

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 8, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, M. J. Khan, P. E., Adrian Garcia, James G. Rodriguez, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, Ronald C. Green and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Don Cheatham, Division Chief, General Counsel Division, Legal Department; Ms. Claudia Vasquez, Director Citizens Assistance; Ms. Debra Dillard, Citizens Assistance; Mr. Terence H. Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Member Pam Holm absent on personal business.

At 2:01 p.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and stated that Council Member Sullivan would begin presentations. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Green and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sullivan invited Ms. Aggie Green to the podium and stated that Ms. Green was a resident of Kingwood who balanced her faith, practice and volunteering; that with over 15 years as a registered representative she was top producer for a national broker dealer and recipient of many awards; and presented her a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Aggie Green Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Rodriguez, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck invited those present with her presentation to the podium and stated that this was the Mayor's first ever Mayor's Cup Trophies; that the Mayor's Cup was initiated in 2007 by the Employee Wellness Advisory Council as a fun interdepartmental competition to promote a healthy lifestyle for city employees and employees earned points by participating in events, healthy eating programs and losing weight, etc., and presented a First Place Trophy to Public Works and Engineering, Division One; and Mr. Marcotte, Director of Public Works, recognized the members of their internal departmental wellness committee and sent best wishes to one unable to attend; thanked all for the award and stated that many were involved and they would be going on for next year's. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that on the other First Place Trophy she would present it to the combined team of the Information Technology and Houston Emergency Center (HEC) for their same efforts; and Director of the HEC Center thanked all for the award and stated that they did try to encourage healthy lifestyles. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they could not let this ceremony be complete without recognizing Mr. Doug Earl, with the Parks and Recreation Department, who helped coordinate the competition and asked him to stand to be recognized. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence invited those with the Association of Records Managers and Administrators to the podium and stated that she was proud today to recognize ARMA, the Houston Chapter had been in existence for 47 years with 450 plus members and the largest chapter in the world and they provided support and membership to a number of companies with 22 in the Fortune 500; and presented the spokesperson with a Proclamation recognizing them for their outstanding contributions and proclaimed today "Association of Records Managers and Administrators Day" in Houston, Texas. The Spokesperson thanked all for honoring their contributions by joining in the celebration of April being National Information and Records Management Month; that the Southwest Regional conference would be combined with the ARMA Conference on April 22nd and April 23rd and encouraged anyone with record issues or problems to join them. Council Member Johnson absent.

At 2:14 p.m. Council Member Brown invited Pastor Elmo Johnson with Rose of Sharon Church to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Brown led all in the pledge. Council Member Johnson absent.

At 2:16 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Members Lawrence and Garcia moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Johnson absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Joyce Agu and Mr. Uchenna Agu at the top of the three minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Garcia. Council Member Clutterbuck voting no. Balance voting aye. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2008-0233 ADOPTED.

Council Member Noriega moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Barbara Hargrove-Wilkins to the bottom of the three minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2008-0234 ADOPTED.

At 2:18 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Tom Williams, 1750 Albans Road, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-526-2868) appeared, presented information and stated that he lived at the corner of Ashby and Albans, one block from the proposed 23 story high rise building; that the Buckhead Investment Partners had called three meetings and there were over a total of about eight hours and he understood the neighborhood to be in opposition to all plans presented; that three alternatives were presented and a small portion of the neighborhood had been invited, they thought the meeting should have been held months earlier and traffic still remained the most serious problem. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she had not attended the meetings and looked to his information for guidance; and anything she could do to help Council Member Clutterbuck she would do. Council Members Garcia, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he appreciated his detailed letter and part of this was the City Planning Commission approving an unrestricted plat and that practice should end; and upon questions, Mr. Williams stated that Alternative Three was 22 stories with parking underground and it was changed into a single elevator structure so it occupied a smaller footprint and the third alternative was scaled down to about 19 stories and the pancake scheme was the least desirable; and Council Member Brown encouraged Mr. Williams to maintain his opposition to the project. Council Members Noriega and Lovell absent.

Mr. Jim Reeder, 1802 Albans Road, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-526-1802) appeared and stated that he was chairman of the taskforce which opposed the building of the Ashby Highrise; that developers wanted to meet with members of the taskforce and met with three members presenting three alternatives and they requested that they meet with the entire neighborhood and they refused; and the problems of traffic and density were still problems. Council Members Khan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that Mr. Reeder was familiar with the ordinance being worked on which contemplated limiting the ability of property owners to more than double their

density and upon questions, Mr. Reeder stated the Mayor had been clear about that and so had Council and if there was not an adverse traffic impact, increased density just to a certain level then there would be no opposition likely to the project, but thus far they continue to propose projects which would increase density, etc., and continue with the problems the Mayor and Council said they would not tolerate.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Reeder for coming and his observations had counseled him in the past and he would highlight something, there were occasions where people would deal with the city and developments where there was a reconfiguration of the project and from time to time there were delays in the permitting process, but he could not treat developers differently; that various alternatives he heard discussed and no where did he ever hear they wanted more density and he would applaud him on progress made from the time the application was made for 220 apartments, parking and large retail, the reality was at this time they were in a far different place and in large part because of citizens and Council. Council Member Garcia absent.

Mr. Lonn Vasquez, 1704 Webber, Houston, Texas 77007 (281-745-6595) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Garcia absent.

Mrs. Joyce Agu, 8514 Stone Village Lane, Houston, Texas 77040 (713-983-6622) appeared, introduced herself and allowed her husband to speak. Council Member Garcia absent.

Mr. Uchenna Agu, 8514 Stone Village Lane, Houston, Texas 77040 (713-983-6622) appeared and stated that he and his wife had the pleasure of traveling around the world twice with the CBS Amazing Race and after that they wondered how to place the same competitive attitude about something in Houston and they designed the Great Rase Houston, basically it took the concept of the Amazing Race with clues and challenges for contestants to go around Houston and make the competition about charity; that each contestant would raise funds for two charities and this year those charities were Casa de Esperanza and the Houston Food Bank; that the television production would also be a postcard for the city because they would be going to interesting things and this would be about raising awareness for charity; that they were putting the "fun" back in fund raising; and Mrs. Agu stated that they wanted to bring awareness to the two charities and planned to do this as an annual event and they planned to run it through the city May 1st through May 3rd and 100% of the donations would go directly to the charities; [www.thegreatraisehouston.com](http://www.thegreatraisehouston.com). Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Adams thanked both Mr. and Mrs. Agu and stated that the Amazing Race was one of her favorite shows; and thanked them for being hometown heroes who came to give back.

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Agu for taking their new found celebrity hood and using it for a great cause; that he was happy they called Houston home and worked with charities and Casa de Esperanza was a fabulous charity for children and the Houston Food Bank was also great; that a representative from his office would be coming to speak with them as whatever he could do in bringing them sponsorship he wanted to do. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Khan stated that they were wonderful role models and people like them made Houston a better city and he truly commended them.

Council Member Green congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Agu on their win and stated that raising money was a tough thing to do and he thanked them for what they did; that he would be glad to help them get the word out if they would send him an email.

Council Member Jones stated that some on reality shows flew around the country raising money for charities and she knew they had just done so.

Mayor White thanked Mr. and Mrs. Agu for being at Council's reality television show and stated that they had seen all the uses and abuses celebrities could play and for those who had the sun shine on them and then did it for someone else it took real strength and he hoped they would be an inspiration to many who thought they were big shots; and he thanked them for setting a good example.

Mr. Hartwell Remsburg, 6702 Renwick Drive, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-829-7873) appeared and stated that in 1954 when Mayor White was born he was in Anchorage, Alaska in a squadron of 25 planes watching Russians during the cold war; that this was his third time to ask if an ordinance could be placed on the Agenda prohibiting cell phones from being used while driving. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Remsburg for coming and he would invite Council Members to give him their thoughts. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she also thanked Mr. Remsburg for coming and she had the question asked of her a lot regarding banning cell phones in school zones and she knew they were authorized by state laws to do that; and she wondered if the Mayor had looked into it and if the city had authority under state law to regulate use of cell phones; and Mayor White stated that he assumed if they did under general home rule powers they would have authorities, he would ask that she and other citizens serving as elected representatives ...; that he was sometimes reluctant to pass laws where they may be problematic or difficult and given some limited resources the City Attorney's Office, they could give them more money and investigators to pursue the hot sheet motels as nuisances and bring actions; that they did have unsolved crimes on murder, rape, burglary and that was the only issue he may have, but he would get back to her. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Karen Vowell, 1207 Castlewood, Friendswood, Texas 77546 (281-785-5515) appeared and stated that she commended the city on hosting the art festival which brought recognition and good will; that she and her husband went the show in Memorial Park two weeks ago and it was first rate, but after going back to their car parked on Crestwood they had a ticket; that she brought pictures to view today as they had a permanent parking parallel green and white sign where they parked and when they came back they noticed the "no parking" signs attached temporarily to light poles closer to Memorial Drive, but that became confusion; that she also had pictures of the emergency vehicle lane there but if emergency vehicles were to use it there would be a safety hazard as they had 6" to 12" pot holes and she had two solutions to propose, one to fill in potholes and to post orange plastic cones along the area so citizens knew they could not park there during that time. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor White stated that he thanked Ms. Vowell for bringing it to Council's attention and parking should be made clear; and upon questions, Ms. Vowell stated that she had contested it, talking to four different people in traffic and in parks but no one thought it to be their issue; and Mayor White stated to Mr. Normal that if you could not tell from signage what to do then you should not be fined, citizens needed to know the rules; and he would see who was going to tell him who would be taking responsibility. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Garcia absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she would agree the buck should stop here and she thanked Ms. Vowell for bringing her problem with a solution; that Montgomery County posted signs and marked cars to know who saw the signs; and upon questions, Mayor White stated that he would get to the bottom of whose issue it was. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan and Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Ms. Vowell for coming here and to the art festival and the Mayor said he would look into this; that she knew the Parking Division did a wonderful job on downtown festivals and bagged parking meters and those bags could easily be used to bag parking signs and it was critical to the success of any program to have clear signage. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan and Garcia absent.

Council Member Lawrence thanked Ms. Vowell for coming and stated that she would be glad to have someone call her about this; that Ms. Lilliana Rambo worked for the city and headed up parking and if there was a mistake she wanted her to look it over. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Brown absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Noriega, Ms. Vowell stated that she did contest the ticket and it was lowered. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Brown absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Ms. Vowell stated that the hearing officer laughed and said he had seen a lot of contested tickets on this issue in this particular location. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Noriega absent.

Mr. Jeffrey Marinacci, 1614 Wakefield, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-956-1754) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Noriega absent.

Ms. Terry Thompson, 1506 Warwick Road, Houston, Texas 77093 appeared and stated that her concern was the sliding scales in the housing projects for elderly and handicapped; that some of them did not know about the sliding scale; that Houston had a large problem with homeless and no one should be and the vets and elderly should not have to worry about anything; and crime in stereotyped projects needed people back in school, they all had gifts and needed to be educated. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Noriega absent.

Mr. Bob Lawrence, 4822 Southerland Road, Houston, Texas 77092 (713-353-5800) appeared, presented information and stated that HERO never had an opportunity to be introduced formerly to the Houston community as immediately after its first organizational meeting Mr. Harold Norwood, a City of Houston Public Works employee was struck by a car while cleaning debris off a street and he passed away; that the tragedy was Friday, December 14, 2007, and members of HERO's board and City of Houston Personnel for the Mayor's staff, Public Works officials and even the 100 Club staff were getting the word out about HERO; that several had met with the wife of Mr. Norwood the following Monday and Wednesday and provided her \$2,500 to help with funeral arrangements and weeks later the HERO benefits committee met with Lisa to do a needs assessment and he was happy to report that the recommendation to provide additional financial assistance was approved and had been done; that HERO was patterned after the 100 Club but had no members to draw from for donations and it became evident after donations received after the event; that this was being brought to everyone's attention as Mr. and Mrs. Norwood had no children, but say there were children involved, there was a need to do much better in raising money; that the 100 club had 27,000 members and they all pitched in and did what they could and basically it was 20 times more than what HERO received and now they were appealing to citizens when they made their charitable contributions to remember HERO, they were tax deductible and could be made through the Houston Municipal Federal Credit Union and the web site was [houstonmunicipalfederalcreditunion.com](http://houstonmunicipalfederalcreditunion.com) HMEFCU.org. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Lawrence for agreeing to do this job and stated that he would comment after the Council Members. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lawrence introduced her husband, Mr. Bob Lawrence, and stated that he was very passionate about this and regretfully this started with many seeing a need to protect families after something tragic happened; that they were asking for help from Council Members in getting the word out to their districts and allow it to make a difference to the city employees and their families. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lovell thanked Mr. Lawrence for what he was doing for city employees as they needed to be taken care of the same as police and fire; and Mr. Lawrence stated that this was Mayor White's idea to do this. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Mayor White stated that one thing he intended to do...; that two right of way workers in the last fourteen months unfortunately had something happen and they needed something institutionalized and he thanked him and other members of the board; that he would urge Council Members if there were funds left in campaign accounts to consider a modest but appropriate contribution; that they had 22 civilian employees over time and also if there was anyway city employees could have a way to do a \$1.00 or \$2.00 contribution from their check a month; that also people were constantly giving him gifts as representative of this city and some were memorable and wonderful things, but when he was in federal government they had a no gift policy and he suggested auctioning them off, etc., and they did something with cars they hauled off; that there should be an innovative way to reinvest over time in this fund and he would appreciate Council Members helping him figure what could be done. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that they payroll deducted for the CMC campaign and Santa program and this would affect all employees and she would like something similar set up; and Mr. Lawrence stated that the HERO organization was approved for the CMC and they could begin printing deduction forms for employees; and Mayor White stated that he would pursue that and ask for a report then share results with her. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Lawrence stated that regarding college if there was a way to assist they would; that the 100 Club did an incredible job but they had more funds to work with and they set aside money and the state legislature would pay for a police officers child to go to school, the 100 Club paid the extra say for Harvard, etc.; and Council Member Jones stated that she would like the legislature lobbied to get public employees children; and Mayor White stated that they would check on state law on that. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Lawrence stated that contributions could be mailed to c/o Houston Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union, 608 East Tidwell Street, Houston, Texas 77022-1820; and Mayor White stated that he would ask all to help in working to build this up. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Mr. Bill Baun, 2340 University Blvd., Houston, Texas 77005 (713-526-6862) appeared and stated that he was a wellness coach at M D Anderson and chair of the Mayor's Wellness Council and they had an exciting program, in three years they went from number one on the fattest city's list to number 10 and their goal was to promote Houston as a healthy place to live, work and raise your family; that childhood obesity was a number one issue now and being an obese child meant you faced the same chronic illnesses as your parents, diabetes, upper respiratory, asthma and heart disease; that the wellness council had been meeting with experts, foundations, etc., and they had a vision "Can Do Houston" and it was to defeat obesity; that to fight this parents needed to be involved, buy and cook better foods and have parks safe enough for children to play; that three communities were chosen to start their project, Magnolia,

Independent Heights and Sunnyside, three minority communities that they had good health information on and it could prove whether they made a difference. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Baun for his leadership and such an exciting opportunity and stated that in addition to those neighborhoods the Fondren Southwest neighborhood and the Westland YMCA were very interested in also participating. Council Members Sullivan, Khan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that they had a community ethic about a walk able city and Denver had a standard that they had to have a park within a quarter mile of every residential unit in the city of Denver and they were about to achieve it; and he hoped that he and the group would push Houston in that direction. Council Members Sullivan, Khan and Noriega absent.

Mayor White stated that there were a lot of brains on this Council and in this workforce and the approach and spirit he brought he would make an analogy; that about December or January on television there was a new piece of equipment making it easier to do sit-ups without pain and it was much easier to buy a machine than to do a sit-up; and a lot of it was about support. Council Members Sullivan, Khan and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Baun stated that they would begin with elementary schools and parks near those schools and then go to the middle schools; and Council Member Adams stated that once he got boundaries for schools they would target she would appreciate the information. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that strong bodies built strong minds; and upon questions, Mr. Baun stated that they wanted to get wellness messages to adults and they would look to see what worked on educating adults and would try as many things as they could; that a small convenience store did not sell anything healthy and they were looking at having a farmers market once a week. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Green absent.

Ms. Mary Pruitt, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Green absent.

Ms. Barbara Hargrove-Wilkins, who was previously added to the speakers list appeared and stated that she did appreciate seeing SPARK parks everywhere; that she was in need of the Tidwell Community Service Center May 17th and she understood it would not be open until June; that constituents were hurting in District B and needed special attention; that she was proposing METRO be enhanced, accessible to all across the demographic area of Houston and it should be proposed vehicles be left at home on weekdays. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia and Green absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that Ms. Wilkins was trying to have an event and they were working with her trying to find a place for May 17th and it may be helpful if they had some assistance in looking for an alternative and she would ask the Mayor for that assistance, the center she wanted was booked for almost a year; and upon questions by Mayor White, Ms. Wilkins stated there would be about 200 people for a prayer breakfast; and Mayor White stated that he would consider that, but it was important to him that all were treated the same. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan and Green absent.

Ms. Wilkins stated that she would like to complete her statement; and Mayor White stated that if she would present it to Ms. Dillard she would make copies and have it distributed. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan and Green absent.

Mr/Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan and Green absent.

Ms. Sharon Lauder, 373 1/2 West 19th, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-206-0953) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan and Green absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-453-6376) appeared and stated that he was the actual president of the United States and Harris County voter registrar representative; that there was fatal crucifixion assassination of him and that was not officially his cell phone number and he had requested it to stop; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan and Green absent.

At 3:50 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Khan and Green absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2008, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, James G. Rodriguez, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, Ronald C. Green and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 9:33 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Member Khan absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 42**

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 3

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,937,621.58 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in the Lindale Area, WBS S-000035-00C7-4 6.12% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H – GARCIA** - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0235 ADOPTED.

#### **PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 5 through 6

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel KY7-243, located at 950 Lehman Street, owned by Gary L. Meyer and Francine F. Meyer, for the **WATER LINE REPLACEMENT IN THE SHEPHERD PARK TERRACE AREA PROJECT**, WBS S-000035-00N5-2 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0236 ADOPTED.

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY3-065, located in the 10777 block of Southwest Freeway, owned by SRL Properties - Houston, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, SRL Properties, Inc., General Partner, Ed Sebesta, President, for the **KEEGANS BAYOU HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL PROJECT from Brays Bayou to Kirkwood**, WBS N-00420B-0025-2-01 - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0237 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 7 through 14

7. **SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC** for Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for the Houston Airport System - \$939,928.00 - Enterprise Fund - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent.
8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$133,781.63 out of C & E Construction Fund for Interior Signage Upgrade at the George R. Brown Convention Center for the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department, WBS B-000130-0001-4-01 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0277 ADOPTED.
- 8a. **ALLPRO SIGN & BANNER COMPANY** for Interior Signage Upgrade at the George R. Brown Convention Center for the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$127,411.08 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$133,781.63 - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2008-0238 ADOPTED.
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$67,977.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund to Furnish and Install a HVAC System at Fire Station No. 62 for the General Services Department, WBS C-0000EQ-0002-4-01 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0278 ADOPTED.
- 9a. **HUNTER ALLIED OF TEXAS, INC** to Furnish and Install a HVAC System at Fire Station No. 62 for the General Services Department - \$64,740.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$67,977.00 - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2008-0239 ADOPTED.
13. **CONTRACT RESOURCE GROUP** - \$67,453.80, **CHALLENGE OFFICE PRODUCTS** - \$126,118.01, **JIMENEZ CONTRACT SERVICES** - \$83,453.03 and **TEKINON** - \$152,439.98 for Office Furniture from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - \$387,698.85 General, Enterprise and Police Consolidated Construction Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2008-0240 ADOPTED.
14. **216 RESOURCES** - \$728,470.00 and **CHAMPION LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES, INC** - \$135,025.00 for Topsoil, Bank Sand, Clay-Filled Dirt and Conditioners for Various

Departments - General and Enterprise Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2008-0241 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 17 through 42

17. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a prescriptive sanitary sewer easement (Parcel SY7-071) located in Lot 5, Block 12, Weston Subdivision, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, A-696, Houston, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning said easement to MD Holdings, L.L.C., the abutting owner, in consideration of its payment of \$16,700.00 and other consideration to the City **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0279 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 35.0369 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 230**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0280 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE establishing the east side of the 1000 block of Northwood Street within the City of Houston as a special building line requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0281 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 400 block of Omar Avenue, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0282 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving an amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City and **WEST PARK MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** authorized by Ordinance No. 2002-1040 **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0283 ADOPTED.
- 21a. ORDINANCE approving an amendment to the annexation for limited purposes of a certain area located within West Park Municipal Utility District, authorized by Ordinance 2002-1041 **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0284 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2008-249 relating to Mobile Automobile Repair Businesses to correct a scrivener's error - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0285 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR, INC** to settle outstanding disputes and controversies – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent.

31. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-87, which awarded contract to **TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED** for an On-Call Drainage Construction Contract (Work Order), WBS M-000126-0058-4 to correct the Engineering and Testing Services Outline Agreement Number - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0286 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving the purchase of a Public Street Right-of-way easement over 9.2400 acres of land (Parcel AY5-052), more or less, in the William J. Lovett Survey, A-526, and the William B. Walker Survey, A-857, from BNSF Railway Company, a Delaware Corporation ("BNSF"), for a Grade Separation to connect two at-grade sections of Fuqua Street over Mykawa Road and BNSF's Railroad Tracks; approving and authorizing an Overpass Agreement between the City and BNSF for construction and maintenance of such grade separation - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0287 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$295,387.40 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SES HORIZON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program (approved by Ordinance No. 06-0254), WBS N-00610A-00D0-3 - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS; F - KHAN and G - HOLM** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0288 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$572,700.00 out of Library Capital Project Fund and \$372,300.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Clayton Library Renovation, WBS E-000156-0001-4, and approving and authorizing first amendment to construction contract between the City of Houston and **WORKMAN COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LTD.**, (approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0555); providing funding for architectural services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Library Capital Project Fund and the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0289 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$860,171.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RATNALA AND BAHL, INC** for North Corridor Consolidation Plan, Package 2B, WBS R-000536-0015-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0290 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$520,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ARCADIS US, INC** for Northside Sewer Relief Tunnel Evaluation, WBS R-002003-0004-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; B - JOHNSON and H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0291 ADOPTED.

41. ORDINANCE No. 2008-242, passed second reading April 2, 2008  
ORDINANCE granting to **CLEANSERVE, INC., a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport Solid Waste and Industrial Waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0242 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
42. ORDINANCE No. 2008-243, passed second reading April 2, 2008  
ORDINANCE granting to **TROY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport Solid Waste and Industrial Waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Khan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0243 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

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

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 43

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan and establish a charge of \$75.00 plus tax and postage for the adopted CIP documents (\$20.00 plus tax and postage for CD) – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Lawrence, and tagged by Council Members Clutterbuck and Noriega. Council Member Khan absent.

**DAMAGES**

2. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **MICHAEL COX vs. the City of Houston**; Cause No. H-04-4318; in the United States District Court; Southern District of Texas - \$155,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Lawrence. Council Member Khan absent.

**PROPERTY**

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel AY7-005, located at the SW Corner of Monroe Road and Hall Road, owned by Four Seasons Self Storage at Pearland Parkway, L.P., a Texas limited partnership [LPT Development, Inc. (Courtland Peddy, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer) General Partner], for the **MONROE PAVING PROJECT from Fuqua to the Beltway**, WBS N-000711-0001-2 - **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0242 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

10. **LAKEHILLS CONSULTING, L.P. d/b/a LAKEHILLS ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS (LAKEHILLS)** for Salamander Technologies Patient Tracking System through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for the Office of Emergency Management of the Mayor's Office - \$1,654,181.64 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Johnson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0243 ADOPTED.
11. **NORTEX MODULAR SPACE** for Modular Office Building from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Houston Police Department - \$208,252.94 - Police Special Services Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0244 ADOPTED.
12. **PITNEY BOWES, INC** for Spending Authority to Lease a Digital Mailing System from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Neighborhood Protection Division of the Houston Police Department \$158,400.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Johnson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. MOTION 2008-0245 ADOPTED.

## **ORDINANCES**

15. ORDINANCE amending third amended and restated ordinance relating to the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes, Series E; making certain covenants and agreements in connection therewith; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, delivery and security of such Notes, including the approval of two Substitute Credit Agreements, a fourth amended and restated Dealer Agreement, a fourth amended and restated Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement and two Updated Offering Memoranda; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Clutterbuck and Khan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0292 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Master Ordinance; providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008A to refund the City's Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004C-2C and Series 2004C-2D and a portion of Series 2004C-2E; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve the amounts, Interest Rates, Prices, and terms thereof and certain other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, Remarketing Agreement and Reimbursement Agreement; making other provisions regarding such bonds; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Member Khan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0293 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$80,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund (4507); approving a License Agreement between **DISCOVERY GREEN CONSERVANCY, as licensor**, and the City of Houston, Texas for improved space within Discovery Green for a HPL Express Public Library Facility - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** -

was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0294 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Real Estate Marketing Agreement by and between the City of Houston and **COLLIERS APPELT WOMACK, INC d/b/a COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL** for Professional Brokerage/Marketing Services at Ellington Field - \$50,000.00 - Enterprise Fund **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0295 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE rescinding the Real Estate Contract between Steven J. Gibson, Trustee and the City of Houston, Texas and de-appropriating \$6,420,000.00 from the Series E Commercial Paper Amateur Sports Complex Fund passed by Ordinance No. 2008-079 to purchase land (Parcel QY8-002), said funds to be re-appropriated to acquire alternate land for the same purposes in companion ordinances to be submitted for adoption - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to thank the people at Public Works and others who had given them some background on the item, that they were some changes that were made to a previous item that she supported regarding recreational soccer fields, that she wanted to thank them for their detail, that it was going to be an exciting project. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams stated that they were really excited about what was getting ready to take place in District D, that she had the opportunity to talk to Andy about the new changes, that they welcomed it and wanted to thank all of the partnerships and the people who were on the parcel of land for coming together, that there was going to be some extension of Kirby and some other streets, that it was something that was going to be really welcomed to the City and for the partnerships. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mayor White stated that it would be great for Members of City Council when they see the trustees of HCC and the management gave positive reinforcement to the idea that they would be developing their adjacent parcel along with the City so that the whole would be more than the sum of the parts if they did it right. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he understood the reason they were rescinding the other purchase was because somebody miscalculated the amount of money they needed to spend on the development, and Mayor White stated that another way to put it was that they had two parcels, where they had, in their judgment, excellent pricing and he recalled in the meeting being fairly candid with his colleagues that they wanted to set aside room for the City to grow so that they did not have to catch up in 10 or 15 years and be in a situation like they were in District F where there was a dense population but little room to grow with green space without taking down something that was existing, that it turned out that the amount of money that it would take to build the required drainage under their own ordinances made it much more attractive to the City to consolidate all of the planned activities north of Sims Bayou rather than having tracts on both sides of Sims Bayou and getting the water to Sims Bayou was cheaper from the north, but he would say that this was exactly why they did have letters of intent followed by earnest money contracts followed by definitive agreements, so it would be fairly typical of a commercial transaction, and Council Member Khan asked if somebody took a look as to if they did provide infrastructure for that location would it not help a lot of developments in and around this area because there was a lot of vacant land which was not being developed because of lack of infrastructure, and Mayor White stated that on the parcel they were dealing with, the one immediately to the north of Sims Bayou, he believed that the extension of Kirby and the development of the park and soccer fields and the reservation of land along the bayou and the sale, at their cost, to a non profit with a compatible use who was also contributing to the

infrastructure, all that would accelerate development of that area that would be north of Sims Bayou; that with respect to the place south of Sims Bayou, he thought Council Member Khan raised an interesting question that others had posed which was that there was a vehicle for doing that water, sewer and drainage infrastructure, that vehicle was called a MUD, that had worked, that Houston consisted of over 220 MUDs which had been consolidated, but the issue about how they dealt with the drainage and infrastructure requirements that were more costly for new development and infrastructure, without having to raise water rates and taxes, was a very interesting issue, but Council Member Khan was right some of the area that was south of Sims Bayou there would have to be a greater commercial interest than now existed in order to justify it's development.

A vote was called on Item No. 25. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0296 ADOPTED.

- 25a. ORDINANCE appropriating an additional amount of \$2,127,905.00 from the Miscellaneous Land Fund to acquire additional land in the James Hamilton Survey, Abstract No. 880 from Maryfield, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, Amerifirst Corporation, general partner, for an Amateur Sports Complex (Parcel QY8-011) as previously authorized under Ordinance 2008-065, dated January 23, 2008; eliminating the provisions relating to the Veterans' Land Board of the State of Texas; and reconfiguring the amount assigned to the Wesley Chapel AME Church of Houston, Texas, a Texas non-profit corporation, resulting in the City acquiring a total of approximately 52.75 acres (Parcel QY8-011) WBS K-002008-0001-2 - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0297 ADOPTED.
- 25b. ORDINANCE approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston and Hannover Estates Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership, Amvest corporation, General Partner, for the purchase of approximately 38.88 acres out of the James Hamilton Survey, Abstract No. 880 for an Amateur Sports Complex (Parcels QY8-012 and QY8-013); authorizing the appropriation of \$4,290,930.00 from the Miscellaneous Land Fund; and authorizing payment of the purchase price and related expenses for the acquisition of Parcels QY8-012 and QY8-013 **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0298 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE determining that the formal taking of competitive bids is not required for the work described herein; and awarding contract to **TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC** for Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Services for the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with 2 one-year options - \$1,686,711.16 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0299 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with **ARMOR HOLDINGS PRODUCTS, LLC** for Bullet-Resistant Body Armor for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$4,875,713.00 - General and Asset Forfeiture Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0300 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **LION TOTALCARE, INC** for Cleaning, Decontamination & Repair Services for Fire Protective Ensembles for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$8,869,164.50 - General and Enterprise Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0301 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **RBEX, INC d/b/a APPLE TOWING CO.** for Towing Services for Vehicles and Equipment for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,109,120.50 - General and Fleet Management Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0302 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATALYE APPEL & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, LLC** for Library ADA Renovations, WBS E-000157-0002-3, (passed by Ordinance 2007-553) \$221,444.44 - Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; B - JOHNSON; G - HOLM and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0303 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,381,500.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **PYRAMID CONSTRUCTORS, LLP** for Renovation of Magnolia Health and Multi-Service Center, WBS D-000080-0001-4, 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 and testing services, construction management, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and Federal Government-Grants Fund - \$3,053,000.00 - Grant Fund **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to commend the company that was doing the work, they exceeded the MBE and SBE goals, that the MBE goal was 15% and the SBE was 5% and the WBE was 5% and they achieved 34.75%, 6.11% and 5.50%, so she just wanted to commend them.

A vote was called on Item No. 38. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0304 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,659,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in the Greensboro Area, WBS S-000035-00E5-4; 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, project management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0305 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,050,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **COLLINS CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.** for Waterline Replacement in Wrenwood Subdivision, WBS S-000801-0017-4; 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, project management, 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. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0306 ADOPTED.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

43. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** relative to proposed amendments to the Project and Financing Plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Ten (Lake Houston Zone) **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN - SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 23, 2008 - 9:00 A.M.** – was presented.

Council Member Garcia moved to set April 23, 2008 for a hearing relative to proposed amendments to the Project and Financing Plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number (Lake Houston Zone), seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. MOTION 2008-0246 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 44 through 48

44. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Brown to amend Item 44C as follows:  
Amendment to the Developer Participation Contract Section 47-164. Construction by developers under developer contract.

After:

Subject to the availability of funds allocated for that purpose by City Council, the City may share in the expense of construction of the main and other eligible costs by any of the following methods, as applicable, at the option of the developer:

ADD:

Awards of Developer Participation Contracts will be subject to compliance with standards and guidelines issued by Department of Public Works and Engineering, and approved by city council, which reflect principles of sustainable growth and mixed income neighborhoods. – **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN, KHAN and GREEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to withdraw his amendment and substitute some language change as follows:

“Amendment to the Developer Participation Contract  
Section 47-164. Construction by developers under developer contract.

After:

Subject to the availability of funds allocated for that purpose by City Council, the City may share in the expense of construction of the main and other eligible costs by any of the following methods, as applicable, at the option of the developer:

ADD:

Awards of Developer Participation Contracts will be subject to compliance with revised standards and guidelines issued by Department of Public Works and Engineering, and approved by city council.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Brown stated that he would withdraw his motion to amend Item No. 44c and the substitute for Item No. 44 and Mayor White stated that if there was no objection by unanimous consent it was so ordered.

- 44a. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Johnson to amend Item 44C as follows:  
Amendment to Agenda Item 44C

Pursuant to Chapter 47 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Developer Participation contracts, district council members must be notified and approve all individual DPC contracts prior to approval of the Director of the Department of Public Works and

Engineering. – (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS SULLIVAN, KHAN and GREEN**) – was presented.

Council Member Johnson stated that he was going to withdraw Item No. 44a and wanted to offer a substitute amendment for Item No. 44a as follows:

“WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Johnson to amend Item 44C by adding the following language to proposed Subsection 47-164(5) of the Code of Ordinances:

When a DPC application is administratively complete, but prior to approval by director, the dept. shall provide the members of the City Council notice of the scope and location of the proposed project as well as contact information for the developer.”

Mayor White stated that they would support the substitution and the merits of the amendment to be substituted.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Green stated that in Council Member Johnson’s amendment, prior to the execution of the contract the Council should be notified, to him the time period was kind of open, that if the application was complete today the Public Works Department sends a email out that it had been completed and they get it three days later and it had already been approved, that it seemed like there was a little lag time there and there needed to be some tighter language, that he was offering that suggestion.

After further discussion Mayor White suggested that they add, after “but” and before “prior”, “at least 10 days”, and if there was no objection by unanimous consent it was so ordered to amend the motion to substitute.

After a further lengthy discussion by the City Council, a vote was called on the motion to allow Council Member Johnson to substitute an amended written amendment for Item No. 44a, which was seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. MOTION 2008-0247 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on the written motion substituted for Item No. 44a as amended by unanimous consent. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. MOTION 2008-0248 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

44b. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Green to amend Item 44C as follows:  
I move to amend Section 6 of Section 47-164 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to developer participation contracts, as follows:

Section 6. Once this ordinance has been passed by the Mayor and Council, it shall take effect on and not before January 1, 2010. – (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**) – was presented.

Council Member Green moved to allow him to withdraw Item No. 44b, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. MOTION 2008-0249 ADOPTED.

44c. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 47-164 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to developer participation contracts; containing findings and other provisions relating to the subject; providing for severability – (**This was Item 8 on Agenda of April 2, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**) – was presented.

After a lengthy discussion by the City Council, a vote was called on Item No. 44c. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Holm absent on personal

business. ORDINANCE 2008-0307 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

45. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2005-322 (passed by City Council on March 30, 2005) to increase the maximum contract amount for the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR)** and the Intergovernmental Agreement with **FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA** for the procurement of Technology Products and Services for Various Departments - \$60,000,000.00 - Various Funds – **(This was Item 10 on Agenda of April 2, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JONES, KHAN and JOHNSON)** – was presented.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to thank Richard Lewis for meeting with her this week and he supplied the requested information from her tag last week.

A vote was called on Item No. 45. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2008-0308 ADOPTED.

46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Contract (C56218) between the City of Houston and **PETDATA, INC** for Animal Licensing Services for the Health & Human Services Department - Revenue – **(This was Item 11 on Agenda of April 2, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLM)** – was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this item was to allow for their animal licensing renewal online and there was a direction to that on the City of Houston website; that she would like to thank the Health Department, specifically Director Williams for his response to her questions and to Council Member Holm's questions; that she would like to remind the public that it was essential that they license their pets, it was an important law because it helped them keep track of which animals had been neutered or spayed as well as keeping track and control of their rabies situation in Houston, that it was an important health matter for the City and this would certainly help make it a lot easier; that she thought that last week on some of her questions she was not very clear on them and she would be asking them again during the budget process, that she would like to know specifically from the contract with Petdata how much they had improved or increased their number of registrations since they had the contract, over their previous efforts just as the City Bureau of Animal Regulation and Control, that she would like to know how much Petdata had increased that, how many more registrations they had and to have additional information on how it was that they could go about insuring compliance with this important and inexpensive way to monitor their animal population in the City of Houston, and Mayor White stated that they would try to get that information for her. Council Members Sullivan and Brown absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 46. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Brown absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0309 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC** for Comprehensive City Mobility Planning Tool, WBS N-000662-0031-3 - \$596,616.00 - Mobility Response Team Fund – **(This was Item 16 on Agenda of April 2, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LOVELL and KHAN)** – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Brown absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Marlene Gafrick for coming and giving them a really informative presentation on the item, that the City was going to set an example to the other cities and counties in the surrounding area, that she knew there were some questions about why they were not doing it internally but truthfully it was a very specialized project and they wanted to get it done very quickly, they could do it in house but it

would take so long, but by doing it with Kimley Horn they could get it done and get the information out so that they could start using it and not be behind. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he also appreciated Ms. Gafrick and Council Member Lovell about some of the questions which he raised, that he was very much in favor of having a proper mobility plan and thought it was important for a City of their size to have that, that he also thought that they had fine engineers working for the City and if they could use them they could do as good a job or maybe better job, but he did see the point which Marlene was making, that it may take time and may take reassignment, the only thing he would request was that he generally was not in favor of consultant contracts, that in the past he heard that many times consulting work was done just to be put on the shelf and sit there forever, that sometimes if they used consultants too much then they were really disrespecting their City's engineering group, that all he wanted to request was just to be a little discretionary about consulting contracts and make sure that they do use their own resources. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 47. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0309 ADOPTED.

48. MOTION by Council Member Khan/Seconded by Council Member Garcia to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Karen Riddle, Abel Permits, on behalf of Pedro Arreguin, for abandonment and sale of ±21,760-square-feet of excess dedicated Dacoma Street right-of-way from Hurfus Street to Karbach Street, adjacent to Lot 75 of the Eureka Acres Subdivision, Parcel SY8-010 - **APPRAISERS - DISTRICT H – GARCIA – (This was Item 29 on Agenda of April 2, 2008, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2008-231)** – was presented. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 48:

"I offer a motion to amend agenda item 48 to add:

The ordinance authorizing the abandonment and sale of the property shall provide that, as part of the consideration for such abandonment and sale, the owner shall execute an instrument in a form acceptable to the City Attorney within thirty (30) days following passage of the ordinance, establishing as a covenant running with the land that the property may never: (i) be used or have located on it an off-premises sign as defined in the City of Houston Sign Code, as amended to date of passage of the ordinance, or (2) be eligible for relocation of an off-premise sign under the Sign Code. The abandonment ordinance shall provide that, in the event that the owner does not execute such instrument before the expiration of the thirty (30) day period, the abandonment ordinance shall be null and void.", seconded by Council Member Lovell.

A vote was called on the motion to allow Council Member Lawrence to amend Item No. 48. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

A vote was called on the main motion as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent. MOTION 2008-0250 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR, INC** to settle outstanding disputes and controversies – was presented., and tagged by Council Member Lovell. Council Members Sullivan, Brown and Jones absent.

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

Council Member Sullivan stated that there had been a lot of discussion lately about parks and one in particular was Lake Houston Park, that he had a constituent named Bob Rehak, who lived in Kingwood and was an advertising executive and he sent an email to both him and Joe Turner and he was impressed with the quality of the pictures he had taken and he asked him to make 20 copies of a poster, which he passed out to the City Council, that the property adjoined all of the pictures on the poster, all kinds of wildlife, that they were taken from East End Park in Kingwood, in District E, and was directly across the creek from Lake Houston Park, so while they had talked about Lake Houston Park and voted to spend money for the Master Plan, this was what Houstonians had a chance to anticipate and enjoy for generations to come, that he wanted to thank Mr. Rehad for printing the posters at his cost and donating them to the City Council. Council Members Rodriguez, Brown and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that there was an article in the newspaper this week about an oral history project, about people calling in or being visited and telling some of their piece of history in the City of Houston, that she thought it was a valuable project and as they did historical preservation of their buildings and areas it was extremely important that they preserve memories and experiences of the people that had come to Houston to live, that she wanted to tell anyone out there that if they wanted to have part of their history in Houston recorded they could contact Judith Hyatt at 832-393-1476. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she went to the opening night of the Houston Astros and what a game it was, that it appeared they were going to have an exciting season and she encouraged everybody to go and watch and to thank the Houston Astros for a great opening night. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she was joking around that during their discussion on DPCs, three new DPCs had been built during the discussion; that she wanted to point out that as they campaigned many times they were asked by constituents what they were going to do if they disagreed with their District Council Member, was she going to vote with the District Council Member or was she going to listen to them and vote maybe their concerns, that she thought that on the DPC today, giving it to the departments and letting the Council Members be advised of what was going on took away some of that, that she was not in disagreement with what they did today; that she hoped they could find an ad hoc committee where they really would look at parts of the City where they really wanted to help develop and what needed to go on with that, but she was convinced that it was not about the water and sewer lines that went in. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Mayor White stated that what they were trying to get was standard based decision making rather than project based decision making. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that April 10, 1962 was the first baseball game in Texas and it was the Houston Colt 45's who defeated the Chicago Cubs, 11 to 2. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that on Tuesday there would be a RDNP, Regulations Development and Neighborhood Protection meeting at 9:00 a.m., that it would be on the energy code and it was the only time that Public Works could get together due to some time constraints; that if there were any handouts they would get them in the next couple of days; that their regular committee would be on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that Friday, April 11, 2008 was Texas Tartan Day celebration, the Scottish Heritage, that they would be downtown, for a festival, in kilts. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Brown absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he was glad that they had the DPC discussion, that he knew that Districts B and D probably had the largest number of DPCs coming through and when the ordinance came about he thought the whole idea was to make sure that Council Members had input and still knew what was going on in their communities so that they could offer their constituents some level of information and knowledge about what was going on in their communities. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that based on the discussion they had on DPCs, the concern about being cut out would not happen, that he thought the Council Members were tied to their constituency, they pay attention to detail so he thought there would be many opportunities to continue to provide effective oversight out of what may be occurring out in the community. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to thank Frank Wilson for visiting with him in regards to the status of light rail construction in his district and throughout the City, that he wanted to make sure that they got to see the improvements to safety and making sure that they did not revisit some of the challenges that they had in the current line; that making sure that they get down to a little more tighter timeline on the construction because he was trying to keep his constituency informed as to when things were going to happen so that they could make the important decisions as it related to the routes and business operations, and then to the point where he was frustrated and that was an effective plan and resource for construction mitigation for micro businesses. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that yesterday there was an exciting announcement for the City, the Latin Grammy's were coming to Houston, that they needed to thank Mayor White, that about two years ago they expressed interest in coming to Houston and they had a meeting with the Mayor and Mayor White stated that if they came to Houston things would happen and that was essentially the charge that the Mayor gave and after a lot of work they were excited to make the announcement yesterday. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that on Thursday, April 10, 2008, they would have Dr. Carol Lewis, Chairman of the Planning Commission and Ms. Marlene Gafrick, Director of Planning, at the Hillcroft and Harwin area to speak with the commercial property owners and the business owners of the area to talk about traffic issues and pedestrian issues, that the meeting would be taking place at the East West International at 5814 Hillcroft; that they had an international Olympiad coming to Houston May 1 through 5, 2008, that it was called the International Sustainable World, Energy, Engineering and Environment Project Olympiad; that it was an international project where students from over 57 countries and 38 states in the United States were participating; that it would be at the George Brown Convention Center, that they appreciated the sponsoring institutions; that last Saturday Sharpstown had an area cleanup and he wanted to thank the Sharpstown Civic Association and all of the volunteers who participated in that; that yesterday Mr. Wei Lee opened his international trade center in District F, that the Consul General of Japan gave the keynote address yesterday and talked about the importance of international trade between Houston and the rest of the world; that they would have a District F cleanup on Saturday, April 26, 2008, that they could volunteer and join them at Alief Park at 1190 Bellaire Boulevard at 8:00 a.m. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence, Johnson,

Sullivan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Lovell presiding.  
(NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Green stated that he thought the discussion on DPC showed that Council Members thought about the long term implications of voting on an ordinance and some of the unintended consequences and what that would bring about and that brought him to the Metro Consent Agreement, that for the last six weeks there had been talk that the consent agreement was almost ready and they had been unable to get either some sort of an executive summary or the consent agreement itself, that he understood that there were some legal technicalities that needed to be worked out, that his fear was when the consent agreement came out that there would be a rush to get it passed and for those of them who actually read what they get he was going on record now to say that although he had asked for it for the last six weeks, and he had several people from Metro and other departments who were eager to meet with him about a document that he had never seen, so he was a little concerned about that, that it was a very important document when it came to the future of Metro. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she had made a commitment to her fellow colleagues that there would be no rush and it was very much understood by Metro and Public Works, which was one of the reasons why there had been a delay in it, that there were some technicalities and they were going to be meeting again, but they were not going to committee unless the Council had at least a couple of days to look through the document, that if they needed more time they would move the meeting and allow everybody enough time to be able to go through it. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that if there was anything that Metro could give them in the way of something in writing, something objective, whether it was an executive summary of what they expected the Council to vote on, at least that would give them a jump on the amount of research that they needed to do. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown and Noriega absent.

Mayor White stated that there were only two issues that were sort of outstanding, that he did not understand why they could not have some kind of summary of all those provisions that had been agreed on, that unless he was missing something, that they had it and it was in their files, that they ought to be able to get that to Council Member Green. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that the Public Works and Engineering Department was currently accepting applications for the Railroad Quiet Zones, that the program had provided tremendous relief to many of the residents of District C just inside the Loop, that she wanted to applaud Public Works for sending out information to neighborhoods about it and would also like to encourage any citizen who was interested in applying for a Railroad Quiet Zone that the deadline for applications was May 16, 2008 and the applications materials were available at the City of Houston website at the Public Works Traffic and Programs. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she and Council Member Lovell were hosing a very important combined Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, that they would be discussing important financial items relating to expansion and refurbishment at the airport. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that there would be an "Ellington Field Salutes Our Veterans Day" on April 12, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., that the cost was \$10 for adults

and \$5 for children and included lunch, that the proceeds would go to "Helping a Hero Program"; that the Houston International Film Festival, also known as World Fest Houston was also occurring this weekend and would start on Friday, April 11, 2008 and would continue through Sunday, April 20, 2008; that it was a world renown festival in it's 41st year, that it would be occurring at the AMC Studio 30, at 2949 Dunvale and Westheimer. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank the City Council and Mayor White for the continued partnership with the Houston Community College and the Wesley AME Church for their partnership on the sports complex, that HCC was looking at the abutting property to put another sports complex that would possibly house fields for football and baseball. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mayor White and his team for the Green Expo, that it was a wonderful event to attend; that she wanted to thank Art Kidder and Cheryl Harris for their cooperation in meeting with the Roseneath residents about the sinkhole that was occurring on Roseneath; that she wanted to thank Mayor White for his support of the Brentwood Community and the Regg Street project, that she wanted to thank him for his intervention; that she had the opportunity to meet with Kimberly Williams and Council Member Brown and a couple of weeks ago Metro came before them and discussed their communications plans about how they were going to communicate with the citizens, that she wanted to thank them for coming to their office and letting them know, that she was waiting for the communication plan in writing, that she would like for Metro to submit that in writing to them before they started dealing with the consent agreements; that earlier a lot of communication was brought up about some of the housing standards and she thought that later on they should have a meeting or talk about some of the standards that they had for future development and building, so she would like for that to happen as well; that she wanted to thank Joe Turner, they were finally at Townwood Park, that she wanted to thank him and his team for working on the plans for Townwood, that they would be meeting with Vivian Harris and the Super Neighborhood in the South Houston Coalition of Civic Clubs area about the updates of Townwood Park; that in the Sunnyside area they kicked off the Keep Houston Safe in Sunnyside and she wanted to let them know that HPD was out there with their Crime Reduction Unit to help fight crime in the community; that on Saturday was Healthy Kids Day with the YMCA, specially the West Orem Y, so anyone who lived in the Hiram Clarke Community they were asking them to come out and support their local YMCA; that she wanted to thank the City Council for their vote on the sports complex. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to recognize Jesus and Petra Allegria who died this week, that she did not know them but when she read the obituary she was touched, that he was born in 1912 and she was born in 1923 and they married in 1940 and had wonderful progeny, that she was touched by their love story. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she went out and toured Beto's Place Outreach in District C, that it was a wonderful facility and provided a number of the District C needs, that they have a wonderful foodbank and clothing; that she went out to District B to the grand opening of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Activity Center and Tea Room at the Garden City Apartments at 9601 West Montgomery, that people from AARP were out there and helped put that on; that as to the Oral History Project, she was proud to say that the elders at SHAPE Community Center had been participating in that; that she went out to District B to the Home CDC Fourth Annual Banquet, where they were putting affordable housing in Sunnyside; that also had the opportunity to visit in District E, the Kingwood Senior Village, which she thought

was the standard by which a lot of senior homes should be built. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to give a shout out to Professor Murray, who was one of her Political Science Professors at the University of Houston, that he got an endowed scholarship at the University of Houston. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she had a Belereve constituent contact her about follow up related to the contents in their home and they had not received any, that when she contacted Mr. Allison with the Houston Housing Authority he told her that they were responsible for their contents, which this resident did not receive any of her's, that she had to pay for it herself and she did not have any access, and she read from a notice that said that Road Runner was having a meeting on March 9, 2008 at the Multi Service Center at 6400 High Star at 6:00 p.m. to talk to residents who had expressed an interest in having their items cleaned, that they must contract with Road Runner directly, which caused her concern because she did not want to see Road Runner holding their contents hostage. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that the Housing and Community Development Committee meeting was on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., that it was a very important meeting and would be a follow up to the meeting they had last month where they were going to be talking to the CDCs and CHODOs and where they were putting affordable housing on the ground. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary