained them and was responsible for getting power back into a home, that was called Centerpoint, they did not sell or generate electricity, they were the people in charge of more or less keeping the lights on, but they did not sell or were not the marketer of electricity and were not the generator, there were companies, Reliant was the biggest one, that were marketers of electricity, they were not at all responsible for the reliability of the power supply, whether the lights were on or not, they were a marketing operation where they bought power in a market and sold it to consumers, that the average consumer in the Centerpoint service area, where Reliant served around 80% of the residential consumers, the annual electricity bill was about \$2,500 per family for the average consumption and it had gone up, the price had gone up by some 50% over the past several years, that some of the reasons were that the price of the fuels and the price of the power that the resold had gone up, there was a study that was released within the last week by the PUC in response to inquires made by Representative Sylvester Turner, that it was done by the PUC staff, which they found to be an objective and expert group concerning the differences

that people would have paid if they had used the lowest cost provider, which many of the businesses used, about two thirds of the industrial and over 60% of the business electricity people shopped for their power, but many of the residential consumers did not shop for their power and the study found that the difference between January 2002 and today in this service area, if somebody would have gone and shopped for the most competitive power, they would have had \$640 more in their pocket now, there were some problems with that, there were several of those power companies that went out of business, that what did this have to do with Houston, Texas and what was happening today, that the conception of deregulation was that there would be lots of companies competing with lots of consumers and consumers switching left and right and at the end of this year there would be no need to regulate the price of electricity for anybody, that was the way it was set up, that thank goodness Reliant heeded calls from him and the Governor and they did it, to their credit, in October to reduce their requested price increase through the winter months, that they needed to make sure there was a competitive market here, that consumers were informed and knew what their choices were, they were not in the business of telling anybody what product to buy, the government or the Mayor did not do that, that was not the American way, but they needed to make sure that people knew what their choices were so they could participate in a free market system effectively as consumers looking after their own interest, for that reason, back when they saw what the impact on electricity from Katrina and Rita would be, starting in September, they asked industry participants to come and talk about what they could do in order to give people the choice to use renewable power, low emission power, power that was cheaper than the power that currently existed and what they came up with was asking everybody who was having an RFP or a request in an open and transparent form, for everybody to give them their best shot at what they would charge for a fixed price for electricity for a forward 12 month period, beginning in late March or April 1 and what they would charge in a discount off of the regulated, price to beat, that about 80% of the residential consumers were charged today, that it was open to everybody, Reliant and everybody else, it was not meant to favor any company and they were not endorsing any product, and then for the City, the Mayor in particular, to go and let citizens know that for the market to work well, the whole theory of their electricity was that the consumers had to take some role in responsibility, if they wanted to pay high electricity prices or for the highest polluted form of electricity, that was their choice, but if they wanted forms of electricity that polluted less at prices that they defined, if they wanted lower electricity bills then the way the system was said up, and he could not guarantee it, they were going to have to help themselves a bit and they were going to show them how to do that with a public relations campaign which was going to be vendor neutral, that they could get on the City website, go to the public library, to civic clubs, churches and organizations so they would show people that something was wrong with the system where two thirds of the industrial consumers got lower prices because they shopped in a sophisticated manner but the disproportionately middle and lower income consumers were paying the highest prices, something was wrong with that system and what was wrong was that consumers did not have enough information, that they would have a draft RFP on a website today and then they would have an opportunity for people to comment, and they wanted to those comments from industry participants and anybody else and in about 9 or 10 days they would take those and look at those comments and incorporate them in a final RFP and have a deadline posted for receipt of proposals on March 3, 2006 and then kickoff at about the third week in March a public education and awareness campaign that would be extensive, source of funding, they were in some dialog with PUC and there were some parties that he had not contacted, that they were going to have to do it the way the people did it if they wanted to persuade, which was by mail, telephone, television and the radio and not just at the time where nobody else would buy advertising, that it would be a campaign, he would say, maybe about \$1 million to make the point, that they would say to people that they had 30 days, why were they on the schedule, electricity prices were high right now and they were apt to be high for a while and he wanted people to be able to protect themselves before they reached the summer air conditioning season, that he did not want people to have to chose between their car payment, their electricity bills and their medicine come the summer, so that was what it was all about, that he was just giving them an overview as they refined it, that it would be a wonderful thing for elected officials who were interested in talking to civic clubs and outreach, that people were interested in it, they just did not think the City had anything to do with it, that they were not responsible in the sense that they did not control or could not dictate what the power rates were, that to Reliant's credit in October they did some things, that they heeded requests by elected officials to moderate the rate increase so they did

not see the full Katrina effect on natural gas prices, but in the long run in required consumers to make choices and take responsibility. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he was a little bit concerned, that he wanted to make sure they told the whole story, that some of them had variable rates per billing cycle, some charged for paper bills and some people did not have e-mail, that some of them had the lowest published price yet the fine print bumped the prices higher than the company that was right next door, and Mayor White stated that the way it was set up if they just did nothing, something could be done to them, that he needed to find the right balance and that was what they were trying to do. Council Members Garcia and Green absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that Council Member Berry had raised some significant issues that needed to be addressed but she thought they could be addressed when the criteria was set up and thought that was one of the reasons they were putting the draft RFP out there that the vendors and Council Members could review and offer suggestions, that she would hope that no one out there would think this was an anti any vendor initiative, she thought it would encourage competition and would be a pro competition initiative that their consumers would benefit from, that it was going to take a significant amount of education from those of them around the Council table to go out and talk to their constituents and civic clubs and she thought that was good because nobody else was doing that and she thought the consumers and voters would appreciate the fact that they were looking for ways to save them money. Council Members Garcia and Green absent.

Council Member Khan stated that some of the business groups were doing the very thing, that the Greater Houston Retail Association was pooling their resources and contracted out with the utilities to buy power for their members and were saving tons of money so he thought this initiative had the potential to save a tremendous amount of money for the consumers, that his question regarding the RFP, right now they were requesting input from the utilities as well as other people and it may change the criteria after they got the input before they put somebody out there as the best option, and Mayor White stated that yes, that the process today, they would post it and Mr. Dadoush would email to all Council offices, that on about February 17 or 18 they wanted comments back and would come up with a final and they would publicize that and people could respond to that, that they were going to check consumer complaints and ask them to disclose that as a percentage of their customers, that they had established financial criteria that was stricter than the PUC.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she had some concerns as to whether the City should be involved in it at all, that it was up to each individual consumer to determine for themselves the decisions they would make, including the decision not to make a decision at all or the decision to just allow others to determine what they would use in the way of any of the goods or services that they procured on their own, that they did want to help the taxpayers with their household budgets and the role that the City played was in the tax rate that they set, that they paid a great deal in taxes, they could roll back the tax rate and alleviate the pressures that they were experiencing there, the people of the City of Houston paid the highest water and sewer rates of all the cities in the State of Texas, they could certainly work to reduce that for them, those were the roles that they could play. Council Member Khan absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she thought an educated populace helped them be better governmental bodies, that when the light bills started going up recently they called their office in District D and asked what they were going to do about it and how come they did not know about it, that aside from precinct judges they were their first line of political input and access, that she had no problem in trying to get as much education to the community that she represented as possible because it made her job better and smoother when they had people who kind of knew the deal and they came to the District office as a last resort, so what she would suggest that they say what the questions were that they needed to find out in a layman's language that was meaningful to them, that these were the questions they needed to ask and why, that this was the feature and this was the benefit, that people were not stupid, when they advocate what she saw as her primary responsibility of providing access, resources and service, if she had information and did not give it to her civic clubs

and so forth it was her bad, that she thought was what they elected her for, not to be their savior but to make sure they got as much information as she had access to and that they get it in a meaningful way that they could make reasoned and informed choices. Council Member Khan absent.

Mayor White stated that at no time before December 31, 2005 had electricity rates “set by the market” or had the City not played a role, that they played a role and had for decades in setting the retail electrical rates, that he was concerned simply with the transition, that they needed to prepare people for a transition to the free market, that he needed some input on this because every concern that every Council Member expressed was something that he thought they needed to take into account.

Mayor White stated that they would move to the consent agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 35**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 3

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Planning & Development for the designation of three residential parking permit areas and related parking regulations in the Super Neighborhoods of University Place, Afton Oaks / River Oaks and Greater Third Ward - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - EDWARDS and G – HOLM** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0114 ADOPTED.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 6 through 10

6. **PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD.**, for Hybrid-Electric Automobiles through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for Fire Department - \$122,670.00 Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0115 ADOPTED.
9. **AMEND MOTION #2005-239, 3/16/05, as amended by MOTION #2005-1145, 11/30/05, TO PURCHASE** additional Refuse Collection Trucks for Solid Waste Management Department, awarded to **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC (Bid No. 4)** - \$167,623.00 and **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC (Bid No. 3)** - \$112,377.00 for a total increase of \$280,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0116 ADOPTED.
10. **FLEX-O-LITE, INC (Bid No. 2)** - \$704,327.71 and **SWARCO INDUSTRIES, INC (Bid No. 3)** - \$269,333.56 for Spheres, Reflective Glass for Various Departments - \$993,531.91 minus a commission fee for internet-based reverse auction services for a net award amount not to exceed \$973,661.27 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0117 ADOPTED.

#### **ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 13 through 34

13. ORDINANCE relating to Vehicles-for-hire during the 2006 NBA All Star Game, suspending certain provisions of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing penalties therefor; providing effective dates; providing for severability – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0120 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **CINCO SOUTHWEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY**

**DISTRICT NO. 4** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0121 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 64.44 acres of land to **MEADOWHILL REGIONAL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0122 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to provide \$500,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for Partial funding of Renovation Work on a Public Facility located at 5601 South Braeswood - **DISTRICT C – CLUTTERBUCK** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
24. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **HARRIS COUNTY**, a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas for building, constructing, maintaining, using, occupying, operating and repairing certain subsurface vault space as a tunnel for a pedestrian walkway, abutting Blocks 24 and 25, S.S.B.B., and within the 200 block of Austin; such area being within public street right-of-way of the City of Houston, Texas; containing findings and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which said permit is issued - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0123 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **SYSCO CORPORATION** for constructing, using, occupying, operating, maintaining and repairing three four-inch conduits for telecommunication cables in 12 inch steel casing under and within Forkland Drive, public street right-of-way of the City of Houston, Texas; containing findings and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which said permit is issued - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0124 ADOPTED.
26. Omitted
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing interlocal agreement between the City of Houston and the **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** for the Construction of an addition to the 410 Pierce Building for use as a High Tech Business Incubator - **DISTRICTS D - EDWARDS and I – ALVARADO** – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
29. ORDINANCE authorizing the sale of a drainage easement on 0.1188 acre of land out of the C. C. Shelby Survey, A-693, Houston, Harris County, Texas (near the 6800 block of Will Clayton Parkway) to CV Houston Limited Partnership - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0125 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$602,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CARTER & BURGESS, INC** for Design of 611 Walker Systems Upgrade, GFS R-0268-44-2; providing funding for Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0126 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$347,277.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TURNER COLLIE & BRADEN, INC** for Preliminary/Schematic Design of Greens Road from John F. Kennedy Boulevard to U.S. 59 (North), GFS N-0664-01-2 (SB9190); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities

financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0127 ADOPTED.

34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$334,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **STRUCTURE MANAGEMENT, LLC** for Julia Ideson Building Renovation, GFS E-0049-01-3; 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 and testing services, Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to the construction of facilities financed by the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0128 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance & Administration for renewal of Annual Membership in the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** - \$78,145.24 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Edwards stated that she needed to have someone give her a briefing on how these groups worked, that she wanted to know if the City Council had any type of format that could address issues that were germane not only to the City of Houston and Galveston but throughout the State and how did they get input into it, and how do they maintain a Council position on the Council as opposed to an individual position, that she did not understand the mechanism, that she would like a briefing as to how they got issues on the agenda of the Council and how they were carried out, and Council Member Wiseman stated that the Governance Committee would be a good place for an update; and Council Member Brown asked how do they specifically define the agenda they would like to see pursued on the HGAC Board and the Transportation Policy Committee, specifically design the agenda and then carry that agenda to the HGAC and then get a report back on how the funding allocations, of the City of Houston not the region, how the funding allocations that HGAC made respond to that particular agenda. Council Member Berry absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 1. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0118 ADOPTED.

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Planning & Development Department to accept the January 2006 Semiannual Report and Recommendations of the Planning Commission, acting as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, relating to the implementation of the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees Program – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent.
- 2a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to transfer revenues and interest generated by Water and Wastewater Impact Fees in the amount of \$9,163,641.14 to Revenue Bond Debt Service as recommended in the January 2006 Semiannual Report of the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

4. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,325,933.97 out of Airport System Consolidated 2000 AMT Construction Fund for Purchase of Dell Hardware for Houston Airport System, CIP A-0372.09 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0129 ADOPTED.
- 4a. **XNET SYSTEMS, INC** for Dell Computer Hardware through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for Texas CISV Master Catalog Purchases under Chapter 2157 of the Government Code for Houston Airport System – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he would like some clarification that Xnet was the City's approved MWBE contractor and asked if that meant that the MWBE was 100% on the contract and Mayor White stated that the purchase order was entirely issued to Xnet Systems, Inc. but wanted to make sure that he was responsive and answer Council Member Khan's question, and Mr. Hall stated that it was 100% MWBE.

After further discussion a vote was called on Item No. 4a. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0119 ADOPTED.

5. **VULTRON, INCORPORATED**, for Electronic Highway Sign Parts and Service for Houston Airport System - \$141,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0120 ADOPTED.
7. **EMERGENCY VEHICLES OF TEXAS, INC** - \$118,291.20, **PEARLAND ALTERNATOR COMPANY** - \$50,152.80 and **WOOD ALTERNATOR & STARTER SERVICE** - \$185,290.80 for Ambulance, Pumper and Ladder Truck Replacement Parts for Fire Department - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0121 ADOPTED.
8. **HEWLETT PACKARD** for Hewlett-Packard Computer Hardware through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for Texas CISV Master Catalog Purchases under Chapter 2157 of the Government Code for Information Technology Department - \$1,380,792.00 - Special Non-Recurring Project Fund – was presented.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she was going to tag the item to get a little more information because the original budgeted piece of the ERP, the enterprise area where they contracted with SAP was to have a budgeted amount of \$800,000 for the area of hardware and yet this amount was \$1.3 million, not \$800,000 and there was not a lot of indication as to why it was coming so much higher than the original bid, so she would like to know what exactly was the rationale behind it and was it the total amount they were going to be seeing for hardware purchase regarding the ERP project, and Mayor White stated that they would get her that information. Council Member Lawrence absent.

## **ORDINANCES**

11. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit "A" of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2005-1133 by adding eight (8) Fire Fighter Positions, four (4) Engineer/Operator Positions and four (4) Senior Captain Positions; substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance – was presented. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she knew they had the discussion before but she

would like to have someone from the Fire Department to come and explain to her why the person had to be a Senior Captain in order to do the job. Council Member Berry absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 11. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0130 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit A of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2005-1338 (the Master Classification Ordinance) by creating a new classification of Senior Police Trainee; establishing the qualifications and pay grade for that classification; establishing conditions for payment of a hiring incentive amount; providing for prior experience credit; providing for severability - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Edwards, Holm, Khan, Sekula-Gibbs and Green. Council Member Berry absent.
14. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **CINCO SOUTHWEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0131 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor to execute two Sub-Recipient Agreements with the **GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (GDEM)** to accept a re-award of FY2004 Homeland Security Grant Funding and authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security to request and/or accept any amendments or modifications to these agreements or any subsequent agreements necessary to secure the City's allocations through these grant programs – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0132 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing purchase of a Boiler and Machinery Insurance Policy from the **CHUBB GROUP OF INSURANCE COMPANIES** through Member Company, **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY** - \$125,877.00 -Insurance Management Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0133 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2001-125 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **SOFTWARE OF EXCELLENCE NORTH AMERICA LLC, formerly GENERAL SYSTEMS DESIGN, INC** for Software License and related installation, training, support and upgrade services for the Health and Human Services Department - \$50,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0134 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing acceptance of a grant from the **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** for Title XX Family Planning Services; authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department to accept and expend such grant funds as awarded and to accept and expend any supplemental awards offered during the grant period; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants - \$800,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. Council Member Wiseman voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0135 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **EL CENTRO DE CORAZON** to provide \$50,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Provision of Mental Health Services to Low and Very-low Income Persons in the East End Area of Houston – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0136 ADOPTED.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Elena Marks of the Mayor's office for working on the item, that they had been at it for quite a while, that she saw Ms. Mary

Jo May in the audience and wanted to applaud her and Ms. Selena Garza Ridge, who had been shepherding it through and wanted to congratulate them. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she too wanted to add her congratulations to the Mayor's administration and the administration in particular for helping to expand access to mental health services to individuals who were of low income and uninsured in the East End. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to applaud El Centro for the work they had done for years in the community. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he echoed the thoughts of his colleagues on the great work at the El Centro de Corazon. Council Member Berry absent.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **CENTER SERVING PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION** to provide \$240,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for Vocational Training and Access to Medical and Dental Services for individuals with a primary diagnosis of Mental Retardation – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0137 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to thank all her colleagues for supporting the \$240,000 allocation for the center for people with mental retardation, that it was an important aspect for providing essential health services as well as basic needs services to the individuals with mental retardation, that she was very pleased to see that the City was making the continued effort for the community.

27. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 2004-0770 to increase the maximum contract amount of contracts between the City of Houston and **A-1 PERSONNEL OF HOUSTON INC, ALLTECH SYSTEMS, INC, RUSHMORE CORPORATION d/b/a ALL TEMPS 1 PERSONNEL, ALSO TEMPS, INC, APPLE ONE TEXAS, INC, AT-TECH STAFFING SERVICES, INC, BERGAILA & ASSOCIATES, INC, CRINER-DANIELS & ASSOCIATES, INC, DATALOGIC CONSULTING, INC, ELITE COMPUTER CONSULTANTS, L.P., ELITE PERSONNEL CONSULTANTS, INC d/b/a EVINS TEMPORARIES, EXECUTEAM CORPORATION, PDS TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC and SILVER & ASSOCIATES, INC**, for Temporary Administrative/Industrial and Information Technology Staffing - \$12,000,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Holm.

Council Member Holm stated that she would like to request a meeting with Mr. Richard Lewis and Mr. Lonnie Vara, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she would add her tag and would like to be briefed on the item a little more regarding some of the benefits that were given to the temporary employees.

Mayor White stated that the item had been tagged by Council Members Holm and Sekula-Gibbs.

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Miscellaneous Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City and **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC** for Testing Laboratory Services for Street Maintenance Projects - \$450,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0138 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$341,642.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ENTECH CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC** for Design of Kirby Drive Paving Improvements from IH-610 to Holmes Road (approved by Ordinance No. 04-

0744), GFS N-0789-01-2 (SB9184); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0139 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **TRIPLE B SERVICES, L.L.P.** for Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Systems to serve Section One of the El Tesoro Subdivision; approving and authorizing an assignment of the construction contract to **EL TESORO DEVELOPMENT, LTD.**, CIP S-0800-C6-03 and R-0800-C6-03 (DPC-084) - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Lawrence, Green and Sekula-Gibbs.

### **NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 36

#### **PROPERTY**

36. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering that City Council declare surplus and authorize the sale of Parcels S95-063, SY6-049, SY6-053, S84-085, SY6-057, S95-057, SY6-041, SY6-038, SY6-046, SY6-054, SY6-032, S85-007, SY6-048, SY6-052, S89-007, S95-046, SY6-039, SY6-040, SY6-056, SY6-043, S98-058A&B, SY6-055, SY6-044, S87-015 and SY6-042 and authorize the City Secretary to advertise the properties for sealed bid sale to the highest bidder at the minimum appraised bid amount - **APPOINT TWO INDEPENDENT APPRAISERS and ONE ALTERNATE APPRAISER - ALL DISTRICTS** – was presented.

Council Member Lawrence stated that for Parcels S95-063, SY6-049 and SY6-053 she would name Mr. Michael Copland and Ms. Shiela Stewart as appraisers and as alternate appraiser, Mr. Tom Kvinta.

Council Member Lawrence stated that for Parcels S84-085 and SY6-057 she would name Mr. Patrick O'Connor and Mr. Gary Meyer as appraisers and for alternate appraiser Mr. John Chambless.

Council Member Johnson stated that for Parcels S95-057 and SY6-041 he would name Mr. Travis Cooper and Mr. George Wyche as appraisers and for alternate appraiser Ms. Jasmine Quinerly.

Council Member Johnson stated that for Parcels SY6-038, SY6-046 and SY6-054 he would name Mr. Travis Cooper and Mr. George Wyche as appraisers and for alternate appraiser Ms. Jasmine Quinerly.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that for Parcel SY6-032 she would name Ms. Vanessa Hendrickson and Mr. Samuel Stewart as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Charles Rencher.

Council Member Edwards stated that for Parcels S85-007 and SY6-048 she would name Ms. Jasmine Quinerly and Mr. Samuel Stewart as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. John Chambless.

Council Member Edwards stated that for Parcel SY6-052 she would name Mr. George Coleman Jr. and Ms. Shiela Stewart as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Ms. Jasmine Quinerly.

Council Member Wiseman stated that for Parcel S89-007 (**S87-007**) she would name Mr. Jimmy Payton and Mr. Scott Stephens as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Arthur Shackelford.

Council Member Khan stated that for Parcels S95-046, SY6-039, SY6-040, SY6-056 he would name Mr. Micheal Copland and Mr. Samuel Stewart as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Phillip Mushchinski.

Council Member Holm stated that for Parcel SY6-043 she would name Mr. Allen Albert and Mr. William Evans as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Alan Dominy.

Council Member Garcia stated that for Parcels S98-058A&B and SY6-055 he would name Mr. Frank Flores and Mr. John Fox as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Patrick O'Connor.

Council Member Garcia stated that for Parcel SY6-044 he would name Mr. Frank Flores and Mr. John Fox as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Patrick O'Connor.

Council Member Alvarado stated that for Parcel S87-015 she would name Ms. Patricia Keys and Mr. George Coleman Jr. as appraisers and as alternate appraiser Mr. Gary Meyer.

Council Member Johnson stated that for Parcel SY6-042 he would name Mr. Travis Cooper and Mr. George Wyche as appraisers and for alternate appraiser Ms. Jasmine Quinerly.

Council Member Khan moved to accept the nominations and adopt the recommendations, seconded by Council Member Wiseman. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0122 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 37 through 40

37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and the **BARBOSA GROUP INCORPORATED d/b/a EXECUTIVE SECURITY** for Security Guard Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$12,709,929.60 - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - ALVARADO** - (**This was Item 60 on Agenda of January 25, 2006, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2006-87**) - was presented. Council Member Edwards absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that Item No. 37 was basically a transition from using City of Houston employees to provide elements of airport security at Ellington, Hobby and George Bush Intercontinental Airport to private companies and the company that had been chosen was called Barbosa Group Incorporated, d/b/a Executive Security, that she had concerns and thought that other Council Members may have had concerns as well, but her concern was two fold, that looking over the matrix that was used to select the company it seemed to her there was still a problem with the company's financial package that they were able to present to the Airport System, that she had not been able to receive the certified financial audit because it was not required in the RFP and so the company had not been able to provide that to her to review, that they found that the company had more recent problems with paying taxes and had made an arrangement with the taxing entities for payoff, but they did have some significant owed taxes, that it was just this year and not something that was long term, that her point was that it brought more questions if they were going to be transitioning from using City employees to using private employees and then also giving that responsibility to a company that had some question marks, that the other question was related to their way of being good stewards of the taxpayers money and not doing one thing with the right hand and another with the left hand, that they talked about being transparent and good stewards of the money, if this company, and all of the companies that bid on the contract, were responding in the way they told them they were basically cutting all of their employees salaries and not providing health benefits as a part of receiving the contract, they had employees, about 80, who were receiving around \$13 per hour, but when they outsource it was going to drop it to \$9 per hour, that was a big drop for the employees, and from talking to the people who bid on the

contract most of them were already paying \$11 per hour but when they pick up the contract it would drop to \$9 per hour, but what bothered her about it was when they were City employees they had health benefits and when they went to the new contract they did not have health benefits, that they went through this big problem with the janitors not having health benefits, and that pushed them to want to unionize and be more effective bargainers. Council Member Edwards absent.

Mayor White asked Council Member Sekula-Gibbs if somebody had provided her with information that there were 80 City employees whose work was being outsourced and if so who provided that information, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she did not mean that, that 80 employees were going to be involved in the contract, and Mayor White stated that Council Member Sekula-Gibbs had said that 80 City employees work was being outsourced to a private vendor, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that it may not be 80 but they were doing the job now and if they did not implement the job they would have to continue to do the job, that the City of Houston was doing the work now, that they had a contract with Wackenhut and they had done this type of work for the City too, but they also had some City of Houston employees who had done this type of work as well, and Mr. Hall stated that was not an accurate representation, that Wackenhut had the contract, there were some questions raised about the transition of the contract and for a two week period they had 11 City employees working 24 hours on overtime performing the function until it could be bridged, it was inaccurate to suggest that they were transitioning it from City employees to a private contractor, that it had always been a private contractor.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Garcia moved to call the question, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0123 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 37. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2006-0140 ADOPTED.

38. MOTION by Council Member Khan/Seconded by Council Member Alvarado to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **SIRIUS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC** for Spending authority to Purchase Maintenance and Support Services for IBM Software and Hardware from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$925,173.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 15 on Agenda of February 1, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEKULA-GIBBS)** - was presented. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2006-0124 ADOPTED.
39. MOTION by Council Member Khan/Seconded by Council Member Alvarado to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC** for Spending authority to Purchase Maintenance and Support Services for IBM Computer Middleware and DB2 Software from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$950,105.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 16 on Agenda of February 1, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEKULA-GIBBS)** - was presented. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2006-0125 ADOPTED.
40. MOTION by Council Member Khan/Seconded by Council Member Alvarado to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **HOUSTON COMMUNICATIONS, INC (Bid #58)** for Batteries, Gel Cell for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$151,200.00 minus a commission fee for internet-based reverse auction services for a net award amount not to exceed \$148,176.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 17 on Agenda of February 1, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER**

**BERRY**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0126 ADOPTED.

### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Brown stated that he had the pleasure of serving on the flooding committee, chaired by Council Member Edwards and it was very clear to all of them that flooding was an enormous issue for Houston, that he was bringing it up because sometimes it seemed to disappear from their radar screen, that from Tropical Storm Allison they lost 12,000 to 15,000 properties which diminished the Houston tax base, their revenues, by some \$80 million to \$100 million per year and Houston was in a vicarious position where they could have in the next two to four years another Tropical Storm Allison and he thought they had to be really prepared to try to minimize the impact of a future storm like Allison or another hurricane because he personally did not think the City tax base could take it, so he was cautioning all of them that whatever they did, whatever appropriation they approved whether for a road, highway or park, it had an impact on the environmental quality of the City and that they all needed to be mindful and do a better job of defining the standards by which they were going to win the battle against flooding. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she had been seeing more police officers in southwest Houston, particularly in the Fondren southwest area and wanted to applaud Mayor White and Chief Hurtt and all of the tremendous officers who served them every day, that she wanted to continue to encourage officer deployment based on objective criteria of crime statistics, that she recently read an article out of the New Yorker, the February 6, 2006 edition, that talked about crime in New York and it was fascinating that out of the 250 largest cities in the Country, New York was number 225 in crime and they had some really creative initiatives that sounded a lot like what Mayor White and Chief Hurtt were doing right now in trying to target hot spots, that she would give the article to Mayor White, that it was excellent reading and she highly recommended it. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she thought home ownership bred productive citizens, and she wanted to invite her colleagues and City employees to join her and her husband John at a Habitat for Humanity build, they were going to be participating on February 25, 2006, Saturday, during the Habitat Home Blitz, that a lot of churches were involved and Oprah Winfrey was coming down for it, that it was the building of 100 new homes in Houston for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina and Rita, that it was a tremendous opportunity for people who wanted to be involved and vested in the community and be productive members of Houston. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to recognize some of the work going on in his district, in particular the MOCAH Project, Musuem of Cultural Arts in the City of Houston, that he wanted to thank Mayor White for his support of the project that MOCAH was at the corner of Highway 59 and Jensen, the project was going to be one that certainly would bring a lot of cultural awareness to the district as well as an opportunity for their youth to start being engaged in the building and the revitalization of their community, that they were having a project this week where they were talking about the history of the Fifth Ward and they were asking people to bring five photographs of their history so they could start to chronologically identify Fifth Ward's great history, that it would be today at the Prince Complex and tomorrow at Finnigan Park. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he had an opportunity of meeting with all of the neighborhood councils and it was a great opportunity for all of the councils to come together from District B to start to talk about how they could strengthen themselves. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she would like to take the opportunity to invite her colleagues to attend the NBA Legends of Basketball on Thursday, February 9, 2006, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Center at City Hall, that they would be honoring Houston's basketball legends, that they had quite a lot of them, and kicking off the NBA All Star week, that she hoped everyone would be able to attend, that it was both the NBA and WNBA, that Ms. Sandra Strong from her office had been working very hard on the project for the NBA All Star week and commended her for her efforts. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Johnson stated that on February 18, 2006 at the Wildcat Golf Course they were having a golf tournament to raise money for scholarships for children and seniors in his district, that they were going to have NBA All Stars out there, that it was a great opportunity to raise money for children in their community. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she hoped everyone got a flyer regarding the parade this weekend, that Madison High School, under the leadership of Principal Mrs. Leggington and schools in the area, Foleys, Macy's, the District D Office and the City of Houston, and particularly the Mayor's Office and Ms. Susan Christian and her group were going to honor hometown hero's Mr. Vince Young and Mr. William Winston, who also went to Madison and was also in that UT game, that they were going to have an old time hometown parade through the Hiram Clarke area and encouraged them to come and bring all the kids that they could to the parade, that it was going to be a great time for all, especially for the young people to have their time to talk to Mr. Young and Mr. Winston. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that regarding the handout they did on Black History Month gave them information on Black business development in the City of Houston and one of the things that their office was trying to do as they celebrated Black History, there was a global celebration, but they were trying to make it particular to the City of Houston and areas in their community, so the handout dealt with that particular aspect, that the excerpts were taken from a book called "Black Dixie" and was edited by Howard Beeth and Cary Winch, that she wanted to thank her staff for always making the handouts ready and available for them. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that their office was initiating a project to have a statue of Mr. Martin Luther King be commissioned and placed in the International Circle of Hero's at Hermann Park, that Hermann Park had the first desegregated golf course in the south, so she thought it was appropriate that Dr. King be in that circle of international leaders, that they started with a small group including the Hermann Park Conservancy and other Council Members and were starting to get really great response from the community, that they had almost upwards of \$100,000 already pledged and really needed their support, that she thought it was the right time to do it so they appreciated any support they could get, that they would be having collection points in the community, like the Black Heritage Gallery on Almeda, the Breakfast Klub and Reggae Hut and places like that and if there was a business that they could use their place as a collection point they would appreciate that. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she was concerned about what was happening on the State level regarding education, that she would encourage people to call Governor Perry and let him know that education needed to be on the agenda for the special session, that maybe they could not influence the outcome but thought they owed their children the opportunity for their voices and education issues to be heard, that they met every Saturday at a community

location at 11:30 a.m. to talk about issues regarding education, primarily in the inner City and in District D and there was going to be a townhall meeting on February 26, 2006 regarding issues, that they were trying to come up with strategies to get the community to understand the role of education, that the meeting was on Sunday, February 26, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the Shrine of the Black Madonna Culture Center and Book Store. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that Council Member Edwards had a great idea at the last Council session that while they had Black History Month of having some public screening of the show on the Camp Logan riots, that the MFA would be hosting that with the City on Monday, February 20, 2006, that it was not just a story for African American Houstonians, it was a part of the history of Houston, that he would ask his colleagues if they had a list of folks who they thought might be interested in viewing it together at the MFA, that he knew there were people interested in learning about it, that they would have a facilitated discussion. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Holm stated that on Thursday night Stratford High School was holding a public meeting to address the alarm of the crime situation, that in the last two weeks there had been two murders within a half mile of each other in apartments on Country Place and Tully Lane, that it was her understanding that this area was not being addressed by the Neighborhood Enforcement Team Taskforce and she felt that at this point and time all of their areas needed to be, that she spoke with a high school mother that said that today as opposed to one year ago school volunteers were being escorted from their cars to the school for protection, the school goes into lockdown every afternoon and once a student leaves the building they could not return, that there were four recognized gangs in the school, one year ago there were none, the changes in the school and neighborhood were causing fright, alarm and panic, that she was trying to facilitate the meeting but was not equipped with the resources to do so, that they had contacted Mr. Walsh hoping that he would meet with them and coordinate the meeting, that she thought that HPD and Housing needed to be there, they needed to supply the families with actual answers and solutions to the questions and the concerns that they had. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that Mr. Michael Moore and Ms. Linda Clarke, of the Mayor's Anti Gang Office, had been working in some of the high schools pulling people together, that they would get her some help and Mr. Moore would work with her to provide some resources. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Holm stated that when they had the Airport security contract Mayor White talked about the appropriateness to bring things forward in a timely manner, when they came into office that was consistently a problem and they were all working so hard to do it and she wanted to thank Mayor White because she thought one of the examples of their doing it right was now the contract that they were getting ready to address for the cameras, that she thought all of them had been very supportive of the cameras and going through the process and now that a contract was ready to be awarded Chief Montalvo called their office first thing yesterday in order to meet with them and go over all of the criteria and the explanation of it so that when it did come to Council they were equipped to address it. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Holm stated that she knew mobility had been one of Mayor White's most important issues and there were two things that she was looking for some help of where to go in order to address some situations, that one thing was on Memorial repeatedly their office had called that just west of Shepherd there was a large apartment complex going up and morning

after morning a lane was blocked during rush hour traffic for huge trucks to unload for the project, they needed some how to one either set the standards so they were not allowed to do it during rush hour and then they had to have some enforceability of it, that she was not sure how to go about it; that the other one was that the security or uniformed law enforcement that were working jobs for traffic management of buildings during rush hours, that they had the uniformed private security that were stopping the north and south traffic to let people in and out of garages, so literally a quarter of a mile could be backed up, that she thought they tried to set standards for use of private traffic management, but if it was in direct conflict of the goals of the City and mobility she was just asking them to examine. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that they needed to do access management plans on the major thoroughfare and they needed to be taken seriously, that they could not be parking their dump trucks and stuff like that in a major thoroughfare during commuting time, that he thought they passed ordinances for that, that on the next thing, Council Member Berry's committee probably ought to have a hearing on the issue of what they do to enforce, with due respect, making traffic one of the principal mission, because it was a health and safety issue, was sort of new for the Police Department, that they had come a long way and yes there were issues concerning priorities and manpower shortages, that he thought that Captain Bender's next step was through that, and Public Works building some expertise and some collaborative of what were the rules and regulations that they imposed and training that they gave to the peace officers who were hired and did traffic control, that just because they had a badge did not mean they could stand in the middle of an intersection and decide that whoever was paying them, the customers, were more important than everybody else on that street, that it did not make sense, but they had to come up with something and he thought it was work in progress. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that Hillcroft was decimated by construction trucks and so forth by another agency, they had a school that was being built where the trucks went back and forth, the street was being decimated, why was the City responsible for making the street whole again, if they could look into that area as well, that it was one thing to say that TXDOT or somebody else messed it up but then who was responsible for fixing it, that she would appreciate someone looking at that as well, and Mayor White requested Mr. Norman, Public Works, to look into it. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to invite everyone to attend the grand opening of the South Central Houston Community Health Center at Riverside Clinic, which was now reopened and was providing City services, that it would be on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at 3315 Delano. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to congratulate the work of CEO of Memorial Hermann Hospital, Mr. Dan Wolterman, that he was the Chairman of the Healthcare Advisory Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership, that he recently addressed the National Press Club in Washington on the idea that they needed a small revolution in the provision of healthcare and particularly health insurance in the United States. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she found an article in the Times-Picayune, a New Orleans newspaper, that it was about the termination of support from FEMA for hotel rents for Katrina evacuees, in the article it said that as of Tuesday 900 families had lost their funding for hotels in the Louisiana area, and next week another 2,200 would lose support for their hotel rooms, that the question was where were those people going to go, that some of those folks

were planning to come to Houston and they may not know that there was also going to be a similar cut for the hotels in Houston, that she did not know what the plans were, but her question to Mr. Walsh, who was helping to address the issue of housing for Katrina evacuees, was did they have a plan in place to deal with the potential influx of 10,000 families, at the maximum, that was the estimate of the number of hotels that were going to lose subsidies in Louisiana, and could Mayor White potentially talk to the Governor and discuss with her that issue. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that every person in a hotel had been contacted by FEMA in every community, that he did not know exactly how to put his finger on it, that here in Houston about half the people made other plans and half did not, that they stopped issuing out housing vouchers in December so there was no voucher program and their apartments were full and he did not think they would see a migration of people in Houston because they could not get into a hotel or voucher program in Houston and that was why they had been in dialog with the national levels of FEMA, that what they saw in the hotel population was a lot of people who remained in the hotels want to return to Louisiana, they did not want to set down roots in the community, they wanted to get back and thought that the best service that they could say to people was that as of two days ago there were 150 job postings for Louisiana residents in reconstruction activities in New Orleans and listed by the Texas Workforce Commission there were jobs in Louisiana coming open, and one of their focuses locally was to provide information to people who wanted to go back of what was available on jobs and housing back where they came from, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that it would be beneficial to her if they could get a report from Mr. Walsh or whoever the Mayor designated, regarding this period that was going to happen on housing, public safety and the impact on health on the potential second wave that may or may not occur. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank the Breakfast Klub for providing the Council breakfast this morning. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that the Mayor was going to be the main speaker at the Alief Super Neighborhood meeting this month on February 28, 2006 and because of his being their they had changed the venue, they usually hold it at the Centerpoint building but now they were going to hold it at Alief Hastings Ninth Grade School, located at 6750 Cook Road at High Star, on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that on February 23, 2006 at the Sharpstown Civic Club meeting they would give an update on the Carnival Night Club issue. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank Mayor White for addressing their District F Leadership Luncheon on Monday, and also thanked all of the elected officials and civic leaders in attendance. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to announce a great lecture series at the Museum of Fine Arts featuring the Great Mayor's of the City of Houston sponsored by the Rice Design Alliance, that tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown Auditorium was Mayor Joe Riley of Charleston, South Carolina, that a week from now another great Mayor would be speaking and hoped Mayor White was going to attend, that he would be speaking and then on February 22, 2006, Mr. John Norquist, former Mayor of Milwaukee at 7:00 p.m. Council Members Lawrence,

Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to ask Mr. Michel a question, that the discussion on Barbosa Security, the point of the tax delinquency, if someone was delinquent and they made arrangements were they still considered delinquent, and Mr. Michel stated that the arrangements had to be accepted by the City and then they would not be considered delinquent. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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Anna Russell, City Secretary