

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 26, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Ann Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Ms. Lynette Fons, First Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department; Mr. Xavier Herrera Citizens Assistance Office; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present.

At 1:50 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that presentations would begin with Council Member Noriega. Council Member Noriega invited representatives with Comp-U-Dopt to the podium and stated that Comp-U-Dopt was a nonprofit organization which provided computers and technology education to children in underserved communities; and presented them a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Comp-U-Dopt Day" in the City of Houston, Texas. Mr. John Osha thanked all for the recognition and stated that only 12% of computers were recycled and there were 68 million in warehouses around the U. S.; that all over Houston there were children with no access to a computer and Comp-U-Dopt used volunteers to refurbish computers and distributed them to children between third and eighth grade. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Bradford thanked Mr. Osha for what their organization did, keeping the environment clean and taking a product and making it useful and placing it back in the communities. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Clutterbuck invited Council Member Adams and Ms. Ada Edwards to the podium and stated that today she and Council Member Adams were honoring their former colleague Ada Edwards; that they had served with her at the Council Table and it was a privilege as she set the standard by which all outstanding Council Members would be judged by; that she attended every single Council Meeting and every single committee meeting regardless of whether she served on it and stayed for every meeting; that she was a champion for the people; that Council Member Adams hosted her reception downstairs; and presented Ms. Edwards a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Ada Edwards Day" in the City of Houston, Texas. Council Member Adams introduced Ms. Edwards sister, Florence, and stated that everyone said she was a woman of integrity and she thanked her for all she had done in spearheading the way for District D. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members thanked Ms. Edwards for her major work in the community, for her generosity, leadership and guidance. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Edwards thanked all for their kind words and she hoped to live up to them; that being a Council Member gave you the real meaning of what government was all about; and thanked and introduced her son who had been with her all the way. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Jones apologized for being late and stated that she had just left former Council Member Joe Roach's funeral; that she did want to thank Ms. Edwards for her service and her legacy would last long after she had left. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig,

Johnson and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Jones invited representatives with the Houston Area Women's Center to the podium and stated that this was Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; that the silence needed to be broken and the Houston Area Women's Center was probably the leader in protecting women and children and men from violence; that one in six women and one in 33 men would be victim of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime and on average in the U. S. a person was sexually assaulted every two and one half minutes; that this month should be a time to focus on survivors and recognize those assisting victims, etc.; and presented a Proclamation to the group proclaiming April as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month". Ms. White stated that in 2009 there were 1,374 reported cases of sexual assault in the City of Houston; that they appreciated their partnership with the city and would like to bring the number to zero with everyone's help; that they wanted victims of sexual assault to know it was not their fault and they were not alone and encouraged them to reach out for help. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 2:25 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called on Council Member Clutterbuck who invited former Council Member Ada Edwards to lead all in prayer and Council Member Clutterbuck led all in the pledge. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 2:29 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members Jones and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Joe Ablaza and Ms. Carmen Villareal after Ms. Dalia Pene to the three minute list of speakers and move Ms. Leticia Ablaza and Mr. Secundino Vasquez after Ms. Carmen Villareal for one minute, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2011-0332 ADOPTED.

Council Member Hoang moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Mr. David Wu to the top of the one minute list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2011-0333 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Bobbie Jo Taylor to the three minute list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2011-0334 ADOPTED.

At 2:32 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. David Wu, 701 Corporate Drive, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-826-1113) appeared and stated that he was owner of the building located at 7001 Corporate Drive in China Town and it was centrally located and would be next to the Hope Community Center and be convenient for those on the WIC Program to receive assistance. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Wu stated that the building was now ready to move in and furniture could be in within three days; and he was asking his lease be considered. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Larry Carnes, 4913 College Park Drive, Deer Park, Texas 77536 (281-932-7990) appeared and stated that he was with D and S Construction, the general contractor at 7001 Corporate Drive and as Mr. Wu stated the space was ready for occupancy by WIC and they hoped the Council and those involved could put consideration on the impact this would have on the community and those in need of the services. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Carnes stated that he was not at the walk through, but he understood the conditioning unit would not kick on at that time due to the thermostat functions in the building, but he understood all was corrected. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Gordon Quan, 5177 Richmond, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-625-9200) appeared and stated that he was happy to be present on the day they honored Ada Edwards, she said to him once they did not rule by exception, but they looked at the best for all in the city; and here was a situation where they had a contract for a WIC facility and they had their occupancy permit and the man invested \$180,000 and then was told there was something wrong they had never told him of in the first place and canceled the contract; that he was asking this be looked at in a fair manner and urged they take a second look at it as the Hope Clinic was next door and had already hired a physician to work with the WIC Program. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Lovell, Mr. Quan stated that it seemed the holdup was with the Permitting Department; that there was a punch list to go through and they addressed everything and then they came back with other items after that so the target was moving and it was frustrating; and Council Member Lovell stated that she would ask if someone could go with an inspection list, this was a great program and again urged a final punch list be given and move forward; and Mayor Parker stated that she was not briefed on the issue, but they were trying to get to the bottom of the issue and hopefully could do that while they were at the table. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Quan stated that people who had the need for the WIC services went next door to the clinic and the building provided services which complimented the WIC services and now people could do all this at one stop. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Rogene Calvert, 4122 Woodhaven, Houston, Texas 77025 (832-723-4508) appeared and stated that she was representing today the issue of the WIC Program, she was a former founder and board president of the Hope Clinic which would be housed next door and former Chief of Staff to former Council Member Gordan Quan and here was a communication break down between city officials and the building owner; that Mr. Wu tried hard to meet all requirements and had invested \$500,000 up front into the building; that the contract was cancelled twice and the site was ready for move in and WIC wanted in the area; and urged consideration be given. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Ms. Calvert stated that if WIC was looking for another site it would take additional time to find and get another building ready and invited all to look at the beautiful site; that if the site was not there Mr. Wu, owner of the building and the

contractor Mr. Carnes would all be very in debt. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Andrea Caracostis, 14253 Flower Creek, Houston, Texas 77077 (713-254-2235) appeared and stated that she was the CEO for Hope Clinic and was highlighting the importance of the WIC Program next door; that Hope invested \$200,000 to hire an OBGYN to provide adequate, affordable access to prenatal care, Houston had one of the highest incidents in mortality rates in the country, 10 times higher than the national average, here women could get early prenatal care and they could make a significance difference; that with WIC next door they could capture the women early and it would be easy for them to get care. Council Members Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Crystal Whatley, 7831 Bel Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77072 (832-438-2524) appeared and stated that she lived in the Alief district and was affected if there was no WIC there; that at this time because of her address they designated her to go to a WIC location which caused her to catch two busses and a week after her C-Section she had to go for treatment and had two young children; that her children saw a pediatrician at the Hope Clinic and WIC would be next door; that because of surgery she missed an appointment and then was without formula. Council Members Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Ms. Whatley stated that the new clinic would take her about 15 minutes, but where she now went she needed two busses and sometimes it took an hour and she had to take a day from work to go to her appointment; that many would benefit with a nearer location. Council Members Clutterbuck and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that citizens speaking on this put into a harsh and stark reality what went on with people who did not have a lot of means; that those who were poor did not have money for formula; that they had to work in partnership and Alief was far from anything and the bus service there was poor; that people using WIC seemed to be voiceless to them, but they needed to revisit this and embrace organizations and people who were trying to help. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Travis McGee, 4800 Peterson, Houston, Texas 77033 (832-488-7709) appeared, presented information and stated that he was addressing all concerns of HISD closing schools which could be dangerous to children; that elected had yet come public standing with constituents on the matter; that schools were the foundation of success and revitalization of communities for generations to come, when schools were closed they destroyed neighborhoods and society; that HISD and pastors persuaded exemptions on the drainage fee which HISD was saved \$3.5 million in estimated fees and they were asking city government to stand for their communities as HISD was taking children from a safe area to an unsafe area causing them to cross four bridges, etc. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. McGee stated that he understood Council was not HISD but they came whining about a drainage fee and they were saved \$3.5 million and they owed something; that he was asking the city to stand with their constituents on the matter against the school closures; and Council Member Jones stated that she did not support school closures and she had college students go to lobby the legislature on the issue; that it was her belief one reason many at that level did not appreciate the value of public school education was because their children did not attend public school so cutting public school education was no big deal to them, but she was trying to work with the HISD board and talked to the president of the school board Ms. Paula Harris and they were trying to figure something out and she would be happy to sit with him and talk about strategies. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO

QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Johnson stated that as a city they needed to understand HISD and the City of Houston were interconnected and the city tax base indirectly was affected by the status of schools, if the schools were doing poorly people typically moved away and that left less density in the neighborhoods and schools started to be closed, if they were serious about fixing tax base for the city which brought in money needed they had to create better development which then would increase and make schools better; and he appreciated his enthusiasm in fixing the schools; that developers were telling him they could not build houses where there were no schools and he hoped his message resonated with his colleagues and at HISD. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones on a point of personal privilege stated that students with the GIVE Club at Worthing High School were present and thanked them for coming and asked they stand to be recognized. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that she too wanted a moment of privilege; that she was a little late this afternoon as she had attended Council Member Edwards retirement ceremony and attending funeral services for former Council Member Joe Roach; that she would offer Ms. Edwards her respect and best wishes and commend Joe Roach's family to everyone's prayers. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jamie Villegas, 3902 San Pedro, Houston, Texas 77013 (832-489-8465) appeared and stated that he was representing the Milby Youth Soccer League, a year round program offered and sponsored by the Houston Parks Department in the East End of Houston; that the program had been active since 1996 and introduced as an after school program; that for the last years the participants had been between 700 and 800 boys and girls and he was present with others as the Parks budget plans would affect several community centers and close them down; and they were urging the sports stay active as it kept children away from crime, delinquency, drugs, gangs and school drop outs; and extended an invitation to Mayor Parker and Council Member Rodriguez to discuss their children's future in the parks. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Juventino Moreno, 2510 Auburndale, Houston, Texas 77023 (832-466-4851) appeared and stated through a translator that he was a parent and volunteer coach and was representing about 30 children; that he was present regarding the Soccer Program which helped immensely in the discipline of the children and to close the program would be like closing the door for the children; that the sport was good for the mind and health and with that mindset they were all present urging the Council's help; that also the field conditions were shameful, last night after the game he asked all players to pick up 10 rocks from the field, but they did not want the program closed as it kept children drug free and far away from gangs. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that in tough economic times the city was facing a lot of hard choices and difficult situations; that they would work with them to try and find options available and they did appreciate their efforts in keeping children engaged in positive things and healthy activities. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the Parks Department did meet with the parents and indicated if they could organize as an independent league the city would work with them and they would have priority on the fields and they had committed to replacing the soccer goals, but they would have to be organized as an independent league and not be supported by the City of Houston. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Victor Herrera, 610 Sulphur, Houston, Texas 77034 (832-496-4809) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Claudia Rios, 6603 Heron Drive, Houston, Texas 77087 (832-417-2237) appeared and stated through an interpreter that she was a coach at Milby Park and had coached ten years and had four teams; that she did not want Milby Park closed as the program really contributed to and helped the Hispanic community; that children on the teams she coached did not have the means to even pay \$10.00 to a league; that they did not have money for an arbitrator, the program was excellent as it kept children involved and drug free and felt if the city would have gone after taxes from businesses they would likely not be in the situation they were in and have more needed services; that she was very proud of children who came out of their very poor conditions because they had now gone on to play with the Dynamos and other Division I Programs. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Mere Monjaras, 2602 S. Shaver, Pasadena, Texas 77502 (832-675-5957) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Reverend Joe Angel Lopez, 13334 Wells River Drive, Houston, Texas 77041 (832-891-2724) had reserved time to speak but passed when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. William Beal, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Carla McKinnie, 10211 Sugar Branch, Houston, Texas 77036 (832-350-0172) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Richard Fisher, 4906 Van Fleet, Houston, Texas 77033 (832-692-3750) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Marianne Smith, 818 Highland, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-393-4021) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Stephen Stovall, 8007 Cologate, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-644-1412) appeared and stated that he was a homeowner in Glenbrook Valley and a supporter of historic preservation, but he and his wife were opposed to Glenbrook Valley being designated as historic, they were sickened by the historic designation process the bait and switch, misrepresentation, intimidation tactics used to gather petition signatures and the refusal of the Historic Commission and Planning Department to listen to concerns about the process and the suggestion that Council

create a historic district against the wishes of its residents; that he hoped all could see trickery was not the way to accomplish the goal of preserving Houston's significant architecture; that those in Glenbrook Valley were subject to rules of the historic ordinance for over ten months and urged they show constituents even though they supported historic preservation they did not support the corrupt process; and bring it to a vote now. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Stovall stated that he did support historic preservation, but not the process used here, if it was fair and transparent and the community wanted it he was in favor and he and his wife were restoring their home, but they could not abide what was going on in the name of historic preservation; and urged it be brought up for vote and that they vote no. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Dalia Pene, 8011 Glenloch Drive, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-643-5318) appeared and stated that she was a resident of Glenbrook Valley and reviewed this and was totally against the historic district, her house is not even 50 years old; that this had been about a year now and she would think by now it could be resolved; that she retracted her signature and things were thrown in her yard; and urged this be brought to a no vote. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mayor Parker stated that the Planning Department was not represented at the table today; that he would get all background information once it came to the Council Agenda. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she received tons of calls, meetings, etc., on this and they were spending a lot of money on this while discussing layoffs and furloughs and trying to force her to fire people in her office, saying if she did not decide who to lay off the Administration would do it; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that the number one focus of all city senior staff now was on the budget and all departments were working through their budget and creating layoff lists and the historic preservation ordinance was not their primary responsibility right now; that she was working with the District Council Member to bring the issue forward, but at the moment there were higher priorities; and Council Member Jones stated that she was told it would be on this Agenda and something happened and it was pulled; that she would respectfully request this be put up for a vote, she believed she heard all she needed to make an informed vote and things were put on the Agenda all the time which she did not think were the core issues of the city and voted on them weekly; that more time was spent on this than what it deserved and urged a vote be taken. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Joe Ablaza, who was previous added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that he was present to discuss the pending Glenbrook Valley Historic District, it had been almost a year since their neighborhood was subject to the city historic ordinance and their neighborhood was split; that people were resentful and they needed the process to continue and let them move on; and urged a vote on their area. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Carmen Villareal, who was previous added to the speakers list, appeared and stated through an interpreter that she lived in Glenbrook Valley 16 years and was present asking

Mayor Parker to call a vote and allow them to be a peaceful community; that they had all data and information necessary to decide and they were expecting a resolution so they continue being the community they once were. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Leticia Ablaza, 8022 Glendale, Houston, Texas 77061 appeared and stated that for almost a year now Glenbrook Valley was subject to the historic preservation ordinance without being designated or voted by Council; that the city should have enough information for a vote and move on to more important issues and allow them to be the peace loving neighborhood they once were; and urged a vote. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Ms. Ablaza stated that according to the Planning Department there was 44% in support, but their numbers were lower, Planning only counted half the retractions, but that did not equal 67% which Council voted on. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that another complaint she heard was pending districts which were not historic were being treated as if they were; and again urged this be over; and Mayor Parker stated it was long standing practice that once the process started for a neighborhood it came under protection; and Council Member Jones stated that theoretically this could go on for ten years and when they brought something up and let it last this long did it mean they could not handle their business, that they were not prepared. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Secundino Vasquez, 8410 Glen Valley, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-504-0879) appeared and stated through an interpreter that he was a resident of Gleenbrook Valley and was present asking the Mayor to consider their problems and allow them to become as they once were; and urged a vote on the matter. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she was sorry the city managed to turn neighborhoods into something out of a wild west movie with neighbor against neighbor; and hoped as a body they would do something and allow them to start healing. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Timothy Brandley, 4414 Oak Shadows, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-683-8628) appeared and stated that a little over a week ago the city tore a building down in the neighborhood and it was flea infested; that it had been sitting there and you could not stay in your house when fleas took over; that since the debris was so infested he thought Solid Waste should have taken the debris away; and asked the city do something about getting the trash taken away. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that the expectation when tearing down a house was the citizen either haul debris to a depository or hire someone to do so or bring it out in increments to be picked up at the curb, less than four cubic yards at a time, that there were things Neighborhood Protection could do to cite the owner if they were storing it on site and the cheapest thing for the owner to do would be to have it hauled as they could be issued tickets; and upon questions by Mayor Parker, Ms. Fons stated that she would have to find out if anything else was done, how many tickets, etc.; and Council Member Jones stated

that she would request it be looked into, in the case of having fleas, rats, etc., it would seem there would be something in place because of public health interests; and Mayor Parker stated that she knew they filed liens in certain instances, but did not know if it was done for accumulation of heavy trash; and Mr. Norris Davis with Neighborhood Protection was present and could speak with him at this time. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Johnson stated that he too wanted to be sure this was resolved and he could visit with Mr. Davis; that if he called his office Mr. Byrd would show up; and Mayor Parker stated that it sounded as if Neighborhood Protection started the work which caused the neighbor to tear down the derelict building and he could visit with Mr. Davis. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Joyetta Young, 8915 Broadway #9139, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-649-6110) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Bobby Joe Taylor, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that she was a City of Houston employee and on the HOPE executive board and she was present in a continuing effort to seek a level of transparency concerning the Decision Making Leave (DML) and based on the feedback of employees she wanted to extend appreciation to Council Member Jones for asking the tough questions and trying to get to the bottom of the DML issue; that Mayor Parker and HOPE had been playing politics rather than addressing the DML issue and if there was a mechanism and system in place to bring employee concerns forward then why was HOPE surprised by the Administration's decision; and this was not just an Administrative matter but a Council matter to consider within the jurisdiction of Chapter 14-182 of the Houston Code of Ordinances; and urged all help solve the problem by amending the ordinance. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Reginald Predom, P. O. Box 23631, Houston, Texas 77028 (832-881-7265) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time; that he received a Certificate of Appreciation for jury service and had signatures of the Controller and Mayor and would like Council Members to sign his certificate; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Natacha Thompson, P. O. Box 1320, Houston, Texas 77251 (281-467-7270) appeared, presented Council Members with information and stated that she would like to

address comments made at last week's Council Session; that if the Mayor had complete Administrative authority over the city then why were DML appeals taken away since she should have been the one person to intervene and prevent this from occurring; that it was ironic the Legal Department pursued removal of DML appeal rights two weeks after they lost a DML case out of the Controller's Office; that she did not see how Mayor Parker could say the issue was raised a month ago when correspondence on the matter began in December 2010 and if she was in discussions with HOPE so why did they say they were surprised by the decision because they were given no advance notice; and asked the Administration reinstate DML appeals in a more permanent way by amending Chapter 14-182 of the City Code of Ordinances. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 3401 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-630-3717) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she had a question on the DML; that she just received information and did not have a chance to read it and would ask they get the information ahead of time; and Ms. Thompson stated that she handed out information last week and what she had now was from an open records request she received last week on a DML issue; and Council Member Jones stated that she would try and look into this. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that Ms. Thompson mentioned Council was out of the loop and he would encourage HOPE in some instances would do a better job of keeping Council in the loop as sometimes they learned HOPE made a deal and they did not even know; that today they were being encouraged to get in the mix and he read through the issue; that DML was paid leave and many departments had programs similar to DML with different names; and upon questions, Ms. Thompson stated that all leave under the positive disciplinary system was paid leave, you had a PID, Reminder I, Reminder II and then the most serious a DML and all were afforded a process, but the most serious of all where you were placed on 18 months probation, you had no process or remedy to challenge the DML; that she argued a case in the Controller's Office and the employee was still sitting at home four months later after the case was won and the reason the DML was challenged and overturned and not appeal able was because the Controller did not like the decision which came out of the Commission and it was evidenced in the package she handed to Council; that if the Commission did not have jurisdiction to hear this then Council had a responsibility under the ordinance to amend the ordinance and say DML appeals were an employee's right, they had it all along; that they should not have to take it away and give it back in collective bargaining to make them feel they gained something when they had not gained anything at all; and Council Member Bradford stated that he did not want to be brought in at the last minute as a Council Member when relationships were breaking down, it was unfair, if they wanted Council in the loop keep them in the loop and he thought DML with pay was consistent with other departments; and Ms. Thompson stated that 17 departments were affected by the decision. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Tony Morris, 2400 South Loop West #515, Houston, Texas 77054 (713-664-5362) appeared and stated that the city seemed to be short of revenues and it needed more creativity; that he was looking at privatization of the Special Events Organization and Sue Christian and her organization did a great job of hosting events but he was looking at the city putting a bid out to larger organizations which did events 24/7 and 365 days a year; that the organizations would put up money in escrow and guarantee the city "x" number of dollars. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that items were posted on the city website and some Council Members asked to be notified of specific types of RFP's

and if there was something her office would like to monitor she could be placed on the list; that she hesitated to put all RFP's to all Council Members because they would feel as if they were getting spammed, otherwise the information was publicly available and their staff members could check them on a regular basis. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

At 3:56 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega present.

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

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Noriega and Jones absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. KEITH EDWARD HAMM, (Houston Independent School District Representative)**, to Position Six of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (a/k/a MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)**, for a term to expire December 31, 2012 – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0335 ADOPTED.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. ELAINE JEFFERSON** to serve as **MUNICIPAL COURT ADJUDICATION HEARING OFFICER**, for a two year term – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0336 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just affirmed the appointment of Ms. Elaine Jefferson as a Municipal Court Adjudication Hearing Officer. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent.

Judge Hartle stated that she appreciated their confirming the appointment, that she needed to put her to work today, that she was leaving to go and learn Kronos and Ms. Jefferson was going to learn their system. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker welcomed Ms. Jefferson and thanked her for her service to the City of Houston. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent.

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 4 through 7

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,075,708.91 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX, CORP.** for White Oak Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - 6.49% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0337 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$716,312.47 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, L.P.** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods (4257-112) - 0.31% under the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0338 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,223,356.85 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Holcombe Area - 4.90% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0339 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,367,993.60 and acceptance of work on contract with **COLLINS CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Woodlawn Area - 0.04% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0340 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Clutterbuck for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they had some special visitors in the Chamber and asked that Mr. Eric Trustee to stand and be recognized, that he was a Tech Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force and was a Military Working Dog Handler, that they were grateful for his service and appreciative that he was in the Chamber today, that she wanted to welcome him home and applaud him for a job well done, that he was joined by Charles Jackson, Kennel Director at BARC; that Jim and Diane Newport, the parents of John and Chris Newport were present in the Chamber. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBER 9

9. **JERZY INDUSTRIES, INC dba JERZY SUPPLY** for Hoses and Fittings for Various Departments 5 Years - \$693,589.35 - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0341 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 35

15. ORDINANCE approving Lease Agreement with option to purchase with **MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY CORPORATION, as tenant**, and concerning land and improvements at 2903 Jensen Drive - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0286 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC**, providing up to \$995,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program along with supportive services – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0287 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HELP, INC**, providing up to \$310,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a Community Residence - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0288 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **THE CENTER SERVING PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION** to provide \$182,831.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for Vocational Training and Medical and Dental Services to Persons with Mental Illness – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0289 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to provide \$389,938.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a Community Residence located at 1804 Carr Street, along with supportive services - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0290 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** providing up to \$470,346.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a Community Residence and the administration of a Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, along with supportive services - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0291 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SERVICE OF THE EMERGENCY AID RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, INC**, to provide \$150,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist in the administration and operation of the Emergency Mobile Outreach Program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0292 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for assistance under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security to act as the City’s representative in the application process, with the authority to approve, accept, reject, alter or terminate such

grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0293 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for issuance of purchase order for Demolition Services at Braeburn Glen Park - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – 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 Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$230,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **ROBERT REID CONSULTING ENGINEER, INC** for Local Drainage Projects Negotiated Work Orders and On-Call Design (Approved by Ordinance No. 2010-0320); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0294 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$608,741.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **WALTER P. MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for Almeda Road Reconstruction from MacGregor to Old Spanish Trail; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0295 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0280, passed first reading April 20, 2011  
ORDINANCE granting to **SUN COAST RESOURCES, INCORPORATED, 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 - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0280 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
33. ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0268, passed second reading April 20, 2011  
ORDINANCE granting to **HOA VINH TRAN dba A-EVERGREEN VACUUM SERVICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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 Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0268 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
34. ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0269, passed second reading April 20, 2011  
ORDINANCE granting to **FRANCISCO R. PADILLA dba FRP TRUCKING, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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 Members Johnson,

Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0269 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

35. ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0270, passed second reading April 20, 2011  
ORDINANCE granting to **PIPELINE VIDEO INSPECTION LLC, A Foreign For-Profit Limited Liability Company**, 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 Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCDE 2011-0270 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

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

**ACCEPT WORK**

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$2,597,881.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **SPAWGLASS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge - 13.05% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0342 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

8. **HOV SERVICES, INC** for Mail Processing Services from the Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$362,400.03 - Enterprise and Storm Water Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0343 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 10 through 35

10. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to a charge for SafeClear towing; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Hoang and Bradford. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent.
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendments to the fourth amended and restated SafeClear Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Agreements between the City of Houston and **ALLIED COLLISION CENTER, INC, CANNINO WEST, INC, CORPORATE AUTO SERVICES, INC, C-MAS, INC, d/b/a FIESTA WRECKER SERVICE, KTL ENTERPRISES, INC, MILAM STREET AUTO STORAGE, INC, NORTH HOUSTON MOTORS, INC, T & T MOTORS, UNIFIED AUTO WORKS PAINT & BODY, INC, d/b/a UNIFIED AUTO WORKS AND WESTSIDE WRECKER SERVICE, INC** to add City's Contractor's Pay or Play Program and to provide for collection of Tow Service Fees; and authorizing and approving first amendments to SafeClear Towing Services Agreements with **RBEX, INC, d/b/a APPLE TOWING CO., STERLING INTEREST INVESTMENTS, INC, d/b/a ELITE COLLISION CENTER AND HOUSTON AUTO TECH**

**INC**, d/b/a **HOUSTON AUTO TECH** to provide for the collection of Tow Services Fees; establishing a maximum contract amount for and authorizing a Temporary Assistance Program; authorizing the City Attorney to establish guidelines for eligibility for such Temporary Assistance Program – 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 Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent.

12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement among the City of Houston, Texas, **HARRIS COUNTY, REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIFTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (EAST DOWNTOWN ZONE)**, and the **EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** relating to the participation of Harris County in Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0296 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE approving the issuance of Bonds by the **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract for Professional Consulting Services by and between the City of Houston and **GREATER HOUSTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU** for the Houston Airport System - \$395,800.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0297 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance Nos. 2009-420, passed on May 13, 2009, and 2010-372, passed on May 12, 2010, which approved and authorized the submission of the 2009 and 2010 Consolidated Action Plans, respectively, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, including Community Development Block Grant Program Applications for the 35th and 36th Program Years, among others - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0298 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **NHDC SUNFLOWER TERRACE, LLC** to provide an additional \$1,100,000.00 of Federal HOME Funds; to revise the scope of work for eligible costs to be covered thereby; to extend the time to complete the work and to increase the number of units subject to occupancy restrictions in connection with the renovation of a 160 unit apartment complex located at 5050 Sunflower Street to house low and very low income families - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0299 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **OCLC ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER, INC** for Online Library Bibliographic Subscription Services for the Houston Public Library; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years with 3 one-year options - \$350,000.00 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0300 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$450,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to contract between the City of Houston and **DEREK CONSULTING GROUP, INC** for Professional Consulting Services for the Houston Airport System (Project 409T) - \$1,404,396.00 Enterprise and Grant Funds - **DISTRICTS**

**B - JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0301 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC** for Water Resource Management Services - \$126,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0302 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$752,360.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SHRADER ENGINEERING INC** for E. Coli Compliance Projects - Chlorination Systems for Turkey Creek, Westway and Kingwood West Wastewater Treatment Plants; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - SULLIVAN and G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0303 ADOPTED.

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

36. RECEIVE nominations for City Council Appointees to the **REBUILD HOUSTON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Costello. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent.

#### **MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 37 through 40

37. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,092,886.07 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Shady Oaks - 9.77% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – **(This was Item 11 on Agenda of April 20, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Hoang, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2011-0344 ADOPTED.
38. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to award to **CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, ASTRO (Bid #1)** - \$375,937.76, **TURTLE AND HUGHES, INC** - \$258,080.06 and **GRAYBAR ELECTRIC** - 5 Years - \$84,289.36 for Electrical Lighting for Various Departments General and Enterprise Funds – **(This was Item 21 on Agenda of April 20, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Hoang, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Noriega absent. MOTION 2011-0345 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Joint City/County Commission on Children; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; providing for severability – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of April 20, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Johnson and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0304 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract for Professional Consulting Services by and between the City of Houston and the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP, INC** for Houston Airport System - \$376,500.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – (**This was Item 27 on Agenda of April 20, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES**) – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Sullivan a vote was called on Item No. 40. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0305 ADOPTED.

**Items received during the meeting.**

11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendments to the fourth amended and restated SafeClear Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Agreements between the City of Houston and **ALLIED COLLISION CENTER, INC, CANNINO WEST, INC, CORPORATE AUTO SERVICES, INC, C-MAS, INC, d/b/a FIESTA WRECKER SERVICE, KTL ENTERPRISES, INC, MILAM STREET AUTO STORAGE, INC, NORTH HOUSTON MOTORS, INC, T & T MOTORS, UNIFIED AUTO WORKS PAINT & BODY, INC, d/b/a UNIFIED AUTO WORKS AND WESTSIDE WRECKER SERVICE, INC** to add City's Contractor's Pay or Play Program and to provide for collection of Tow Service Fees; and authorizing and approving first amendments to SafeClear Towing Services Agreements with **RBEX, INC, d/b/a APPLE TOWING CO., STERLING INTEREST INVESTMENTS, INC, d/b/a ELITE COLLISION CENTER AND HOUSTON AUTO TECH INC, d/b/a HOUSTON AUTO TECH** to provide for the collection of Tow Services Fees; establishing a maximum contract amount for and authorizing a Temporary Assistance Program; authorizing the City Attorney to establish guidelines for eligibility for such Temporary Assistance Program – was before Council, and tagged by Council Members Hoang, Jones, Bradford and Johnson. Council Member Noriega absent.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for issuance of purchase order for Demolition Services at Braeburn Glen Park - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0306 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated to Council Member Costello that the City Attorney advised that Item No. 36 was not taggable. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney, stated that the tag rule referred to motions and since Item No. 36 was simply the receipt of nominations it was not a motion. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call Item No. 36. Council Member Noriega absent.

36. RECEIVE nominations for City Council Appointees to the **REBUILD HOUSTON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** – was before Council. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they could certainly discuss the receipt of nominations and the most efficient way to do that was to put nominations in by position, that she would accept those in that order.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Stardig for a point of personal privilege.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to thank everyone for their concern, that

her Dad was probably ringing the bell at M.D. Anderson, that he was completing his treatment, six weeks, so she was really grateful and sorry that she could not be there with him, but he was their biggest fan and watched them every week, so he would be watching the recording, that she wanted to say how proud she was of him and the fact that he did not give up, that he had Colorectal Cancer, that they make that trip every day to Katy, M.D. Anderson West Campus, and he and her mom do not complain ever, that she was so impressed with them every day and once again she wanted to thank all of her constituents and colleagues and friends and family, that they looked forward to his having some time off and rest before his surgery in June.

Mayor Parker stated that they all wished him the best and was sure they were going to hear the bell ring.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Sullivan.

Council Member Sullivan stated that his nomination form had a wrong position, that he had intended to nominate Bert Keller for Position 4 and incorrectly hit the 5 key on the form and would respectfully request that he be allowed to change the number from 6 to 4 on the position and Mayor Parker asked that Council Members make that correction on the nomination form from Council Member Sullivan.

Council Member Pennington stated that as he understood they were just nominating this morning and there were no campaign speeches, and Mayor Parker stated yes, that she just wanted to make sure they got the nominations in the right order and the right place, that they were nominations received in writing and it was not necessary to read the entire nomination, that they would go slowly to make sure that everybody got the full set and that everybody got theirs in; that she recognized that she had a full slate of Council Members in the queue and unless there were any procedural questions what she would like to do was call the first position, which would be Position 1 and understood that she had Council Member Rodriguez first in the queue.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would like to nominate Ms. Frances Castenada Dyess for the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee Position 1, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated she fully expected that Council Member Rodriguez fully intended to nominate Ms. Dyess, whether it was this week or next, that he could withdraw his nomination if there was interest in a motion to delay the entire matter for a week.

Council Member Lovell moved to delay Item No. 36 for one week, seconded by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Noriega absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that there were no limits on the number of nominations that Council Members could make.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Rodriguez stated that he felt there was a citizen that had already been nominated and it had been seconded and he did not think that was fair to that citizen to be pulled back and he would ask his colleague if she could amend her motion to go ahead and close the nominations for Position 1 and they could delay the balance.

Mayor Parker stated that it was not necessary for Council Member Rodriguez to withdraw his nomination nor was it necessary for Council Member Lovell to amend her motion, that the motion could simply be that all further nominations be delayed for a week or two or for however

long Council Members chose, that it did not mean that the nominations were closed for Position 1; that Council Member Lovell's motion was on the floor and the motion was to delay nominations and was asking Council Member Lovell to clarify, was it to delay any further nominations so that Council Member Rodriguez remained on the floor and all further nominations were delayed.

Council Member Lovell stated that the motion was to delay any further nominations, other than Position 1, that was now a motion on the table, that further nominations could be made for Position 1, that all nominations were still open, all positions were still open, but there was a place holder there because there was a nomination made for Position 1.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Gonzalez stated that in light of the discussion he thought it was reasonable to have a one week delay, that he would be glad to help out going forward if they were going to seek a delay to engage in conversation with everybody and see if they could vet through the nominees going forward.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that the motion on the floor was to delay any further action, receipt of nominations, any further action for one week, that there was one nominee on the floor and that nominee remains on the floor, the nominations remain open, they were delaying action for one week, that the Agenda Director, as she does routinely on these issues, would put the nominations together, that the matrix they had received of nominations before today had been distributed, that she would redo the matrix and it was her responsibility to check in with Council Members, that it did not require Council Members to go and lobby their votes, that they needed to discuss among themselves how the process was going to proceed, that Council Member Gonzalez, Vice Mayor Pro Tem, had volunteered to step up and coordinate some of this as well, but the motion on the floor was clear, that was the motion that Ms. Russell had. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Council Member Lovell motion to accept the receipt of the nomination for Position 1 and to delay for one week any further nominations. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0346 ADOPTED.

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

Council Member Pennington stated that his staffer Mary Harmon and Constance Rossiter, who was with the Human Trafficking Division of the Y.M.C.A., took a tour of the City Jail on Reisner to find out how the bookings were done over there so they could better assist that program, that Mary said the tour was very informative but smelly and concluded by telling him that the officers and jail staff were incredibly kind and accommodating and he would like to thank them for facilitating that; that yesterday he attended the Governmental Affairs of the Houston West Chamber of Commerce; that he wanted to wish Happy Birthday to Council Member Gonzalez and also Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Jones stated that this weekend SHAPE Community Center honored her grandmother who would be 92 years this year, that it made her very happy and they did a wonderful painting of her grandmother; that she went to two crawfish boils on Saturday, one that James De Noto had, and then Dallas Jones crawfish boil; that today was her mother's birthday; that there would be an International Business Initiatives Committee meeting tomorrow, April 28, 2011 in the Council Chamber, that the meeting was special because the focus of the meeting were the efforts to help the Japanese after the devastating earthquake and tsunami, that not a lot of people knew that the City of Houston had actually raised over \$3 million towards that effort. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Jones having her International Business Initiatives Committee meeting on Japan, that she thought it was very timely and very interesting for Council Members to get caught up on what was going on. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that as they moved forward to work very diligently to develop the FY2012 Budget plan or strategy he wanted to submit a correspondence on the suggestion that they look at three additional strategy's, one would include an effort to reduce the number of employees that may be required as layoff targets, that if they were to look at pay grade 26, the mid point pay grade 26, which was ball park \$70,000 per year and require a 5% reduction in salary at those receiving the mid point pay grade 26 and above, that \$70,000 per year or up would be required to take a 5% pay cut, that it was an effort to reduce the number of people that were required to participate in a reduction in force or layoff strategy, that he had talked to a number of City employees and had not spoken to a City employee who had said they were not willing to take some type of reduction in compensation if in fact it were to assist in reducing the number of City employees that would be required to be laid off, that he would ask that they consider this as one of the options as they moved forward in their 2012 Budget Plan; that he wanted to re-urge that they consider a weekend/holiday work schedule, as least six days during FY2012, that the Finance Director, Kelly Dowe, had indicated that the City spends about \$6 million on a regular workday, Monday through Friday, but on weekend and holidays it costs the City about \$2 million, so if they were to, every other month, go to a pre designated holiday/weekend workday, whether on a Monday through Friday, whatever business day, they could solve ballpark \$24 million, that he knew it was not as simple as he was stating, there were issues surrounding this strategy that had to be worked out, but he thought it was an option and some cities had deployed this particular measure; that he wanted to expressly re urge his request for over one year that they conduct a work demands analysis of the Houston Police Department, that the Houston Fire Department developed a deployment model based on ISO Standards and had some type of objective standards to defend, explain and justify their deployment and staffing models, that the last work demands analysis in the Houston Police Department, which it based it's current deployment model on, was done about 10 years ago, that he did that when he was Police Chief in 2001 and 2002 and that needed to be updated, they realistically could not determine how many officers were needed to do what, they had reports indicating that the department was already 500 officers short, up to 2,000 officers short, the President of the HPOU was in the media a couple of days ago saying that they were probably 2,000 officers short, when in fact they did not know because they had not conducted the industry standard instrument to determine how many officers were needed to do what and he thought as they moved forward and looked at plans to reduce civilian staffing at HPD and maybe classified staffing at HPD either would have an impact on the department and it's ability to effectively deliver safety services, that one thing that this Council Member, and he would suspect all around the table, needed the best information they could possibly get their hands on to help the Police Chief defend and explain why they needed 5,000 officers, or whatever the number was, today, they really had no objective measurement to explain or defend those numbers and they wanted to make sure that the citizens in the various neighborhoods throughout Houston know that they were tightening the belt, but at the same time they were not jeopardizing the officers safety nor safety services in the neighborhoods in view of the strategies that they were deploying, that as they go forward he knew that all departments would be required to cut back, HPD included, having said that he wanted them to be comfortable that their deployment model that they were using today to provide safety services was one based on a worked man's analysis that they could explain and defend as they moved forward. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she too wanted to say Happy Birthday to Council Member Clutterbuck, that tomorrow, April 28, was one of those milestone birthdays; that

tomorrow she would participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Orchard at Garden Oaks, an affordable housing development for seniors funded by the City of Houston, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Hudson Housing Capital and Capital One Bank, that it was located in the Garden Oaks Independent Heights area, that it was located at 880 West 34th Street; that on Saturday she would join Mayor Parker for Comcast Care's Day at BARC, that Comcast employees would volunteer to clean the BARC facility and help care for the animals and provide other assistance, that this effort at BARC was part of a nationwide program that involved 50,000 Comcast volunteers across the Country, that BARC was located at 3200 Carr Street; that on Sunday, May 1, 2011 the Houston Public Library Foundation would host it's annual party in the stacks event called "Blues and Blue Jeans" in the restored African American Library at the Gregory School in Historic Freedmans Town; that she wanted to once again say that she was not advocating for any violation of the Public Meeting's Act. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to thank his staff for a wonderful event last Friday, that they had a wonderful Spring Fling/Spring Blast, that it was a wonderful opportunity for the family and kids to enjoy Hobart Taylor Park, that he wanted to thank everybody it was their sixth annual; that he wanted to remind everybody about the Brock Park Charity Golf Tournament, which would take place on May 6, 2011 at 8:00 a.m., that he wanted to thank the Mayor for her support in being the honorary chair of the event; that the District B State of the District would be on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Acres Homes Multi Purpose Center; that he wanted to thank all who sent their condolences about his grandmother who passed away on Sunday, that she would never say but she was his number one fan, that he was her number one grandson out of twenty grandchildren, that Easter was her favorite holiday, that while he certainly celebrated the resurrection of his Lord and Savior they lost the matriarch of their family, that she was 90 years old and certainly lived a very productive and fruitful life. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that the Fourth Annual Dia de los Ninos Festival, Children's Festival, on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Guadalupe Park Plaza and Talento Bilingue de Houston, located at 333 South Jensen; that the Crime Prevention Symposium for Business Owners would be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ripley House Neighborhood Center, 4410 Navigation Boulevard. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to congratulate her husband, Colonel Rick Noriega, that he was graduating today from the Fellows Program of the U.S. Army War College at the LBJ School, UT Austin; that she wanted to congratulate all of the participants in the "Working Together for Readiness" exercise and training conference that was held April 17 through 20, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Reliant Hotel, that it was a collaboration between Charles X. White of Charity Productions, the City of Houston Health Department, TSU and the Tejano Center for Community Concerns, that it was a conference to prepare for all of the hazards that would come down the pipe, hurricanes and various kinds of concerns, that there were folks from non governmental organizations and non profits and individuals who were volunteers from their neighborhood who were all given a great deal of information, that she wanted to thank everybody who participated and everyone who helped put it on; that she wanted to thank the EMS Members under the supervision of Captain Troy James at Station No. 17 and an ambulance crew from Station No. 29, Squad 27, that on Sunday, April 17, 2011, there was a citizen attending church services at the Mother of Mercy Church on Sumpter Street, who collapsed after the reading and one of the alter servers called 9-1-1 and they were there between three and five minutes, that he ended up having a blood pressure attack and was treated after being taken to the hospital, that she just wanted to thank Station Numbers 17 and 19 for being on duty and ready to go on a Sunday, that it just reminds them how important their firefighters and EMTs were and how important those response times were; that there was a

rehabilitation project, there was a sewer collapse between Jefferson and Coyle Street at Eastwood in the Eastwood Neighborhood near downtown Houston and it had been an enormous job, apparently there had been a contractor that threw it back so the City of Houston literally dug in to handle it and had done an absolutely marvelous job, there were 56 people who had been working on it and were actually rerouting the sewer, whatever it was called, to another pipe through a blue tube that was going across the street, the neighborhood was really concerned about this, there was a great deal of email traffic and discussion about it and the City of Houston stepped in and had really done a great job, that there had been all kinds of issues, everything from slabs poured illegally and illegal taps that helped collapse some of the pipes that were in there to chicken coops that they had to work around, a great deal of disruption was minimized and she wanted to thank the folks who were working on it. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank all who attended the annual District D McGregor Super Neighborhood 83 Roundtable; that on Thursday there would be a benefit, the Toast of Two Princess, the 2011 Evening in the Park Gala, benefiting the Hermann Park Conservancy; that on Saturday she would be a guest speaker at the Women's and Girls Conference 2011 at Bethel Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 5530 Selinsky Road; that she wanted to thank the department directors who came and discussed with her their core services and where do they move with the budget; that many of them knew about the shooting that occurred at Worthing High School, that she took a tour around Worthing High School and looked at some of the openings around the fence, the fence was in disrepair, and with some of the openings gang members were able to go through the back fence, that she wanted to thank Mr. Issa Dadoush, Houston Independent School District, for adhering to her request about putting a wrought iron fence around Worthing and she wanted to thank him for reaching out and making the students at Worthing High School safe; that she wanted to thank the Pastors of the Sunnyside Community, that this past Saturday they had a wonderful Code Blue Prayer Walk in the community; that she wanted to thank her staff for helping with the reception yesterday for former Council Member Ada Edwards, that she wanted to thank Council Member Clutterbuck for offering a proclamation and to her entire family for being present and celebrating a fighter, legend and leader, that it was a reception, retirement and proclamation that was well deserved by the former Council Member; that many of them knew there was a major fire last weekend, and Commissioner Algenita Scott Davis Sigler's father passed away in the fire and her mother was currently in critical condition at Hermann Hospital so she would ask them that they continue to keep the Commissioner and her family in their prayers; that she would like for them to keep Council Member Johnson in their prayers, who would be burying his grandmother this coming Saturday at Saint Francis of Assisi Church; that she wanted them to keep Council Member Stardig's father in their prayers and Council Member Clutterbuck's mother as they continued to go through the mourning process. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to add her congratulations to Colonel Noriega and Council Member Noriega and the entire Noriega family on the amazing accomplishment of Colonel Noriega; that she wanted to compliment Council Member Adams for the reception in the Rotunda, that it was truly an outstanding and fitting tribute to former Council Member Ada Edwards; that she helped kickoff the annual Easter Egg Roll for the Morningside Place Civic Association and the Southgate Civic Associations, that she wanted to thank Courtney Tarde, Coordinator of the Easter Egg Roll, and Filo Catori, President of the Civic Club, as well as the Principal at Roberts Elementary, that they had it very well organized, that there were seven fourth grade boys at Roberts Elementary who for the first time ever decided to complete an odyssey of the mind, that it was their first time out and won Regional and State and were on their way to the World Competition where they would be competing with kids from around the world in May at the World Finals for Odyssey of the Mind Competition. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that last Thursday was the grand re-opening of the Oak Forest Neighborhood Library at 1349 West 34th Street, that she wanted to thank Dr. Rhea Lawson and the Houston Public Library System for their commitment to improve the libraries within the City of Houston; that this weekend they would have the International Festival, IFEST, kicking off in downtown Houston, the opening ceremony would begin outside of City Hall on Friday with festivities going on through the week; that on Saturday the Shepherd Park Plaza Neighborhood would have its labyrinth dedication at 10:00 a.m., that the labyrinth would be 56 feet in diameter and would be located in the southeast corner of the playground, that the Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club took advantage of the City's Neighborhood Match and Grant Program, that with their fund raising they were able to locate this addition to the park; that on Friday nights in June were their target days for Movie Night in the Park, with farmers market and festivities and involvement by the local schools, on Friday nights at Agnes Moffett Park, at Hammerly and Beltway 8. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to highlight something they approved today, that he stepped out because he was an outgoing board member for the Memorial Park Conservancy and they closed out a contract for the Memorial Bridge, the Living Bridge, that he wanted to thank Joe Turner and Rick Deweiss from the Parks Department, they did a terrific job, that project started in June of 2009 and was opened up by December of 2009, that he wanted to personally thank a woman by the name of Mindy Hildebrant, who was the Chairman of the Capital Campaign of the Memorial Park Conservancy and she raised \$1 million towards that project, which a over \$4 million project, that she continues to raise money, that they were going to have a ribbon cutting on June 16, 2011, for the outer trail, which was starting from the bridge and going out along the tree line out to the main entrance to the park on the northside, that he attended the Conservancy Board meeting yesterday and they were planning on having a strategic planning exercise with the Parks and Recreation Department to talk about projects they wanted to do in the future and again do the public private partnership, which he thought a lot of people did not understand or realize that there were a number of agencies out there that really were their partners and raised quite a bit of private dollars to help the City in Parks and Recreation, that he wanted to thank Doreen Stoler with the Hermann Park Conservancy as well. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that her son, Giovanni, went to Roberts Elementary as well; that she wanted to commend her sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, specifically Alpha Kappa Omega, which was the largest grad chapter, that they had been doing a project with young ladies, sixth through eighth grade at Addicks Middle School and teaching them life skills and mentoring them; that she knew they were going through the budget and trying to figure out what was core and what was not, that some areas could have people who could raise \$1 million and form conservancies and do things to help the parks beautiful, that they knew when they took care of parks people showed up, that parks were important, especially to poor people because they could go there for free and do things as a family, so they had the Midtown TIRZ, which was helping to revitalize and save what she considered a historic landmark to Black folks in this town, Emancipation Park, then there were those parks that did not have conservancies and they did not sit in TIRZs and did not have friends or were not professional to be able to raise that kind of money, which was where the Parks Department and Joe Turner come in, that he had done a tremendous job of keeping their parks mowed and making sure they were clean, that she would urge to remember how positively impacted it was to have clean parks with cut grass was. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:53 a.m. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary