

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 17, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie D. C. and; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Mayor Annise Parker out of the city on city business.

At 1:39 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the presentations today would begin with Council Member Laster. Council Member Laster invited those present with his presentation to the podium and stated that St. Agnes Academy was a wonderful addition to southwest Houston preparing young women to enter adulthood; that Sunday, April 22nd, 2:00 p.m. all would celebrate the new St. Agnes Academy; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented a Proclamation and proclaimed today as "St. Agnes Academy Wellness Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Sister Jane Myer stated that they were honored to be a part of the Houston community; that they hoped to help establish the Sharpstown Area; and thanked all for the recognition. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Council Members Christie and Hoang congratulated St. Agnes on their recognition and congratulated them on their new facility. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Burks and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Rodriguez invited those present with his presentation to the podium and stated that the Mayor's Anti Gang Force worked for kids at risk and today he wanted to recognize their mentoring program which kept youth on a productive path; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Mayor's Anti Gang Office Greater Eastend Youth Mentoring Program in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Burks and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Susan Herrera thanked all for the recognition and for their support; and thanked all mentors for their efforts and dedication. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradford thanked all for the program and stated that youth activities, programs, etc., were effective crime prevention strategies and resources needed to be on the front-end. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Green invited those present with his presentation to the podium and stated that today he wanted to recognize and salute the Houston NFL franchise, the Houston Texans, this year marked their 10th anniversary playing in the National Football League; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented a Proclamation and proclaimed this year as "The Houston Texans 10th Anniversary" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Roots, President of the Houston Texans thanked all for the recognition and stated that they appreciated everyone's support and five million dollars had gone back to charitable

causes, etc., that over \$700,000 annually went back to the community and they were proud to represent Houston. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford, Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Burks and Hoang thanked Mr. Roots for what he and the Texans organization had done for Houston and the record should reflect that this season was first said here by Council Members Gonzalez and Green we were headed for the Super Bowl; thanked all for what they did, for their gifts to Council; and congratulated them on their recognition. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Davis invited those present with his presentation to the podium and stated that the Houston Real Estate Association founded in 1949 was a local chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers and maintained an active role in the community for more than 60 years by providing scholarships, training, homeownership, etc., and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented a Proclamation which proclaimed this week as "National Real Estate Week" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Courtney Johnson, President of the Houston Real Estate Association stated that on behalf of the association wanted to thank Council for their recognition and that of Realtors Week; that Saturday would be their Housing Fair at Greenspoint Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and all could come out and learn about home ownership, etc., and it was free. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Members Adams, Green and Burks thanked all for their outstanding work and congratulated them on their recognition. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

At 2:14 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Adams who called on Bishop Usher and his wife with the Greater Grace Outreach Church and Bishop Usher led all in prayer and Council Member Adams led all in the pledge. Council Member Sullivan absent.

At 2:17 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members Bradford and Hoang moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez on a point of personal privilege stated that several District H constituents were visiting today, United Airline employees, and asked that they stand to be recognized. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Brown moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. John Chastang after Mr. Greg Thibeaux, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. MOTION 2012-0291 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Charlie Williams to the list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. MOTION 2012-0292 ADOPTED.

At 2:20 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers.

Ms. Tina Mosley, 10758 Dulcimer, Houston, Texas 77051 (832-338-6118) appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Item 2, and stated that she would like Scottcrest Park renamed Margaret Jenkins Park. Council Members Cohen and Noriega absent.

Ms. Betty Guidry, 10755 Dulcimer, Houston, Texas 77051 (832-216-5522) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen and Noriega absent.

Ms. Gladys Watkins, 10806 Buffum, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-733-0836) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen and Noriega absent.

Mr. Charlie Williams, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Item 2, and stated that he would like Scottcrest Park renamed Margaret Jenkins Park; and they had over 500 names on a petition requesting the name change. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks thanked Mr. Williams for coming and stated that there was no doubt he would vote for the name change; that Ms. Jenkins was a personal friend and she did get things done. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams asked Ms. Jenkins to stand to be recognized and stated that she thanked all for coming today for renaming the park and for getting the petition; and urged all to vote for the item tomorrow. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that this was the type of individual who got things done. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Charlie Williams, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0293 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green stated that Ms. Jenkins inspired many including him and deserved this. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that as the chair of the Quality of Life Committee he found she had a tremendous following, inspired him and was honored to have cast a vote for her. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked all for their support of such a magnificent endeavor; that Ms. Jenkins was a great Shepherd for the area; and urged all to support the item in their vote tomorrow. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Hoang thanked all for their support and stated that as vice chair of the Quality of Life Committee he supported the idea of renaming the park for Ms. Jenkins. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. Blake Lewis, 3015 Sunnydale, Houston, Texas 77051 (832-884-1706) appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Item 2, gave a history of his association with Ms. Jenkins; and urged a vote in favor of renaming the park for Ms. Jenkins. Council Member Noriega absent.

Ms. Ann Culver, 3015 Richmond, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-629-0481) appeared, presented information and stated that she was with Scenic Houston and Scenic Texas and as a

part of the Houston Film Festival Friday there would be a documentary called "This Space Available" and it told a very positive story of the City of Houston and it was produced by a French film maker and his daughter; that it highlighted a city in Brazil and Houston; and urged that the Mayor and Council attend; that as a part of the event Scenic America chose to present the City of Houston its first ever "Clear Vision Award" recognizing what had been done to take care of billboard blight. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Cohen thanked Ms. Culver for all she did and stated that she commended all they did in helping with billboard blight and was thrilled a movie of this statue picked up on it. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Pennington thanked Ms. Culver for coming and all those she represented who worked so effectively in reducing billboards in Houston. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Jane Williams, 1227 West Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-331-7375) appeared, presented information and stated that she was present speaking on behalf of the Westwick Subdivision, particularly on behalf of residents on Kirkwood and Wickchester; that for five years they worked with the city for resolution to two problems, the lack of effective mitigation of traffic congestion and existing temporary improvements which were an eyesore to the entrance; and discussed the history which caused the situation. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Green and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Brown, Ms. Williams stated that they were asking the city to consider a proposal on the table instead of asking they accept what was there now and doing nothing else. Council Member Brown stated that they had visited on this and she would be visiting with Mr. Norman and others to get a workable solution. Council Members Sullivan, Green and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Laster, Ms. Williams stated that yes, the neighborhood was working with the city and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program was tasked with providing a solution reasonable and geared to the problem, but it had not happened as they thought the speed bumps were sufficient but they were not; that they had a modest plan which she presented to Council Members; and Council Member Laster stated that he was interested in traffic calming devices for the city and he was concerned they fund as many of the projects as possible and consider looking at the backlog the department had when going into budget and come up to speed. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Ms. Williams was correct, according to Public Works at least as of now they were satisfied with the outcome based on maintaining mobility in the neighborhood and what they deemed to be traffic calming in the area; and if she felt there were still additional options needing exploring and she should continue working with Council Member Brown and at this time would refer her to Mr. Gary Norman. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Greg Thibeaux, 1215 Heathwick, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-249-2555) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. John Chastang, 2506 Creek Hickory, Houston, Texas 77068 (281-460-7518) appeared and stated that he was with Bayou City Auto Car and present regarding a purchase of garbage trucks; that they were to replace 8 to 10 year old trucks and the useful life was 7 in most cities, they were badly needed; that Item 47a tomorrow was dealing with this purchase which was

awarding to a dealer in Waco, Texas, and it was the same dealer who in 2009 defaulted on a contract to deliver 4 and now they would be buying 17; that in '09 they went to him for their trucks and he would like it done again; that if they would not then they should at least put some late delivery penalty in the contract. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mr. Chastang stated that his equipment had a difference in price of \$4,000 a truck, about 3%; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that this was purchased through the HGAC competitive equipment program in place; that Solid Waste had been doing business with the particular company since 1996 and though out of town worked with a local dealer; that the issue in 2009 was with the manufacturer and not the actual distributor; and Council Member Costello requested the Director come by his office between now and tomorrow morning; and Council Member Burks stated that Mr. Chastang had his vote because a \$70,000 difference was in the perimeters of putting Houston businesses first; and Council Member Bradford stated that he would like to be added to the list for further inquiry; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that this did not go through normal bidding channels of Houston First as normal as they did not apply through the HGAC Corporative Purchasing Program as they bought under that item. Council Members Brown, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Ms. Debbie Richard, 10103 Fondren #435, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-779-8877) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

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 Brown, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Mr. Clifford Crossett, 5327 Nolda #B, Houston, Texas 77007 (702-300-8362) appeared, presented information and stated that they were having problems with a neighbor parking saying the city had given him the right-of-way because his property abutted the easement; and discussed a Timeline Summary and all information presented to Council Members until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that his material was very well presented and she was aware of what was going on; that she knew he had talked with Mr. Norman who was present and the law was the law and he could not do what he was doing and the gentleman would have to adhere to the law; and she would appreciate her office being included with any discussion. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the city had been out and the easement was public right-of-way and the posted signs up were not permitted and the city was following channels to have them removed; and encouraged him to speak with Mr. Norman who was present. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Bob Carter, 7007 Edgemoore, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-771-9439) appeared and stated that he was with Justice for Palestinians and they were for strong equal rights for all and against human rights violations of any source; and discussed his opinion and the groups opinion with Mayor Parker and other Mayors recent visit to Israel. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he respected their right to be here and discuss their position, but in talking with the Mayor her main reason for the visit was business and there were innovations stemming from Israel and learning of their business activities could be fruitful to the

city. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mr. Greg Johnson, 1301 Wood Hollow Drive, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-783-6462) appeared and stated that he was with Justice for Palestinians and discussed his opinion of business ventures with Israel and the Mayor's trip there and her business plans with Israel until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Ms. Monica Howland, 11934 Oak Croft Drive, Houston, Texas 77070 (281-251-4219) appeared and stated that she was with Justice for Palestinians and spoke of violations in Israel against Palestinians until her time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Ms. Howland for coming and stated that the intent of the Mayor's trip was several Mayors from major cities went and the intent was focusing on companies, it was business related. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent.

Ms. Shahla Wahid, 343 Elder Vista Webster, Texas 77598 (713-498-0708) appeared and stated that she was not Palestinian, that all humans had human rights and discussed past and present conditions in Israel and the Mayor's visit there until her time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Julianne Gustafson-Lira, 12107 Long Oak Court, Houston, Texas 77070 (281-257-3330) appeared and discussed her visits to Gaza and Hebron, conditions in Israel, until her time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Cohen stated that she had listened to the speakers who spoke and wanted to defame Jews and as someone who made a number of visits to Israel and who was Jewish she found it offensive; that the Mayor went to Israel to discuss business it spoke well for her and the other Mayors who went. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 NW Freeway #210, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-696-9204) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mrs. Gyuler Annette Abram-Green, 12415 Berry Laurel Lane, Houston, Texas 77014 (832-272-6222) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Zach Tullir, 4601 Glenmont, Bellaire, Texas 77401 (713-295-6500); Mr. Alex Fontana, 4601 Glenmont, Bellaire, Texas 77401 (713-295-6500); and Miss Alexandra Van-Ravenswaay, 4601 Glenmont, Bellaire, Texas 77401 (713-295-6500) appeared and information was presented by Miss Madeline Carter, 4601 Glenmont, Bellaire, Texas 77401 (713-295-6500) as their spokes person and she stated that Houston had gone through one of its worst droughts with cracked foundations, dead lawns and trees and all could have been eased if homeowners had an affordable secondary resource to water and that was where they came in, they were Drip, Drip, Drip, a community service project dedicated to giving tools needed to conserve and use AC condensate water; that after testing they concluded it was the perfect resource to ease drought pains, it was water not acceptable to drink, but full of nutrients, etc., plants needed to

flourish; that the most efficient air system produced 650% more condensate than a less efficient system and getting the water was cheap and easy and described how to gather the water while others showed the connected pvc pipes. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that their project made a lot of sense and was what needed to happen in Houston even without a drought; and upon questions, Miss Carter stated that they went to Pin Oak School and came to challenge Council to take charge and lead the city and reroute their own homes condensate system or start collecting from city buildings. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christie stated that an air conditioner at his office dripped condensate on a Crepe Myrtle and it was the prettiest around; and their parents should be proud of their education. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that Mr. Gary Norman with Public Works was in the Chamber and they should visit as he may have suggestions as to where the city could use this; that there was a group from Pin Oak who visited recently and they were very impressed with students from Pin Oak. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that they looked forward to hearing more from students at Pin Oak and all others in Houston. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales requested Miss Carter introduce each member present; and stated that last week a group was present regarding pitch roofs and he would also refer the group to Ms. Laura Stangent, the Sustainability Director; and last week Council approved an item where the building was present and they were using the technology, the water in the roof top garden helped control the temperature and energy usage of the building and they were capturing the condensate; and all enjoyed them being present. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Wanda Beale, 9407 Willow Meadow Drive, Houston, Texas 77031 (832-967-5113) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Mike Penn, 23 Greenway View Trail, Kingwood,, Texas 77339 (214-914-5973) appeared and stated that he was a Southwest Airlines captain and was present to thank Council for consideration of their proposal to construct another international facility at Hobby Airport; that today he was joined with Houston based Southwest family members to show support for the item; and they were asking Council to consider this, lower fares and create more jobs. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he had not seen a Southwest proposal and would be honored to receive a copy and start his review if there was one; and Mr. Penn stated that probably May 8th when they had the international hearing they would have it to present. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Christine Agapetus, 7994 Locke Lane #3, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-783-1893) appeared and stated that she spoke with Ms. Pena in Citizens Outreach and was present with a situation she was enduring 3-1/2 years, problems with HPD, and discussed her situation with HPD where they abducted her in 2009 and took her to Ben Taub Psychiatric Hospital and where she was victim of a human rights violation from the computer at the Luscan Library where crusty

lesions appeared until her time expired. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the originating place would be with HPD in terms of their conduct if she felt she was detained, etc., in a wrongful manner and she could speak with Sergeant Baltazar who was present and in terms of what was going on at the library the Mayor' s Citizen Assistance could connect her with the library. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Item 2, and stated that she was a community activist, but was present for an elderly church member who was 85 years old; that she had called 311 twelve times as she had abandoned houses on both sides and a park behind her and they did drugs, etc., and she was scared and one of her dogs was killed; and she asked if he could come and ask for Council' s assistance in cleaning the property. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they spoke before on a different matter, but they could connect him with the Department of Neighborhoods to see what was happening, they would take his information and see why there was no follow-up. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that someone who worked for her, Ms. Georgia Lewis, would join him and the police liaison; and Mr. Ballard stated that she wanted him to give Council her written information. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he too would join in with this and needed a copy of his information. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he appreciated his helping her and they would make sure he had assistance and Mr. Landon Taylor with the Department of Neighborhoods was present and did a good job and they would get this in the right hands. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Ms. Simanal Derousselle-Foster, 7522 Elbert, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-634-8377) appeared and stated that she came to speak to Mayor Parker and since she was not present she would be back next week. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) who was previously not present when his name was called, appeared and stated that if they went back to the million acres of land in the State of Texas years ago they could see what was going on; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Ms. Mary Lewis Charleville, 8016 Fountain, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-738-2361) appeared and stated that she lived in Sunnyside and many received an email from her regarding dumping in their area; that she was requesting cameras be placed in their area to catch those illegally dumping truckloads of debris and to observe all criminal behavior as even a dead woman' s body was recently found. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Ms. Charleville for coming and stated that her concerns

were valid and the Chief Inspector had been out on a ride along with her and produced a six page document of concerns she helped to initiate; that they were working through the list and going through proper channels to get all addressed and in August there would be an additional ride along; and encouraged Ms. Charleville to continue working with them and suggested she speak with Sergeant Baltazar and Mr. Taylor who were present. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal concerns until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

At 3:54 p. m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:24 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they were going to start with a Mayor' s Report. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT - MWBE Program Update

Mayor Parker stated that this was an update on something that had been the subject of litigation in the City, they were not asking for action today, which was why it was being presented as a Mayor' s Report, that generally action items came to committee first, but this was an update on something that had been in process for some time and this seemed the best way to get information out to all Council Members at once so that they would all be briefed and to the public as well, that Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney, would give them background information on the City of Houston Disparity Study and where it fit into their overall MWBE Program. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Feldman reviewed a City of Houston Disparity Study, a copy of which is in the City Secretary' s office for review. Mr. Feldman stated that the City of Houston Disparity Study would be posted on the City' s website at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the City Council thanked Mayor Parker and Mr. Feldman for the presentation of the Disparity Study.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this was a disparity study narrowly focused on one problem and they did it as a result of the lawsuit, they were talking about the larger context and how they oversee the program within OBO, Office of Business Opportunities, that the short answer was that it was up to the director to determine, based on what they decided to do with the program, what the appropriate level of staffing was and bring that forward through the budget process, that Director Wright had done a number of things that she had asked her to do in terms of shifting responsibilities within the department, reformulating

the department and they were finally moving toward reciprocal certification with other agencies which would, she hoped, free up people that could be moved to other directions, that yes it was her own task force that recommended that the minority sub contractors be informed at the beginning when the services would be needed so they could appropriately schedule, that on the other hand she was wary of anything that said, these were the subs they came in on, these were the subs they would go out on, that she was not interested in forced marriages through this process, then as they knew one of the challenges that happened every time they discussed it was that these were goals, they were quotas, which was why a lot of what Ms. Wright's division did was to try to determine whether the contractor had in fact made a good faith effort and often the MWBE goals were not met and what they were going to get was a written justification on why that happened, that they were two separate things and she was very well aware of the issue, that this was just a report, not how to get there. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that it was within the power of the body to do away with their MWBE Program entirely, that if they wished to keep the MWBE Program this disparity study gave them the tools to help craft the appropriate response; that it could not be based on population, it could only be based on the availability of contractors in that field, that it was really easy to understand that if it was based on population women would have more than half of the contracts, but legally it had to be based on those in the field with the commercial capability to do the work, not just population in general; that one of the things she would like for Director Wright to do was come in and talk about the efforts of MOBO, Mayor's Office of Business Opportunities, to get out and educate, things like the reciprocal certification, which was very high on her list, so if they got certified with the women contractors or the State of Texas why should they have to submit reams of paper again to the City of Houston, those kind of things discouraged companies from getting into the process and at the appropriate meeting it would be good for Ms. Wright to talk about the number of contacts they did, the number of training sessions they did, what the overall outreach program was for the City of Houston so that Council Members could become more familiar with it.

After further discussion and questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that there were a number of activities that were available to help bring contractors into the program, that there were additional things that had been on the list for a long time, but the money had never been made available, such as assistance with bonding and insurance for small businesses, again it was a budgetary issue and something that was within Council Members power to do, that when she was a Council Member it had actually made it to the committee level and got shot down before it got to the agenda, so there were lots of things that they had that they could consider; that the disparity study was on the website, it was on the MOBO page but there was a link from the main City website.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda. Council Member Pennington absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 45

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 2 and 3

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Parks & Recreation Department for approval to change the name of **SCOTTCREST PARK** to **MARGARET JENKINS PARK** - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0294 ADOPTED.

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Parks & Recreation Department to establish rental rates for new cabins and adjust rental rates for existing cabins at Lake Houston Wilderness Park **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0295 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 4 through 8

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,151,267.19 and acceptance of work on contract with **TOTAL SITE, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 457 - 2.40% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0296 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$429,533.08 and acceptance of work on contract with **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Project - 1.16% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0297 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,670,865.68 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Package 2) - 16.56% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0298 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,316,699.47 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, L.P.** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 3.60% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency (4257-97) - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; G - PENNINGTON and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0299 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,159,051.06 and acceptance of work on contract with **ALSAY INCORPORATED** for Rehabilitation of Existing Water Wells 4.50% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0300 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 12 through 14

12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,608,359.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Emergency Groundwater Collection Well Inspection, Evaluation and Repair Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0318 ADOPTED.
- 12a. **ALSAY INCORPORATED** for Emergency Groundwater Collection Well Inspection, Evaluation and Repair Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering – was

presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0301 ADOPTED.

13. **BEVCO COMPANY, INC** for Heavy Duty Centrifugal Pumps for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$203,536.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0302 ADOPTED.
14. **BEVCO COMPANY, INC** to Remove the Existing Belt Conveyor and Compactors Systems and associated equipment and furnish and install new Belt Conveyor Systems and associated equipment for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$197,600.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$207,480.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0303 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 17 through 45

17. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of two sanitary sewer easements; vacating and abandoning the easements to Crane/Willis Properties, LLC, Willis Real Estate Investments, LLC, and Susan Duke, owners, in consideration of their payment to the City of \$103,176.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0319 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving a third amendment to office space lease agreement with **HINES LOUISIANA WALKER ONE, L.P.**, at 900 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas, for the Radio Communications Division of the Information Technology, Fire and Police Departments **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0320 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$170,761.00 from Fund 4040 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF; approving and authorizing a New Public Highway Overpass Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY** for the Hirsch Road paving and drainage: Kelley to East Crosstimbers Project - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0321 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$113,533.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF for the removal of a pipeline for the Ley Road Reconstruction Project; approving a pipeline adjustment reimbursement agreement with **BP PIPELINES (NORTH AMERICA) INC**; providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0322 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests for rights-of-way in connection with the public improvement project known as the Holmes Road Reconstruction from Main Street to Kirby Drive Project; authorizing the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to 10 Parcels of land required for the project and situated in the B.B.B.&C. R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 179; in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being along the south line of Holmes Road from Main street to Kirby Drive in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Appraisal fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in

connection with the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to the 10 Parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0323 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 2.9742 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 82**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0324 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 1.8051 acres of land to **HORSEPEN BAYOU MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0325 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE establishing the north side of the 3700 block of Parkwood Avenue within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0326 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within the **ADRIAN'S PLACE SUBDIVISION, FOREST HILL SUBDIVISION, LAWDALE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 & 2, MASON PARK SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS A & B, MASON PARK TERRACE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS A, B, C, E & F and MASON PARK TERRACE SUBDIVISION, SECTION D Replat** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0327 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within the **MARLO PLACE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 & 2 and RAINBOW PLACE SUBDIVISION** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0328 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within the **POST OAK VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1-3 and HEATHERCREST SUBDIVISION** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0329 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from Fire Chief to approve the sale of Decommissioned Firefighting Bunker Gear and equipment to the “Sister City” Tampico, Mexico – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster.

After discussion by Council Member Gonzalez, a vote was called on Item No. 1. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0304 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Susan Adelman, on behalf of 5803 Richmond, Ltd., (David Greenberg, President), for abandonment and sale of Rosewood Street, from Main Street to Travis Street, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a full-width utility easement, both within the MacGregor's Blodgett Addition, Section 2, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, Parcels SY12-024, SY12-047, VY12-020 and VY12-031 - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and D - ADAMS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0305 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

10. **ESI ACQUISITION, INC** for Purchase of an enhancement to the Emergency Management Crisis WebEOC Software and Support Services for the Office of Emergency Management - \$159,666.00 Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2012-0306 ADOPTED.
11. **VWR INTERNATIONAL, LLC** for Laboratory Furnishings and Equipment through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the Houston Police Department - \$230,359.69 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

Council Member Brown asked if they had looked into the cost savings of virtual finger printing, and Mayor Parker stated that she had no idea and would get an answer back to her.

A vote was called on Item No. 11. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2012-0307 ADOPTED.

15. **CHEMICAL LIME, LTD.** for Chemical Fine Quicklime and Calcium Hydroxide Slurry for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 5 Years - \$12,800,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams.

Council Member Brown asked if they had a status on the report of how much chemicals and what kind they had used in the last year and projected to use in the coming year and the cost for those chemicals.

Mayor Parker stated that they regularly estimated that and would be happy to make that available to her.

A vote was called on Item No. 11. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0308 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

16. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Meyer Park Boulevard, from Meyer Forest Drive west to its terminus, and an adjacent sanitary sewer easement; vacating and abandoning the right-of-way and easement to Luel Partnership, Ltd., Owner, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions and in consideration of payment to the City for the right-of-way and easement, conveyance of a sanitary sewer easement and other consideration - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented.

Council Member Brown stated that on this item she did not see on the RCA a total sale price and asked if they had that information.

Mr. Feldman stated that he did not recall the exact amount, it was \$8 a square foot times the square footage of the abandoned street, and Council Member Brown asked if they knew what the square footage was, and Mr. Feldman stated that he did not recall, and Mayor Parker stated that the reason it was not in the RCA they established a square foot level, but were also in negotiations with the perspective purchaser whether there may be some other offsets available.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for her leadership on the item, and wanted to recognized former Council Member Clutterbuck for her work on this issue as well, and Mayor Parker stated that it was kind of a mess that needed to be sorted out.

A vote was called on item No. 16. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0330 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinances Nos. 2004-685 passed June 30, 2004, 2009-420 passed May 31, 2009, and 2010-372 passed May 12, 2010, which approved and authorized the submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the 2004, 2009, and 2010 Consolidated annual Plans, including the Community Development Block Grant applications for the 30th, 35th and 36th program years – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0331 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinances Nos. 1993-851 passed July 7, 1993, 1996-665 passed June 26, 1996, 1997-848 passed July 1, 1997, 1998-874 passed June 17, 1998, 1999-487 passed May 19, 1999, 2000-395 passed May 17, 2000, 2003-620 passed June 25, 2003, 2004-685 passed June 30, 2004, 2005-607 passed May 11, 2005, 2006-628 passed June 14, 2006, 2007-648 passed June 6, 2007, 2008-385 passed April 30, 2008, 2009-420 passed May 13, 2009, and 2010-372 passed May 12, 2010, which approved and authorized the submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Consolidated Annual Plans, including the Community Development Block Grant applications for the 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th and 36th program years – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0332 ADOPTED.
- 19a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a first amendment to the amended and restated economic development agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INC.**, formerly known as the City of Houston Small Business Development Corporation, to provide \$3,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for a working capital advance in connection with the expansion of economic development activities – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0333 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of \$500,000 out of the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (Fund 2409) and approving and authorizing a repair agency agreement between the City of Houston and **REBUILDING TOGETHER HOUSTON**, as repair agency for performance of minor critical emergency repairs to homes owned by qualified households; approving administrative guidelines for the minor critical emergency home repair program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0334 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to provide \$389,940.00 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 - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0335 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to provide \$179,460.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids Funds for the administration and operation of a community residence located at 2417 Glasgow Street, along with the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0336 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HELP, INC**, providing up to \$311,067.15 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids Funds for the administration and operation of a community residence along with the provision of other supportive services - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0337 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE authorizing the purchase of part of lot one of the subdivision of lot fifteen, Holman Outlots, J.S. Holman Survey, A-323, south side of Buffalo Bayou, Houston, Harris County, Texas (2211 Tuam) at a price, including due diligence and closing costs, of \$126,476.00, using Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant Funds, for the expansion of Emancipation Park for the Parks and Recreation Department; approving a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the land (Dolores Rodgers) - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0338 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an interlocal agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT** to support the operational costs of the Houston Police Department's Helicopter Patrol Operations - \$270,600.00 - Grant Fund – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on item No. 26. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0339 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,539,154.22 out of Houston Airport System Consolidated 2004AMT Construction Fund; \$6,000,000.00 out of Houston Airport Improvement Fund and awarding Construction Contract to **SPAWGLASS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Terminal B South Apron Reconstruction Package 3 at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project 643C); 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 services and for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0340 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$115,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and \$200,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, approving and authorizing three Task Order Construction Contracts between the City of Houston and **ARC ABATEMENT, INC, AAR INCORPORATED** and **CHERRY MOVING COMPANY, INC dba CHERRY DEMOLITION** for Environmental Abatement and Demolition Services including Asbestos/Mold/Lead Abatement and Soil Remediation for the City of Houston

Dangerous Buildings and other City facilities; providing maximum contract amounts - was presented.

Council Member Brown stated that they had an RCA that had three different companies that had been approved with MB and SB sub contracting requirements, however she wanted to make a motion to strike the third contractor, though Cherry Moving Company had a good reputation, the MBE subcontractor, J & B Transport was not in good standing with the State. (Note: Council Member Brown had passed out a handout from the State Comptroller's Office)

Mayor Parker stated to Mr. Feldman that she assumed it was an appropriate motion and asked if there was a second, seconded by Council Member Hoang.

Mayor Parker stated that she would point out that while they researched regularly the tax status in Houston, this was a Franchise Tax Certification for the State of Texas and was not in their normal research, nor did they anticipate adding the expense of that research to their background certification.

Mr. Feldman stated that he would also like to state that he would have legal concerns with respect to denying the contract to this prime because of what is or was not the Franchise Tax status of a sub, particularly where that was an MWBE, that the City, as Mayor Parker pointed out, did not monitor it and they certainly did not monitor it with respect to sub contractors, and Mayor Parker stated that they monitored for the prime contractor, there was no ordinance or request from Council to do that, but they certainly did not do it for sub contractors, and Mr. Feldman stated that was correct, and by singling out this particular contractor that could be legally problematic.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Council Member Brown motion. Council Members Brown and Hoang voting aye, balance voting nay. MOTION 2012-0309 FAILED.

A vote was called on Item No. 28. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0341 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and authorizing the approval of a Master Agreement between the City of Houston and the **FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY** for Transportation Study in the Texas Medical Center (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0835) - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS and K - GREEN** - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Brown, Mayor Parker stated that for the benefit of the public this was an \$800,000 Federal Grant, the City was putting forward \$100,000 and the Texas Medical Center was putting forth \$100,000 for a Transit and Transportation Study in the larger Medical Center area, that any of them who had been to the Medical Center recently they understood that it was almost at gridlock on many parts of the day.

After further discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 29. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0342 ADOPTED.

31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **SPRING BRANCH MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for Reimbursement of Brick Pavers Installation Cost **DISTRICT A - BROWN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0343 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests for rights-of-way in connection with the public improvement project known as the Brittmoore Road Reconstruction from Hammerly Boulevard to Clay Road Project; authorizing the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to 12 Parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Christiana Williams Survey, Abstract No. 834 and the J.R. Curl Survey, Abstract No. 1163; in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being along the east and west lines of Brittmoore Road from Hammerly Boulevard to Clay Road in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to the 12 Parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT A – BROWN** – was presented.

Council Member Brown stated that she had one quick question regarding the element of potential eminent domain seizures, were there any substantial pieces of property that would be up as an option for taking in this one project, did they know of any substantial land grabs or anything, and Mr. Feldman stated that they would not know that until all affected property owners were contacted and see whether or not they would peaceably negotiate a price, and Council Member Brown stated that based on the existing infrastructure she did know they had drainage ditches on the side and stuff and did not anticipate any substantial property grabs but just wanted to check in with him on any currently foreseen situations.

Mayor Parker stated that they would not know until they actually began the land acquisition process and the RCA did have the proposed street widths and so forth so if someone wanted to go out and check, that she was sure there were some Council Members who would love to have this money reprogrammed.

A vote was called on Item No. 33. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0344 ADOPTED.

37. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath property containing 9.9574 acres commonly known as 308 and 320 Hughes Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0345 ADOPTED.

38. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath property containing 5.028 acres commonly known as 1304 Blalock Road, Suite F, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT A – BROWN** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0346 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Brown if there was a particular issue that she had with the MSDs that they could address in some way, and Council Member Brown stated perhaps, and Mayor Parker stated that if Council Member Brown would like a meeting with someone, that she had not heard Council Member Brown express any reason for having a concern about Municipal Setting Designations, that it was a way to use land that they could not otherwise put back on the tax rolls, and Council Member Brown stated that she would be happy to prepare a comment in this regard.

39. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath property containing 3.490 acres commonly known as 600 Hughes Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0347 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,535,113.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Fire Hydrant Replacement; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0348 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-438 (Passed on May 14, 2008) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **LETCO GROUP, LLC** for Wood Waste Removal Services for the Solid Waste Management Department - \$485,925.00 General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0349 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 46 through 47A

46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,132,304.24 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$134,718.76 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks for the Houston Fire Department – (**This was Item No. 8 on Agenda of April 11, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to refer Item No. 46 and 46a back to the administration, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0310 ADOPTED.

- 46a. Motion by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC** - \$758,313.00 and **SIDDONS MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP, LLC** - \$2,508,710.00 for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department – (**This was Item No. 8A on Agenda of April 11, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented, and had been referred back to the administration by MOTION 2012-0310 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,877,893.39 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$276,022.61 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund and \$808,533.00 out of Reimbursement Equipment / Projects Fund for Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Trucks and Self -Propelled Road Sweepers for the Solid Waste Management Department – (**This was Item No. 10 on Agenda of April 11, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ**) – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that for a while he had been a strong advocate for more natural gas vehicles within their fleet and understood that the Fleet Department was considering it, but just yesterday CNBC ran a story on how the Solid Waste Fleet around the Country had gone from single digit natural gas up to 40% natural gas sometime next year so there was wide spread adoption of natural gas vehicles, more in the commercial side of it than ever before and

he thought it would be good for Houston and the City if they could take a look at more natural gas vehicles.

Mayor Parker stated that she agreed with him and she was also a big proponent of natural gas vehicles and was glad to work to get their Airport Parking Fleet converted over and had been having a number of conversations with Metro about the issue as well, that they would continue to try to figure out where the sweet spot was on conversion of their vehicles. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 47. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0350 ADOPTED.

47a. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to award to **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$382,777.00, **WACO FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$2,338,100.00, **TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT, INC d/b/a HEIL OF TEXAS** - \$691,368.00, **EAST TEXAS MACK SALES, LLC d/b/a B & C BODY CO** - \$78,964.00, **MCNEILUS COMPANIES** - \$1,418,404.00 and **R.B. EVERETT** - \$52,836.00 for Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Trucks, and Self-Propelled Road Sweepers through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council and BuyBoard for the Solid Waste Management Department – **(This was Item No. 10A on Agenda of April 11, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0311 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Burks announced the following events: Wednesday, April 25, 2012, the West Houston Assistance Ministries would hold a free job fair, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2400 Willcrest, if they were an employer or staffing agency they could call 832-253-7748 and sign up as an employer: that Turkish Airlines was planning to begin service between Istanbul, Turkey and Houston, it would be Turkish Airlines sixth US destination: that last Saturday was Global Care Day, a day committed to community service events, that he joined the Mayor and Lyondell Basil Company at the West Gray Multi Service Center in the Montrose area, that they also had packages going back to Afghanistan for the troops and he helped box up some packages and load them up and get them ready, that it was the 13th time they had done it in the City; that this weekend was the International Festival, this year would be a focus on Argentina. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker on a great speech at the State of the City at the Greater Houston Partnership; that next week the Public Safety Committee meeting would be on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber; that he wanted to thank several members of the Department of Public Works and Engineering Department, Braxton Coles, Michael Wilson, Lenny Bryant, Kevin Williams, Sofia Saint Jules, Mr. Cook and many others for visiting with him at their job sites throughout District H in the Lindale Community; that this weekend was a Citizen and Immigration Forum in Denver Harbor, 10:00 a.m. in District H, that NALEO, Office of International Communities, Neighborhood Centers, Univision and La Tremenda 1010 A.M. would be hosting a citizenship and immigration forum, at the Denver Harbor Multi Service Center, 6402 Market Street, for more information contact Benito Juarez at 713-778-6503; that in the Denver Harbor Community the District H team would be teaming up with the Denver Harbor Civic Club on a community clean up beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Clinton and Kress, for more information contact Ana Gonzalez at 713-392-5515; that he had an opportunity to greet a delegation from Turkey yesterday, a Foreign Minister at the Turkish Counsel and the General Counsel as well, that they

were opening a commercial attaché office in Houston, that they wanted to identify, through their analysis, the top markets in the United States, that their trade with Turkey, from last year in fact, had grown over 90%. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank the Library Department and Dr. Rhea Lawson, that this week Mayor Parker extended warm welcomes to more than 7,000 librarians and exhibitors as the Texas Library Association held it's annual conference in Houston, April 17 through April 20, 2012; that on Friday she would be celebrating with the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church for their 50th Anniversary; that on Saturday the District D office and the Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 7034 Tierwester, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. were offering a host of services and giving away food, they were in partnership with the Houston Food Bank, that they were asking everyone to come out to the annual health fair, that she wanted to thank Pastor Terry King Anderson and his church family, as well as her team, Shavonda Johnson and Valerie Attara, for helping and organizing this event; that the Missouri City Chapter of the Links was celebrating their women who exemplified leadership with a Walking in Her Shoes Luncheon; that the South Union Community Development Corporation was hosting their Second Annual New Power Generation Scholarship Gala at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Reliant Park, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., they were showcasing the finalists of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Programs, Solar Panel Community Garden Project; that she wanted to wish her Mother a Happy Birthday, that she watched every Wednesday and Tuesday, that she would not be late for their lunch date for her birthday; that she wanted to thank all who attended and Mayor Parker gave an enthusiastic speech on Saturday for the Sisters Network Walk, they had over 6,000 participants who gathered on the Discovery Green lawn and attended the fight against Breast Cancer; that as to the Mayor's State of the City Speech, one of the things when she had an opportunity to meet with the Greater Houston Partnership and they gave a breakdown on the wonderful job they were doing as a City under the Mayor's leadership, was that she thought 116,000 jobs were lost and Houston should be proud because they had recovered every last job that they lost. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to compliment Mayor Parker on her presence and on the priorities she set at the State of the City speech to the Greater Houston Partnership and those assembled; that yesterday morning he and Council Member Davis attended the monthly Houston Galveston Area Council meeting; that last night he attended the Briar Forest Super Neighborhood meeting, they were actively concerned with CIP issues, the major thoroughfares particularly in the area, that the discussion was dominated by Buffalo Bayou issues and the need for a comprehensive detention areas, that he knew the Mayor had agreed to look at that and they were proceeding by talking to the Congressman and the County, that he believed the County was considering the matter right now and if a federal request was made he believed that Congressman Culverson was ready to proceed; that on Saturday the winners were announced at the 12th Annual Business Plan Competition, it was the world's richest and largest for graduate school level business students, it was hosted and organized by the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship. Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Green stated that on Saturday, April 21, 2012, there would be a cleanup sponsored by the South Houston Concerned Citizens in conjunction with Super Neighborhoods 39 and 40, as well as the District Keep Houston Beautiful and the District K Office, that the cleanup would be held at Townwood Community Center, 3403 Simmsbrook; that last week he attended the Dunbar Oaks Civic Club meeting; that last week he attended the U.S. Conference of Mayor's for a Development Committee Board Meeting in Kansas City, that the main topic of

discussion was workforce around the Country with regard to the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act and how they as major cities handled the public workforce, that there were two bills in Congress now that would be affecting how they handled the public workforce, not only in major cities but around the Country; that additionally on Thursday, April 19, 2012, the Who's Who in Black Houston would be unveiling it's sixth addition of the Who's Who Book at the Reliant Convention Center; that on April 28, 2012, the Friends of Westbury Foundation would celebrate 20 years of doing An Evening with Westbury Stars at the Braeburn Country Club, that the gala would award \$1,500 scholarships to Westbury High School Graduating seniors; that last Saturday he was in District B with his good friend Jerry Davis at the Sylvester Turner Day at Sylvester Park, that tons of people were out there and he wanted to congratulate State Representative Sylvester Turner for a great event; that with regard to hiring events going on they could contact Lynette in his office at 832-393-3016. Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Davis stated that City Council was not part time, that last weekend he was at Sylvester Turner Park as well, that next year he would be a part of the event, that Texas Southern University and Prairie View played on the field that the Astros built at the park; that this weekend was Comcast Care Day and their objective was to target hunger, it would be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 2814 Quitman; that the Bright Smiles and Healthy Hearts would be at Olivete Missionary Baptist, 3113 Lyons Avenue; that the Second Annual Think Pink Rally would be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Kashmere Multi Service Center; that the Seniors Breakfast, with Mama Rose, would be at the Fifth Ward Missionary Baptist Church, 4300 Noble; that yesterday they had the Houston Realtors to celebrate this week, they culminated an event at Greenspoint Mall, that from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. they would have the "Walk in Her Shoes Luncheon". Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Brown stated that they were so detached from the reality of what the citizens and businesses had to put up with, that 40% of the homeless were veterans, men and women who fought to protect their freedoms, even such a freedom as sharing with the needy, that the citizens of Houston would again have an opportunity to speak about this matter, that on Monday, April 23, 2012, Council Members Bradford, Pennington, Hoang, Christi and herself would host a citywide townhall where they would review the new law and the citizens would have another opportunity to speak their piece on the matter, that the townhall would start at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 8300 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, that the people of Houston had a voice and although it had been silenced by the very people that they voted to protect it they would be heard loud and clear. Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Cohen stated that she thought Houston hit a homerun on some many fronts and thought it did so much toward helping the homeless and people with disabilities, that she thought it was a real shining star and light in the Country, that she was proud to be a Houstonian; that she wanted to thank everyone who had been involved in Pride Houston 2012, that she had been elected the Allied Grand Marshall of the Pride Parade, that the Gay Pride Festival and Parade would take place on Saturday, June 23, 2012; that the Harris County Mayor and Council's Association meeting and dinner, Mayor's from various communities around would be meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Grove at Discovery Green; that she wanted to congratulate Courtlandt Place residents on the birthday celebration marking the Centennial Birthday of six homes in the neighborhood, that it would be held on Sunday, April 22, 2012; that she would be at the "Walk in Her Shoes Luncheon". Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello stated that on Monday he greeted all of the members of their Ditch Maintenance Department, out of right-of-way and street maintenance, well over 150 people who worked out of the East Crosstimbers at Hardy Toll Road Facility, that it was refreshing to see all of those people and he thanked them on behalf of the entire City for the work they did and reminded them that they actually maintained over 3,000 miles of roadside ditches, that he asked how could they help and a couple of the members got up and suggested that they remind the community and residents to try to keep trash out of the ditches because they were really maintenance people not trash collectors and if the trash could be minimized within the roadside ditches they could go in and re-grade the ditches as quickly as possible, that he told them he would pass that on to the District Council Members, that they were a great group and he met them at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, that was when they started, that he thought it was unusual that they only had one maintenance facility of that magnitude, it would be nice if they had one in the south side because they did cover the entire City, so if Public Works was coming before the administration petitioning for another facility he would be happy to support that. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that keeping trash out of the ditches also kept it out of their bayous. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster and Bradford absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that part of their discussion today about the disparity study got her thinking of good faith and what that really meant, and she realized as she thought about how they did business here how much of her professional upbringing had been shaped by the school district, part of that was that many things like federal grants and the school district had requirements for certain kind of fairness, it was just built in as part of it, that the examples of these were that they had to include parents if they did something with their children, that was a typical requirement of a federal grant, but what she found in the school district was that all of those things ended up translating across what they did, when they put together departments or teams or committees they actively tried to balance it ethnically, they looked at whether they had deaf for handicapped membership or if they needed to accommodate that, they provided translation for parent meetings or other activities and interpretation if they were verbal things, they were not the same thing, sometimes if they had material written in other language it was a help and sometimes they actually had someone there to translate, that what she would encourage their department heads and their folks that dealt with the public was to think about what good faith really meant and how to make an effort to provide that little bit extra, it was related to the trash in the ditches, it may not sound like it but it was, that it really meant taking a second and picking up a plastic bag that was in their gutter, even though it was nasty, and sticking it in their trash can so it would not go down and get swallowed up by the drain at the end of the street, that she would challenge them as City workers to not take offense, people get upset and did not know what the rules were, they had every kind of connection from people with their water to their permits, and if they took that little extra step and answered the question that they did not think to ask, and make sure to have someone who spoke their language, that it made such an enormous difference, that it could make a difference between flooding and not flooding, but it could also just make the difference in a lot of small decisions about whether the City thought they did a good job or not, that one of the things that happened with each one of them was that they were all "Cinderella" and that in a few years the coach would turn back into a pumpkin and if she left nothing else but the idea that they should be more gracious, that they should take that little bit of extra time to pick up that wet nasty little plastic bag or that they answer the question that somebody did not know to ask them she would feel like she had a legacy, so she would just challenge them all to do that little bit and not chose to take offense or to be quick to judge, but to try to be helpful and supportive and part of the team. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis stated that until April 30, 2012, Starbucks had an investment of \$4 million throughout the Country and they had two organizations that were in line to possibly receive \$50,000, that the one entity was the Fifth Ward CRC and they were asking to go on Starbucks. com to vote for the Fifth Ward CRC, they were currently in second place to Neighborhood Centers, that he knew that Neighborhood Centers had been around since 1907 and was a great organization but the Fifth Ward area could really use the \$50,000, that there was a cleanup going on this Saturday with some Starbuck volunteers in the Fifth Ward. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that of note since they had the Disparity Study presented in the morning Mr. Feldman did a great job of laying out what was in the study, but she wanted to recognize Auggie Campbell, Legal Department, who did the actual work on their side for the Disparity Study, they hired veterans in the City of Houston and Auggie was an Iraqi Veteran and had been a great asset to the Legal Department and she personally appreciated the work that he did on the Disparity Study; that Kelly Dowe, Finance Director, did finish the Boston Marathon, that she did not know if he would brag about his time, but he finished, that they were in something of a heat wave in the northeast and it was a rather warm day for the marathon, but they were glad he completed the marathon and was back. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:39 a.m. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary