

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 3, 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. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Mr. Xavier Herrera, Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 8:25 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:25 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Rodriguez for the prayer and pledge of allegiance and Council Member Rodriguez invited Pastor David Punch, Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, for the prayer and Council Member Rodriguez led all in the pledge. Council Members Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

At 9:38 p.m. Mayor White requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Council Members Khan and Garcia moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lovell, Green and Jones absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding second amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone) - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; D - ADAMS; G - HOLM and H - GARCIA** - was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Mayor White recognized Mr. Ralph DeLeon for remarks on the public hearing. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Mr. DeLeon stated that on February 25, 2009 the Board of Directors of the Memorial Heights TIRZ approved amendments to the TIRZ's Project and Financing Plan and forwarded them to the City Council for consideration, that this public hearing was a statutorily required part of the City's review process, that each Council office had been given a copy of the proposed Second Amended Plan for the TIRZ and an official City Statement had been distributed to each Council Member; that the administration requests that City Council approve a plan amendment for the Zone, which would increase project plan expenditures by \$9.4 million, that as explained in the body of the proposed amendments, and as more explicitly shown in Exhibit 1, the proposed amendments were to provide for a series of projects involving public infrastructure, parks and related amenities including pedestrian bridges, cultural and public facilities and affordable housing; that in closing City staff had worked with the Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority on the proposed Second Amended Plan and would later, at this Council meeting, bring forth a recommendation for City Council to approve the plan amendments. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

The City Secretary stated that no one had signed up to appear at the public hearing. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Khan moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones

absent. MOTION 2008-0670 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that the amendment to the TIRZ did not add taxable increments but did extend contiguous public spaces so various people were very cautious about expending increment, although they were going to consider it in just a moment, that every TIRZ executive director wanted more money to go into their place and less to go for the General Fund, in this case it was an example since the skate park built largely with private funds did need people on duty to maintain it and make sure it was relatively safe and by the expansion they were able to provide a source of funding for that and get participation, not only by the City but at least one large tax entity. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding first amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone) - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was called. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

The City Secretary stated that Mr. DeLeon would make comments also. Council Members Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Mr. DeLoen stated that on August 28, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Fifth Ward TIRZ approved amendments to the TIRZ's Project and Financing Plan and forwarded them to the City for consideration, that as previously mentioned, this public hearing was a statutorily required part of the City's review process, that each Council office had been given a copy of the proposed Amended Plan for the TIRZ and an official City Statement had been distributed to each Council Member; that in brief, the administration requests that City Council approve the annexation of 127 acres into the TIRZ and approve a plan amendment to increase the Zone's non-educational project plan expenditures by \$11.2 million; that the intent of the proposed annexation and proposed project plan amendment was to provide much needed public infrastructure improvements to the Fifth Ward area, that as explained in the body of the proposed amendments and as shown in the Part B Estimated Project Costs on Page 2, the proposed amendments would provide for affordable housing, redevelopment activities on Lyons Avenue and developer infrastructure in connection with the construction of affordable residential housing, and if Harris County chooses to participate, potential Harris County designated projects including parks; that in closing, City staff had worked with the Fifth Ward Redevelopment Authority on the proposed Amended Plan and would later at the Council meeting bring forth to City Council a recommendation to approve the plan amendments. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Mayor White stated that in most of the TIRZ other taxing jurisdictions did contribute to funds that were invested within the TIRZ to provide certain types of improvements that were traditionally local government activities and that included the school district, so there were some advantages in TIRZ and concentrating where other taxing entities had chosen to participate; that they looked at some estimates of the ad valorem tax growth of the City and year to year there appeared to be an approximately 18% growth in the increments in those portions of the City within TIRZ, that it was not because of the TIRZ, that it was principally because of the appreciation that had occurred within their major employment centers and the City had become more prosperous. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Lawrence requested the resumes of the executive directors, that it was just another check as they followed the contractors to be sure what was going on there. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Khan moved to close the

public hearing, seconded by Council Member Brown. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Noriega, Green and Jones absent. MOTION 2008-0671 ADOPTED.

At 9: 47 a.m. Mayor White stated that they would move to the public session. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

The City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Sullivan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Ms. Carole Menninger, 1063 Red Rock Canyon, Katy, Texas 77450 (281-392-1381) appeared and stated that she was present today to speak on BARC, they were particularly upset by the recent occurrence with the officer who left dogs in the truck allowing them to all die in the heat; that person needed to be disciplined and more funding was needed for BARC, there was a crisis in Houston with unwanted animals and she knew there was a city surplus and hoped some of it could be used to help those animals; that a number of people came today to stand in support of animals and those animals could be theirs; and urged serious consideration. Council Members Sullivan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that they had received a number of emails on the situation and understood the seriousness; that a BARC representative was present and could speak with them if they would like and she felt she could say that driver would not have something happen again; and Ms. Menninger stated that the city was looking for a new director and urged they find someone who cared about animals. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that a few years ago her dog disappeared and she went to BARC to speak with them and they said they kept dogs three days and she went there every three days for months and it was truly and experience; and they would work on this. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Mark Clark to the list of three minute speakers, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent. MOTION 2008-0672 ADOPTED.

Ms. Lynne Jennings, 155 North Deer Lake Road, Huffman, Texas 77346 (281-324-3477) appeared and stated that she was present addressing the death of the BARC animals; that she recently retired from the federal government and as a civil servant was held to a high degree of standards on her job and she expected the same from the City of Houston, she expected an employee to be held accountable and to face appropriate consequences and she also believed there was a parallel between how a government treated its weakest population and its human population; that she was a proud Houstonian and did expect better than this. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Mayor White stated that he applauded the people at BARC who immediately understood there was inappropriate conduct by the employee and reported it back up the line; and they heard Council Member Lawrence state this would not happen again; that without going into details they could be assured for the employee who was employed less than a year they had considered appropriate consequences. Council Members Sullivan, Garcia, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she thanked all who came to speak and those

who came in support for animals in the city's care; that there had been a number of discussions on this over the years and it was unfortunate it took this tragedy to cause additional outcry and she was pleased with the Administration's response there would be swift and decisive action against the employee, Kent Robertson framed the conversation and highlighted a number of problems at BARC and the larger issue as a city, however, was the vast number of unwanted animals not neutered or spayed and it was time as a community to have a conversation on an ordinance requiring pet owners, unless they were breeders, to spay and neuter their animals; and she did not know which committee it would be, but she did encourage one and would be happy to contribute to the dialogue; and Mayor White stated that each Council Member at this table he would ask Ms. Stein to consider the appropriate point of contact, he wanted them to think and talk about what Council Member Clutterbuck just said, there was a big element of personal responsibility involved in this and the absence of that responsibility tended to result in situations of tragic neglect of animals; and to Ms. Stein he wanted her wisdom on what process they could give a public vetting of this proposal. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Garcia, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Holm thanked all in support of BARC for coming and asked that they stand to be recognized; and stated that she appreciated where Council Member Clutterbuck was coming from and believed it was time to reexamine the role of the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Control and find out where partners were in the community to do some of those roles, to partner with the county and she embraced all their support and commitment of time and energy. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Mr. Hall Lundgren, 12422 Pinerock Lane, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-468-3338) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Ms. Debra Hamilton, 4003 Curtis, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-671-9775) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent.

Ms. Kelly Cripe, 1600 Smith, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-480-3003) appeared and stated that she was present to discuss the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care; that in addition to hosting Pet Pals, a weekly program, she was delighted to serve on the Mayor's working group for animal protection and four years ago came to Council asking the problems plaguing BARC be addressed and now she again was present, BARC remained one of the most underfunded animal control agencies in the state; that the operational budgets for animal control departments in Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso and Austin were all significantly higher and the city of Dallas provided four times the amount of funding for animal control, for every one Houstonian the City of Houston appropriated less than \$2.00 annually to BARC's budget and in contrast the cities of Austin, Dallas and San Antonio spent more than \$5.00 per capita, those numbers mean the leaders of other major cities in Texas understand a well funded animal control agency means less squandering of dollars to disposal of adoptable dogs and cats; that an inadequate budget means you are unable to properly staff BARC and presently in BARC employees there was at least one child sex offender, poor funding also meant animals were housed in a building which should be condemned and that animals were not provided even basic needs to keep them alive like air conditioning as last week an animal control officer left eight dogs in a truck with no air causing their death, it was animal cruelty and neglect, it was time for changes at BARC; that many citizens stepped up to the plate and truly given more than they had received and they were asking for BARC's budget to be increased to fund public education programs, a better facility and qualified staff. Council Members Sullivan, Holm, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor White thanked Ms. Cripe for coming and for her service on the taskforce and stated that they had increased BARC's budget but he understood it was not enough and for the

request for a new facility they hoped to stretch both public and private dollars and he did personally search for the last BARC director who sent them in the right direction and he wanted to thank all volunteers who increased adoption; that sometimes the need was so great even with the increase they needed to get to core issues such as Council Member Clutterbuck stated; and Ms. Cripe stated that was where public funding came into place it was needed for public education. Council Members Sullivan, Holm, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that their Dalmatian was like a child and it was through people's efforts like her that they found Molly. Council Members Sullivan, Holm, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown thanked all for coming and for their vigilance and volunteer efforts; that they did need to make corrections and heard what they said. Council Members Sullivan, Holm, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones thanked all for coming and stated that they were working to find ways for BARC to be a "no kill" shelter, it was important; and committed that they would try and find money; that it was unfortunate what happened a few days ago and hopefully it would help with something positive. Council Members Clutterbuck, Noriega and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that on this issue one thing they would consider with some colleagues pretty quickly was recommendations their group made concerning public awareness and public campaigns; that Council Member Adams had a great campaign for recycling and he would be personally involved in helping to communicate with the public; and Ms. Cripe stated that she had developed a communication plan and met with Elena and Mark but they needed funding; and Mayor White stated that he would look at her plan, budget and other plans; that given the large, large number of neglected animals changing behavior was something which would take time, peer group pressure and consequences to pet owners who were not responsible and they may do a pilot program with measurements and that was the direction they were headed. Council Members Clutterbuck, Noriega and Green absent.

Mr. Al Hoang, 7100 Clarewood Drive, Houston, Texas 77036 (281-788-8186) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Noriega and Green absent.

Ms. Danitha Krieger, 1405 Hyde Park Drive, Houston, Texas 713-523-3089) appeared, presented information and stated that she personally rescued 52 dogs in one year, but today that was not her issue; that today she was present as she was 80 years old, totally alone and owned a small apartment; that so many things had now happened she slept in a chair with a 38; that in June she was awakened with pounding on the door and a large Hispanic guy was there bleeding looking for his brother, but he left; that she evicted a tenant in August and he was harassing her and she was under pressure; that she had her ADT system since 1995 and used her panic button twice since then; that in August there was again pounding early in the morning and she used the panic button and now received a \$250.00 bill from the city saying she made an illegal call to police, but ADT did not inform you when you bought a panic button you could not use it and they were not aware you could not use it, but she imagined the person heard the alarm and left and was not there 20 minutes later when police came. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Adams stated when this was passed a concern was seniors and she brought the \$250.00 bill; that when a senior was alone what were they to do, her concern had been getting out information and she heard none; that she was unregistered, but she was sure she would be if she had known; and Ms. Krieger stated that she had a permit for the ADT system, she had a permit but not for the panic alarm, she was not told the panic button needed

to be registered; and they needed to find a way to reach seniors; and Ms. Krieger stated that also ADT needed to be notified about the panic button; that an officer was present, Lt. Gallier, and he could speak with her. Council Members Cluterbuck, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that what he was going to do would be ask HPD to go over all details of this case and get them to him; that it was not the city's intention to...they wanted people to feel comfortable and protect themselves and were more focused on repetitive conduct where they saw people tripping false alarms, but they would get to the bottom of her case. Council Members Cluterbuck, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Lovell stated in that area at night there was increased foot traffic and recently a woman raped; that increased patrol would help; and she sympathized and hoped something could be done; and Mayor White stated that he would go over the details. Council Members Cluterbuck, Noriega and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Ms. Krieger stated the police came about 20 minutes later and she told them the alarm scared him off; and Council Member Johnson stated that his question would be what deemed a false alarm; and Mayor White stated what procedure was in place in categorizing, in training and if there was no training who should be terminated and that was not a casual comment to Ms. Stein, Lt. Gallier and others, there were plenty of people willing to work for the city; and there was the question Council Member Adams raised which was the ADT bill and if there should be extra billing for the panic versus passive alarm system. Council Members Cluterbuck and Green absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that it would be helpful to have an appeal process on the bill. Council Members Johnson, Cluterbuck and Holm absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted Ms. Krieger to meet Alyssa Cervantes who was with the Administration of Regulatory Affairs and present, she would assist her with the billing process; and she would like if you registered an alarm you would get information regarding registration of the panic alarm. Council Members Cluterbuck, Holm and Jones absent.

Mr/Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-523-3089) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cluterbuck, Holm and Jones absent.

Ms. Celise Robertson, 10702 Indwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77042 (713-256-8957) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cluterbuck, Holm and Jones absent.

Mr. Lawrence Clemmons, 3711 Cypress Grove Lane, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-591-6300) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present to make all aware of a serious problem residents in the Oaks of Inwood Subdivision were having, particularly those aligned with the apartment complex behind them on Cypress Grove Lane; that he presented an outline of issues and today he wanted to know what the Administration could do for him and his neighbors regarding slum lords running the Arbor Oaks Apartments at 3500 West Little York; that they had new owners and he believed they were Oak Villas, but they had substandard conditions of broken doors and windows, low occupancy, overfilled trash containers, no security, murder, rape, aggravated robbery, home invasions, prostitution, etc., and they had a nonresponsive homeowner association. Council Members Cluterbuck, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence allowed Mr. Clemmons to continue; and Mr. Clemmons stated that he would suggest closing up and tearing down, study area needs and rebuild with a 1,500 feet by 8 feet solid wall between the apartments and the subdivision, etc., and Council Member Lawrence stated that he contacted her office and they did get inspectors out and a number of tickets were given and the fence was being repaired; that they realized it did not solve all problems with apartments building next to neighborhoods, there was a good group of people running inspections on apartments now and he should call every incident into 311 as that was the record inspectors would be using. Council Members Adams, Holm and Green absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Clemmons stated the burned property just happened and it was a house next door to him. Council Members Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that this spoke loud and clear to what needed to be done as a city in response to slum lords, this Administration and the Mayor had done a good job in working with owners to help them fix property and make sure it was in good order, but they would have to step up efforts and hold them more accountable in what they were allowing to happen in neighborhoods, they needed to be accountable to the community; and he would work with Council Member Lawrence. Council Members Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she would continue to advocate they needed to hit them in the pocketbook, one problem with such apartments was some who lived there were just thugs, but there were also good and descent families who could not live anywhere else and they saw drug dealing and prostitution on a daily basis and that was the behavior being learned by those children and it was frustrating, but maybe they needed incentives for complexes who provided good quality of life; and Mayor White stated that it was a serious problem and they were escalating the resources and dialing it up and up and some projects were closed and put into new hands and there were things they could and could not do, they could not require people to put in brick fences, but they got what he was saying and they closed down a bunch of apartments which had never been done before and they put much money into apartment rehab; and they would monitor this. Council Members Clutterbuck, Adams, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that lower income should not mean substandard living conditions and slum lords needed to be cracked down on and the Houston Apartment Association needed to be in on this; and he felt it would be helpful to have geographic technicians map apartment complexes by age, the ones from the 1960s and 1970s may be beyond their useful life, overlay the crime statistics and other demographics and he thought they would begin to see where problems were going to happen and they could be proactive in dealing with problems; and it would be interesting to see if these apartments, Oak Villas, would be one of these complexes at risk; and Mr. Clemons stated that he was encouraged with what he was hearing. Council Members Holm, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Khan stated that most all districts had more than their fair share of problems with such properties and in coming years there would be two times as many people and they needed to look at this as a citywide problem and slum lords and slum properties had to be stopped; and requested while they were building they look at what could be in place so in years to come they would not become slum properties and he would appreciate the Mayor looking at it from that perspective and he would be happy to assist; and Mayor White stated that this was something Mr. Sampley and others... if people were working hard and then were struggling to pay utilities, car, rent, etc., most affordable apartments were old and did not start out being affordable, but were older and that was just a fact and if someone was paying \$550.00 a month and utilities went up they could not afford it and if the landowners ate the utility bills then there was not much for maintenance and figuring ways to reduce utility bills would be a big part of the answer. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Garcia, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that the east and west sides of T C Jester were lined with apartments and continually had problems with the fence being kicked in and that was probably why they were hesitant to fix them until the inspectors went out, but they used concrete fence because of the boards being kicked in and moving it up to a higher standard fence than wood may be required. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Mr. Willis Taborn, 2106 Belarbor, Houston, Texas 77033 (281-222-8601) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Mr. Jim Simons, 3201 Drexel Drive, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-552-0923) appeared, presented information and stated that he was a resident of Glen Park and today was present as he understood Council would be considering the sale and closure of a section of Las Palmas from West Alabama to West Main and he lived on Drexel which was one street over parallel to Las Palmas and what he brought today was a petition in favor of that closing and the redevelopment of Willowick Court into a gated residential community and all those who signed the petition live there and they felt a gated community was the best way to maintain a residential atmosphere and reduce congestion. Council Members Khan, Green and Jones absent.

Mayor White stated to the Citizens Assistance Office he thought having a person here to go assist the citizen trying to turn paperwork in... were the citizens here to assist us or vice versa; that sometimes Tony helped citizens to get material to us, but he would say if it was a matter of personnel and staffing then lets deal with that issue. Council Members Khan, Holm, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated it was outstanding that he collected signatures supporting the street closure and she thanked him for his participation. Mayor White, Council Members Sullivan and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mr. Richard Beecher, 2100 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-862-0189) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Sullivan and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mr. James Partsch Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) appeared and stated that he did not think the Council Chamber needed to stay at such a cool temperature, but they were not paying it citizens were; that he had a dog and a cat and respected them much more than those at the Council table; happy Ramadan and happy birthday to all Virgos; and this was a corrupt Administration; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Brown, Lovell and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mr. Mark Clark, was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that he was executive director of the Houston Police Officers Union and had come to ask for money; that for the last few months he and officers visited with Council Member Lawrence about the situation in the Municipal Courts and he was present to commend her and to enlighten others; that there were officers working hard and issuing many citations and still had a problem of no matter how hard they tried there was still a limited amount of jury trials to take place daily and then there was a large number of dismissals, there were quite a number of officers required to sit for long periods of time in court because it was their responsibility to be there; and he thanked them for including the officers in trying to correct the problem. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Brown, Lovell, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she was going to read the last part of an email she received from Nola Martin an employee in Public Works which stated that she was driving about

31 miles per hour and received a ticket with her first court date October 2007, the second date was April 2008, the third was August 12, 2008, and now was again reset for February 10, 2009, and she had been to court three times for a jury trial and each time asked to report at 8:00 a.m. and the judge explained jury selection did not start until 10:00 a.m. and it would probably be late afternoon before trial started; and now this employee had gone to court three times and still not brought to trial over two years and the Administration needed to communicate to come later in the day, if jury selection was not until later and allow a person a half day work; that this was coming on the Agenda next week and she urged all colleagues to ask for resumes and look at them, did they graduate from college, could they not get a job and started their own law firm and then were appointed to judge; that she visited the courts two weeks ago and was very disappointed in the attitude of the judges; that she could tell when people were passionate about their jobs; that 15 judges were coming up full time and some part time and she would present a list of judges she would like not to be approved, they would still remain judges until the Administration made another appointment or they had a lot of part time judges who had been part time for years and they could be moved up, they did a wonderful job, this was serious and she challenged them, there was an attitude problem and this was a very important vote next week. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Brown, Lovell and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that first of all he did like Mark Clark's institutional wisdom and Council Member Lawrence's no nonsense and one thing he learned on this journey on basically unacceptable situations in the Municipal Courts was there was a number of different issues and sometimes when you try to kill four birds with one stone you were almost certain to miss and he would emphasize what Mr. Clark said, if you were having 1.2 million cases which were criminal cases each year for jury trials and then you had people like him and Council Member Lawrence saying they did not want dismissals and yet there was no way you could have 1.2 million trials then you were between a rock and a hard place so one issue should be how to get more jury trials, more court rooms, how to utilize court space, but he thought it could be improved. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan and Green absent.

There was a lengthy discussion and Council Member Holm stated that it was not just judges but the whole process and management skills of the Municipal Courts which needed to be addressed overall; Council Member Garcia stated much faith was placed on technology; and upon questions, Mr. Clark stated that on the design of the records management system for the Municipal Courts he did not think the rank and file were included, but were included on discussions with Jim Moriarty who was doing his best to ramrod some things through which needed to be done and there were changes, but the problem HPD had was they were trying to get more officers and there were more people, but in the 1.2 million citations many paid but many wanted to attend court and there had to be technology to help; that now many officers would check in and then go in another car and be enforcing laws within a close proximity rather than just sit around, but then that was more citations; and his suggestion to Council Member Lawrence was there was a group of officers who wrote many citations, 50 and 60 a day, and they needed to be in the mix of recommending how to fix it and so should some attorneys; and upon questions by Council Member Sullivan, Mr. Clark stated that it would be viewed positive to hold neighborhood court and not only downtown court; and Mayor White stated that there was much merit in having multiple court room locations, but they would need to have a good computer system and a large area to draw jury pool; Council Member Jones stated that the system was broken including Harris County and parking was problematic and officers had downtime when they were looking for witnesses or juries and something did need to be figured out and balanced for everyone; and Council Member Brown stated that they had a series of proposals to fix what was wrong in the courts by the courts; and upon questions, Mr. Clark stated he had not seen them; and Council Member Brown stated that he thought HPOU had a lot to contribute and he would request that he get the proposals to them and get their feedback; and Council Member Khan stated maybe not write so many tickets; that some things were serious and people asked him why were they writing such tickets when there was so much

crime, drugs, etc., and maybe they should look at how police time was being allocated; and Mr. Clark stated routine traffic stops often times lead to other things; and Council Member Khan stated that they heard that all the time, writing tickets could lead to getting real criminals, but real criminals were there without tickets, but officers time did get prioritized and he wondered how it was done; that with overwhelming work in the Municipal Courts people would continue to be frustrated; and Mayor White stated that specs were being looked at for the next courts and the issue of process engineering was very important; and Council Member Adams stated that they learned a lot in the budget meeting yesterday and all agreed there were problems and concerns in the courts, the biggest being the decrease in revenues being received, cases filed and depositions and when all came to the table they needed to find ways to move forward and she appreciated officers coming yesterday and voicing theirs. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Monique Viator, 9729 Basson Drive, Houston, Texas 77075 (713-702-7469) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood, Houston, Texas 77016 (713-633-0126) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-407-5344) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

At 11:42 a.m. Mayor White stated that they would move to the Monthly Operations and Financial Report. Council Members Sullivan, Holm, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds – was presented. Council Members Sullivan, Holm, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Annise Parker, City Controller and Ms. Michele Mitchell, Director of Finance, reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office for review. Council Members Holm and Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Holm and Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0673 ADOPTED.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 49

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 3 through 5

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **GREATER NORTHSIDE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2011:
 - Position One - **MS. JENNIFER L. FREDETTE**, reappointment
 - Position Two - **MR. JOSE A. GALINDO**, appointment

- Position Three - **DR. GLORY BROWN**, appointment
- Position Four - **DR. DUY BUI**, reappointment
- Position Five - **MS. DEBORA MCINGVALE**, reappointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0674 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following to the **MECHANICAL CODE REVIEW BOARD (Formerly known as the AIR CONDITIONING BOARD)**, for terms to expire January 2, 2009:
MR. RICHARD W. BURR, to serve as Chair
Position Seven - **MS. PAMELA J. BEST**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0675 ADOPTED.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **DR. ROLAND W. STROBEL**, to Position Three of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOURTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, also known as the FOURTH WARD ZONE**, for a term to expire June 8, 2009 - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0676 ADOPTED.

DAMAGES - NUMBER 7

7. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **JACK SHRODE, Individually**, and **JACKIE SHRODE, Individually**, v. City of Houston, in the 129th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, including claim of intervenor Rebecca Meza, Cause No. 2007-07444 - \$450,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0677 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 8

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,232,078.30 and acceptance of work on contract with **JERDON ENTERPRISES, L.P.**, for Safe Sidewalk Program E1 Project, WBS N-00610A-00E1-4 3.83% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; G - HOLM and H - GARCIA** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0678 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 10 through 15

10. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners, into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and not file any objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Barbara Schumann & Sherra Williams, et al., Cause No. 892,621; for acquisition of Parcel AY6-037; for the **LONG POINT @ WIRT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Pine Chase - Johanna)**, WBS/CIP N-000674-0001-2-01 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0679 ADOPTED.
11. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners, into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and not file any objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Kex Investors, a Texas general partnership, et al., Cause No. 892,232; for acquisition of Parcel AY6-026; for the **LONG POINT @ BLALOCK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Oak Tree - Freedonia)**, WBS/CIP N-000674-0002-2-01 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0680 ADOPTED.
12. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners, into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and file objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Four Seasons Self Storage at Pearland Parkway, L.P., et al., Cause No. 917,044; for acquisition of Parcel AY7-005; for the **MONROE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (Fuqua - Beltway 8)**, WBS/CIP N-000711-0001-2-01 - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0681 ADOPTED.
13. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners, into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and file objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. H.H. Clark & R. D. Clark, et al., Cause No. 892,399; for acquisition of Parcel AY7-368; for the **PROPOSED BEALL STREET EXTENSION PROJECT between West 14th and Wynnwood**, WBS/CIP N-000663-00RE-2-01 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0682 ADOPTED.
14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel AY7-038, located at 1025 Blackhaw Street, owned by Tania Newinn and Henry Newinn, for the **PARK ROW ROAD PAVING PROJECT from State**

Highway 6 to Eldridge Parkway, WBS N-000723-0001-2 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0683 ADOPTED.

15. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel AY7-043, located at 1030 Redhaw Street, owned by Joan H. Vorkoper, for the **PARK ROW ROAD PAVING PROJECT from State Highway 6 to Eldridge Parkway**, WBS N-000723-0001-2 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0684 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 16 and 16A

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$400,000.00 out of Library Capital Project Fund and \$77,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and authorizing the Director of the General Services Department to issue purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$477,000.00 for the Purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the Clayton Library, WBS E-000156-0002-5 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0761 ADOPTED.
- 16a. PURCHASE of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for Clayton Library Renovation from various vendors through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract - \$77,000.00 - and the Texas Building and Procurement Commission's contract (TXMAS) and the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) contract - \$400,000.00 - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0685 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 19 through 49

19. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of an Unrecorded 25-foot by 40-foot sanitary sewer easement (Parcel SY7-094), located in Lot 1, Block 4, Factory Addition, S.S.B.B., Houston, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning said easement to AVA, Limited, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$4,500.00 - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0762 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 20-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement (Parcel SY8-006) extending from Westheimer Road to Cameron Street, located in Unrestricted Reserve A, Block 1, College Heights Addition Replat No. 1, out of the A. C. Reynolds League, A-61, Houston, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning said easement to Dickey Realty, Ltd., and to Austin Trust Company, as Successor Independent Executor of the Estate of William M. Dickey, Deceased, and as trustee of the testamentary trust arising under the last will and testament of William M. Dickey, the abutting owners, as their interests appear, in consideration of their payment of \$81,650.00 and other consideration to the City - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0763 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE calling public hearings at which interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard on proposed amendments to the Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and Chelford City Municipal Utility District and Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 36 and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris County; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and Addicks Utility District; Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 166; and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris County; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 2; Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 5 and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Fort Bend County; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 144; Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 165; Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 278; Harris County Utility District No. 15; Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 383; Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 106; and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 371 and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris County; proposals for the City of Houston to impose the City of Houston's Sales and Use Tax in such territory; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **HEARINGS - 9:00A.M. - SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 and OCTOBER 1, 2008** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0764 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE enlarging the boundaries of Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone) - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; H- GARCIA and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0765 ADOPTED.
- 24a. ORDINANCE approving amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone); authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; H- GARCIA and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0766 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the 1400 block of Herkimer 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. ORDINANCE 2008-0767 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the 1400 block of Herkimer Street 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. ORDINANCE 2008-0768 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an option agreement to purchase real property at Ellington Field by and between the City of Houston, Texas (as optionor) and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (as optionee) - Revenue - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0769 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to lease agreement between **BANK OF AMERICA, N. A.**, a National Banking Association, as landlord ("Landlord"), and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant (the "City"), for space at 8400 Long Point, Houston,

- Texas, for use by the Houston Police Department - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0770 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$50,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for Purchase of Security System Equipment for the Clayton Library, WBS E-000156-0001-5 **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0771 ADOPTED.
 33. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-614 to increase the maximum contract amount for an interlocal agreement between the City and **HARRIS COUNTY** for the Child Fatality Review Team Program - \$46,550.00 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0772 ADOPTED.
 35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Agreement for Plan Administration Services between the City of Houston and **GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY** for Third-Party Administrative Services for the City's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0773 ADOPTED.
 36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **AON CONSULTING, INC** for Human Resources Health Benefits Consulting; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,259,443.00 - Benefits and Workers' Compensation Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0774 ADOPTED.
 37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC** for Human Resources Health Benefits Consulting; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$582,000.00 - Benefits Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0775 ADOPTED.
 38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **THE SEGAL COMPANY (WESTERN STATES), INC** for Human Resources Health Benefits Consulting; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,992,250.00 - Benefits and Salary Administration Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0776 ADOPTED.
 39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **STONE PARTNERS, INC** for Human Resources Health Benefits Consulting; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$202,085.00 - Long Term Disability Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0777 ADOPTED.
 40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE WOMEN'S HOME** to provide \$2,500,000.00 Performance-Based Loan of Federal "HOME" Funds for costs to facilitate the land acquisition and construction of an 88-unit affordable apartment building and Community Center for low-income women located at 1839 Jacquelyn Drive, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0778 ADOPTED.
 41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing nine (9) Single Family Home Repair Contracts between the City, as the Repair Agency acting on behalf of nine (9) homeowners, and five (5) construction contractors (**MARCO ANTONIO RAMIREZ FRAMING, PPMG CUSTOM HOMES, CM CONSTRUCTION, KIRKLAND HOMES** and **JOSHUA DADE HOMES**) and providing \$757,048.95 (including a 10% contingency of \$68,822.63) in Home Investment Partnerships Grant Funds for the Demolition and Reconstruction Work (Tier III) on nine (9)

houses under the Single Family Home Repair Program Administrative Guidelines, as amended - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0779 ADOPTED.

42. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing two (2) Single Family Home Repair Contracts between the City, as the Repair Agency acting on behalf of two (2) homeowners, and two (2) construction contractors (**KIRKLAND HOMES** and **JOSHUA DADE HOMES**) and providing \$173,300.00 (including a 10% contingency of \$15,730.00) in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Demolition and Reconstruction Work (Tier III) on two (2) houses under the Single Family Home Repair Program Administrative Guidelines, as amended - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0780 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,000,000.00 from the Disaster Recovery Fund and authorizing transfer of such funds to the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Revenue Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0781 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$150,000.00 from Parks Special Fund 4012 and approving and authorizing payment for land acquisition costs pursuant to a Commercial Contract - Improved Property between the Houston Parks Board and Treasa Antony, seller, which has been assigned to the City of Houston, for the purchase of a tract of land containing 1.3401 acres, more or less (Parcels BY9-001, BY9-002 & BY9-003), out of Institute Place Addition, in Harris County, Texas, for purposes of expanding Beech-White Park, with the Houston Parks Board paying the balance of the purchase price, plus all closing costs associated with this transaction - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0782 ADOPTED.
49. Omitted

Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence and Holm thanked the Members of the Board of The Women's Home for being present and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

6. RECOMMENDATION from the Director of the Finance Department that the City Council receive the 2008 Appraisal Roll Information, Certification of the Anticipated Collection Rate and appoint Sylvia Shaw and Jennifer Chen to calculate and publish the City's Effective and Rollback Tax Rates in accordance with the "Truth-In-Taxation" provisions of the State Tax Code – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0686 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,699,228.99 and acceptance of work on contract with **COLT UTILITIES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the Gulf Freeway #2 Lift Station Service Area, WBS R-002011-0037-4 - 4.73% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0687 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

17. **SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC** for Mobile Filing System from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Police Department - \$169,399.25 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0688 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

18. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to subdivision and development; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; containing a savings clause - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0783 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement, a Special Warranty Deed and a Development Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, seller, and Congregation Beth Israel of Houston, Texas, purchaser, for 0.8237 acres (35,800 square feet), more or less, of land being out of a Former Water Plant, 1109 Antoine Drive (Parcel SY7-040), located in Reserve A, Block 9, Afton Village Subdivision, Section Two, E. B. Cogswell Survey, A-785, for a purchase price of \$492,432.00, and other consideration to the City - **DISTRICT A – LAWRENCE** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Lawrence.
23. ORDINANCE approving second amendment to Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone); authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans; determining the portion of tax increment the City will pay from the area annexed into the zone **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; D - ADAMS; G - HOLM and H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0784 ADOPTED.
- 23a. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority on behalf of Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone); approving the Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget for the authority and the Fiscal Years 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Budget for the zone - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; D - ADAMS; G - HOLM and H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0785 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,688,494.00 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone) for administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payments to Harris County, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; D - ADAMS; H - GARCIA and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0786 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ALWAYS IN SEASON DECORATING SERVICES, INC** for Seasonal Interior Design Services for the Houston Airport System - 5 Years - \$483,561.70 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Johnson and Sullivan a vote was called on Item No.

29. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0787 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,500,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to an agreement for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services between the City of Houston and **3D/INTERNATIONAL, INC** (Project No. 490M) WBS A-000322-0003-3-01; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and appropriating \$44,000.00 for such Civic Art Program financed by the Airports Improvement Fund - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0788 ADOPTED.

34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY** for Basic and Voluntary Life Insurance for City employees, eligible dependents and retirees; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$4,919,524.00 - Health Benefits Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0789 ADOPTED.

44. ORDINANCE altering maximum prima facie speed limits in certain school zones in the City of Houston; making various findings and containing other provisions relating to the subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty; providing for severability; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0790 ADOPTED.

45. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2006-1240 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing second amendment to contract #C55367 between the City of Houston and **PERFICIENT, INC (as successor in interest to DIGITAL CONSULTING & SOFTWARE SERVICES, INC)** for the Support and Maintenance of the 3-1-1 Houston Helpline Services Call Center for the Information Technology Department - 1 Year - \$1,212,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0791 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE creating the Recycling Revenue Fund (The “Fund”); establishing the sources and uses of the funds therein to expand and implement the City’s Recycling Program; appropriating and transferring \$1,000,000.00 out of the General Fund Fund Balance and transferring such funds to the Fund; appropriating the transferred funds and all funds received from the City’s sale of recycled materials for the purposes set out therein – was presented. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck asked that in addition to the initial \$1 million and the revenue from the sale of the recycled commodities what would be the additional sources of funding to go into it, what do they contemplate in the future. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mayor White stated that they would report to her, that Mr. Hayes and Ms. Mitchell, when it came to the various funds he was not as on top of it as the professionals working on it but he would mention, for example, they would save a fair amount of money or would be paid in some cases for some of the wood chipping and organic waste, and then there were contracts they

had where they got paid for certain recycled waste streams, that he would get her more detail but the goal was if the department could figure out ways to make more money from recycling then it ought to be plowed back into recycling, that he would get her a more detailed report on what those plans were. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Green moved to extend the meeting past the scheduled noon recess to complete the agenda, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Jones absent. MOTION 2008-0689 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 47. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0792 ADOPTED.

48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$880,825.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PATE ENGINEERS, INC** for Phase 1 - Yale Street Rehabilitation from IH 10 to 17th (approved by Ordinance No. 05-0557), WBS N-000724-0001-3 - **DISTRICT H – GARCIA** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Sullivan. Council Member Green absent.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 50 and 50A

MISCELLANEOUS

50. Motion by Council Member Clutterback to suspend the rules to receive nominations for appointment and reappointment for Positions 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One (St. George Place), City of Houston, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0690 ADOPTED.
50. Council Member Clutterback moved to receive nominations and confirm the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals for Positions 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One (St. George Place), City of Houston, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2008-0691 ADOPTED.

Position 4 - **MS. VICTORIA A. ROCKWELL**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2008

Position 6 - **MR. GARY J. BAUMGARTNER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009

Position 7 - **MR. J. DAVID ENLOE, JR.**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009

Position 8 - **MR. WALTER S. GOFF**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009

Position 9 - **MR. WILLIAM G. HUTZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009, and to serve as Chair, for a term ending 12/31/2008

- 50a. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to Positions 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the **ST. GEORGE PLACE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

Position 4 - **MS. VICTORIA A. ROCKWELL**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2008

Position 6 - **MR. GARY J. BAUMGARTNER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009

Position 7 - **MR. J. DAVID ENLOE, JR.**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009

- Position 8 - **MR. WALTER S. GOFF**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2009
Position 9 - **MR. WILLIAM G. HUTZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire
12/31/2009, and to serve as Chair, for a term ending 12/31/2008

- was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2008-0692 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 51 through 56

51. RECOMMENDATION from Director Solid Waste Management Department for additional funding for contract with **WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC** for Solid Waste Disposal for Solid Waste Management Department - \$456,000.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 2 on Agenda of August 27, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2008-0693 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE** for Professional Civic Art and Conservation Administration Services on behalf of the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$2,362,000.00 Water & Sewer System, Fire, Police, Public Library, Parks and Public Health Consolidated Construction Funds – **(This was Item 14 on Agenda of August 27, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLUTTERBUCK)** – was presented. Council Member Lovell absent.

After discussion by Council Member Brown a vote was called on Item No. 52. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0793 ADOPTED.

53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$30,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund (1800); approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between **AMERICOR LAND, L.L.C.**, Seller (“Seller”), and the City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser (the “City”), for 22.521 acres of land, more or less, more commonly known as 10509, 10319 and 10401 South Main Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas; appropriating \$30,000.00 for due diligence expenses - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – **(This was Item 15 on Agenda of August 27, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0794 ADOPTED.
54. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **PATRIOT ADVERTISING, INC** for Advertising Services for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with 1 one-year option - \$750,000.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 19 on Agenda of August 27, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS HOLM, GREEN, CLUTTERBUCK, KHAN, JONES, BROWN and JOHNSON)** – was presented. Council Member Lovell absent.

After a lengthy discussion, Members of Council stated that they still had not reserved information they had requested or a response from the Houston Police Department, and Council Member Noriega stated that she would tag Item No. 54. Council Member Garcia absent.

55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,796,459.00 out of Metro Project Commercial Paper Series E Fund; awarding contract to **HUFF AND MITCHELL, INC** for Hayes Road Reconstruction from Westheimer Road to Briar Forest Drive, WBS N-000780-0001-4; 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 testing, project management, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Project Commercial Paper Series E Fund - **DISTRICT G - HOLM – (This was Item 27 on Agenda of August 27, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0795 ADOPTED.

56. ORDINANCE creating the Drainage Supplemental Debt Service Fund (“The Fund”); establishing the sources and uses of the funds therein for City Drainage Programs; appropriating from the General Fund Fund Balance and transferring to the fund an amount based upon the City’s ad valorem tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2009 for the purposes set out herein; amending Ordinance No. 2004-403 to include such funds as additional security for the City’s General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes, Series F - **(This was Item 30 on Agenda of August 27, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. Council Member Garcia absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Holm stated that it did not matter if it was in this fund or whatever, but to make sure that they clearly identified how they spend the money in the fund and to make sure that it was project oriented, and Mayor White stated that he agreed with Council Member Holm and they should not be doing studies just to study, and one good example of where the first \$211 million went was in the projects that were identified in the CIP, with the exception that they put a sort of place holders for regional detention and they needed to have a committee hearing or something, Mr. Norman, to bring to a close, that they hired a consultant last year and a report came back six to eight weeks ago, they reviewed that report and there were several potential sites, some of which were on public land and some of which required private land acquisition, that they needed to fill in those blanks concerning where the regional detention went and get on with it, that he agreed that it should be project oriented. Council Member Johnson absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 56. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0796 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank all of his colleagues for passing unanimously Item No. 56, which was a dedicated fund for drainage and flood control projects. Council Members Johnson, Holm and Jones absent.

Council Member Khan stated that the Holy Month of Ramadan started on Monday and would go on until September 30, that these 30 days the people of Islamic Faith, all the adults who were able health wise to fast would be fasting from dawn to dusk for 30 days during the fasting time; that Mayor White would be hosting the Mayor’s Annual Ramadan Dinner on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 in front of City Hall, that the program would start at 6:30 p.m., that they were all invited and to please RSVP to their office at 832-393-3002; that Congressman Al Green would be hosting a Green Light to Healthy Living Health Fair on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Westbury High School at 11911 Chimney Rock, for more information they could contact Congressman Green’s office at 713-383-9234; that HPD Gulfton Store Front would be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at 5918 Renwick Road, that the Gulfton Citizens Advisory Council was hosting the event. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Green stated that the Houston Area Urban League Young Professionals would be hosting their 6th Annual State of the City Forum next week at Texas Southern University Barbara Jordan Mickey Leeland School of Public Affairs from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., that the focus this year was how to get involved in planning Houston’s future, that tonight from

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. they would have their building dedication, that it was a fine facility; that this week would be the inauguration festivities of Dr. John Rudley, the 11th President of Texas Southern University; that coming up in another 20 days would be the inauguration festivities of Dr. Renu Khator at the University of Houston; that on September 13, 2008 the UNCF would host it's 23rd Annual 5K Walk for Education at Tom Bass Park, that it would begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m., for more information they could go to www.giveuncf.org; that he wanted to thank everyone who participated in the SEARCH Homeless Back to School Drive. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to reiterate his theme that they lived in a flatter world and were all getting closer together, that he had been out in that world and came back bearing gifts for the Council Members; that he had met with Ambassador Zamira Sydykova from Kyrgyzstan, Ambassador to the United States, at Bush Intercontinental Airport, that they were interested with commerce and trade with the United States and the rest of the world and in particular with Houston, that they had an interesting discussion and signed a trade agreement between the City of Houston and the City of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Brown stated that as to the recycling effort he wanted to make a couple of suggestions, that HEB now had 28 recycling stations in the parking lots of their supermarkets, seven of which were in the City of Houston, that their bins were overflowing and they were having to get a permit from the City to take away some more parking spaces to put in more recycling bins and hoped that was one case where they could give them a variance; that as to apartment complexes, he thought they should all be franchised commercial trash haulers and they should consider including incentives in that franchise agreement to encourage not taking the stuff to the landfill and to recycle. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that they all had the opportunity to share in Dr. Rudley's Gospel Brunch on Sunday; that she wanted to congratulate Ms. Tina Thompson of the Houston Comet's for receiving her second gold metal; that on Saturday she was asking everyone to come out and volunteer for Expectation Graduation, that she would be participating and meet at Madison High School to reach out to the students in the District D area. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to congratulate and say a job well done to the Right-of-way Maintenance Division under the leadership of Eric Darden and his staff, Tracey Samuels and the crews who cut the right-of-way, that they had been receiving complaints about having walkable sidewalks in Houston at the beginning of the school year, that some parents sent in pictures about how students would have to walk along the sidewalks and some of the right-of-way was covered with weeds and she wanted to thank Mr. Darden for listening to those concerns; that she wanted to commend Ms. Marnene Thomas with the Housing and Community Development Department and the Houston Housing Authority, that a young lady came before Council to discuss how deplorable her housing condition was and that no one was listening, that since then the young lady was restored back to her housing and was given a housing packet and was able to go out and find housing that was environmentally safe; that they passed Item No. 41 that fell under the single family home repair, that 9 houses would be under construction within the City of Houston and they would receive 3 houses under Tier 3, that they would be torn down and reconstructed. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to make amends with Public Works, that last week he popped off about lack of communication and when he got back to the office there was a phone call from Mr. Reed Mersney, that he explained the process and it was not that they

were not communicating with him it was that he did not understand the process; that he toured the Solid Waste West Park Center on Saturday and Ms. Wanda Jackson was his hostess and she ran an operation of about 18 to 20 people that were serving on Saturday's a huge crowd, that it was a drive through facility and they were pulling out recyclables left and right and it was a very busy operation; that he wanted to thank Houston Fire Department Station 105, in particular Captain Karen Dupont for setting up a tour, that it opened up about 8 months ago and served a part of Lake Houston that was in the City as well as various MUDs that the City was obligated to serve through SPAs and LPAs, that they took him around and showed him the areas they served and some of the challenges and successes that they had in the community; that as to the Lake Houston TIRZ No. 10, that they talked about TIRZ issues today and he wanted the Mayor to know that they were working very hard in the Lake Houston TIRZ and he was attending the monthly meetings and would continue to do so, and he wanted to acknowledge Mr. Robert Fiederlein who did an extraordinary job; that they just experienced a hurricane scare and he spent his second hurricane shift at TranStar and he wanted to acknowledge the work that Judge Ed Emmitt did over there for all Harris County residents and all municipalities in Harris County and he appreciated his leadership. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Mayor White stated that he thought Council Member Sullivan engagement with the TIRZ was exemplary and would give an example of how his involvement would be very helpful, that he had seen the difference it had made to have the MRT people in front of Kingwood High School, which was on one of three thoroughfares where they get out of Kingwood, that the MRT folks had done a good job at trying to move the traffic along, that one of the issues they had since they were in the business of trying to pay money that was taken by taxpayers to do the most good for the citizens in light of the citizens priority maybe it should be because they could not do it at every high school, but this was not like every high school because there were three ways out and maybe an appropriate source of the fund, until they could get more MRT people trained would be off duty or constables or a contract with Humble ISD to get some extra people, and Council Member Sullivan stated that was the next memo he was going to send Mayor White, to request the ability to spend local TIRZ money in TIRZ No. 10 on traffic management at Kingwood High School. Council Members Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she thought some good things were said around the Council table about apartments because they had those that were on the decline and those that were excellent; that it was something that they had to focus on and help owners out and thought that Housing was doing a good job; that she thought they should start recognizing Blue Star Apartments, since the program was already in place and they had a number of Blue Star and a number of the police officers knew about it and worked with people, that they should recognize those people who were going out there and helping an area of town by rejuvenating apartments because they were helping that neighborhood and the whole area of town; that there was a convenience store there and she talked to Chief Trevino and he was going to have somebody out there and checking to see if drugs were being sold there and different things that were going on at that convenience store that hurt those apartments in that area of Gulfbank; that she mentioned to him about DeSoto and all of Antoine and the convenience stores between Pinemont and Gulfbank, there were tremendous problems; that she talked to Chief Trevino about the decals they were supposed to have, that she would like to see it bumped up. Council Members Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Mayor White asked if Council Member Lawrence had something concrete, that she talked about the decals, and he knew that Lieutenant Gallier was present and Chief Hurtt went out and went through those apartments and told him that he understood exactly what they were talking about and he knew that it was a high priority of the Mayor's and it was not just because the

people showed up, that everybody knew that area was a real problem, and if Council Member Lawrence could think of anything else they needed to do on the convenience stores; and Council Member Lawrence stated that they should start looking at problem areas, that there were those that had the proper lighting and they had set precedent with a certain amount of lighting that she did not think the task force was aware of, with parking downtown, that they should grow on that with convenience stores and how much lighting needed to be in those parking lots of convenience stores; and Mayor White stated that maybe they could do something with the public street lighting but he would, and call it a pilot project, think it would be a good area where they ought to, and if the Lieutenant would pass it on, cover with cameras, that both Antoine and DeSoto and Antoine an Gulfbank, both of those intersections, and Mayor White stated that if Council Member Lawrence could work with HPD on what they could do. Council Members Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Lawrence for bringing up the issue, that he believed when they talked about convenience stores they had to deal with behavior modification, that they had to change the store owners mindset because often times the store owners would tell them they allowed the elements to stand out front and loiter because they think it was some form of protection for themselves. Council Members Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that on September 6, 2008 at the Pleasantville Community, Precinct 249, there would be a Rock the Vote event, where they would be getting people to register to vote, that it would be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Judson Robinson Community Center; that also in the Pleasantville Community they had created a Crime Prevention Task Force and was something he would replicate all over his district, that they would bring together communities to specifically address issues in the area of crime that the community wanted to address; that on September 19, 2008 they would be at the Airport for Proximity to Opportunity, that it would be the second Proximity to Opportunity that he had done dealing with the new expansion of Terminal B at the Airport and they were going to be working with Continental as well as the Houston Airport System to bring together contractors and subcontractors to take a look at the scope of work that was going to be out and to increase their participation of MWBEs in the expansion program to insure they were meeting all of their goals for MWBE, that it would be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for more information they could call his office at 832-393-3009; that he was very proud to announce that Mr. John Rudley, the new President of Texas Southern University would be installed as the 11th president of the university on Friday at TSU. Council Members Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega, Green and Jones absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 2:06 p.m. Council Members Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega, Green and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary