

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 15, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, 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. and; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Mike Sullivan absent on city business.

At 1:46 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the presentations today would begin with Council Member Noriega; and Council Member Noriega invited those with her presentation to the podium and stated that Pastor Joe Reynolds was her pastor and remarkable in many ways; that he would be retiring and would be missed; that New Hope Housing grew out of Christ Church Ministries for the homeless; that the Beacon was also a part of that ministry much of the success due to Dean Reynolds; that he served as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal Church and chairman of the board at the Beacon among many other important positions; and Mayor Parker presented Pastor Reynolds a Proclamation and proclaimed today as "Reverend Joe Reynolds Day" in Houston, Texas. Pastor Reynolds thanked all for the recognition and thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their leadership. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that on behalf of all Episcopalians he thanked Pastor Reynolds for his leadership. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Costello invited those with his presentation to the podium and stated that since 1960 the American Public Works Association sponsored National Public Works Week and this year it was May 20 through May 26, 2012, that Public Works staff was important in planning, building, managing and operating systems which made this city work; that he thanked each employee for the work they did; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation and proclaimed it "National Public Works Week" and congratulated and thanked all in the Public Works Department for their work in keeping all safe and allowing all to continue moving through the city. A Spokesperson for the group thanked all for allowing them to be the public servants taking care of this great infrastructure; that they were giving their all. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks invited those with his presentation to the podium and stated that today they were recognizing restaurant owners in the McDonalds Corporation, five award winners; and Mayor Parker presented each a Certificate of Recognition recognizing their commitment and dedication in contributing to the well being of all Houstonians, putting thousands to work. A Spokesperson for the group thanked all for the recognition and their kind words; and stated that they were hoping to add 1,000 new opportunities on their hiring day this year in addition to the 13,000 they already had across the area; that half the owners started at entry level positions and 70% managers; and thanked Council for recognizing the top owners. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Christie absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Noriega and Green thanked each for the important part they played in Houston's economy and for providing youth with first time job experience.

Council Member Noriega on a point of personal privilege stated that she wanted to recognize a group of special folks present and asked all present with the Americorps Works

Group to stand to be recognized; that Americorps Works was the theme of Houston Americorps Awareness Week 2012 being celebrated this week offering residents opportunity to acknowledge those members and alumni and become involved in public service. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that some were from Houston, but the majority were from other parts of the country and all were appreciated for coming down to be a part of this. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that on a point of personal privilege he wanted to recognize Emergency Medical Services Week which today was also having a patient reunion; and asked all to stand to be recognized; that emergency medical services, EMS, was a system of care for victims which included many different people's care; that May 20 through May 26, 2012, was National Emergency Medical Services Week and EMS in Houston was recognized nationally; and congratulated and commended the personnel; and introduced Mr. and Mrs. Lovett, Ms. Lovett was shopping in 2011 and collapsed and life saving efforts were started and her pulse was restored; that they wanted to thank all today for her survival; and Ms. Lovett stated that she thanked all related to her survival and she did not know how many people had been involved; and Mayor Parker stated that it was their job and their passion and it was helpful to see how many were involved in an emergency response call; and they were grateful it worked for her. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that Houston's EMS was the best in the world and they did Houston proud; and he congratulated and commended all. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was passing a brochure to Council Members which was from the opening of the Holcombe Laboratory which gave all a good idea of what they did there; and encouraged all to view them. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

At 2:14 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Davis who introduced Pastor Clemons of Pleasant Hill Church who led all in prayer and Council Member Davis led all in the pledge. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

At 2:17 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Mr. Martin Abrahams at the top of the three minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0353 ADOPTED.

At 2:19 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Ms. Alice Valdez, 1900 Kane, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-865-6157) appeared and stated that she was executive director of the Multicultural Education Council through the Arts and present supporting the South West Airlines proposal of operating international flights through Hobby Airport as they demonstrated community outreach of MECA's work, etc., competition lowers cost and raises service. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez and Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Noriega, Ms. Valdez stated that for them it helped bring in Latin America and Caribbean artists and increased tourism, etc. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Valdez for her efforts through the years; and stated that MECA was in District H and they did tremendous work; and Ms. Valdez stated that MECA was celebrating the 100th anniversary of Dow Elementary School MECA's culture center September 21st and it was MECA's 35th anniversary. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Members Rodriguez moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Danny Perkins after Mr. Martin Abrahams, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2012-0354 ADOPTED.

Mr. Martin Abrahams, 6655 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77087 (281-924-5151) appeared and stated that he owned a company, Super Nova Furniture, four years ago they had over 100 employees and because of the recession they were down to four, but growing again; that people south of the border were moving to Houston to protect their families and moving near an airport so they can fly back and forth to their business; that he was present supporting the Southwest Airlines international flights as it would develop more jobs in the airport system and increase home building, etc. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Members Noriega, Rodriguez and Davis recognized the good works of Mr. Abrahams and thanked him for his contributions and input. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Danny Perkins, 8800 Paul B. Coonce, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-392-2255) appeared and stated that he was president of the Greater Hobby Chamber of Commerce and present on their behalf; that they wanted to offer all opportunity for growth and better quality of life and competition was good; and they were supporting Southwest Airlines international service; and requested the Mayor and Council go forward with it. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Members Noriega, Rodriguez, Burks and Bradford questioned Mr. Perkins. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Danny Perkins, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2012-0355 ADOPTED.

Council Members Davis and Costello questioned Mr. Perkins. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Burks moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Danny Perkins, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2012-0356 ADOPTED.

Council Members Cohen and Laster questioned Mr. Perkins. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Danny Perkins, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye.

Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0357 ADOPTED.

Council Members Laster, Brown and Burks questioned Mr. Perkins. Council Members Adams and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Danny Perkins, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Pennington and Costello absent. MOTION 2012-0358 ADOPTED.

Council Member Burks questioned Mr. Perkins. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to notify all that there would be another committee hearing of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs and Transportation Technology and Infrastructure tonight at the Marriott Houston South at 9100 Gulf Freeway from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and they would welcome all comments. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington and Costello absent.

Mr. Jim McCormack, 5211 Dunlop, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-855-6062) appeared and stated that before he arrived today his problems were solved, but in relation he used 311 frequently and their follow up and follow through process had a problem and needed work. Council Members Pennington, Costello, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Mr. McCormack for coming and stated that he was sorry for the inconvenience; and encouraged him to follow up with his office on 311 matters so they could stay on top of the issue also; and since METRO was in the house he would point out they would be having a rally, Tuesday, May 22nd, 10:30 a.m. at the Northline Travel Center located at 7705 Fulton. Council Members Pennington, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 N. W. Freeway 210, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-696-9204) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Pennington, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Ms. Norma Sierra, 3074 Pine Gulf Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77017 (832-746-3063) appeared and stated that the Shady Park Area had gone many years without maintenance or improvement and she would like the drain from Congress to Highway 3, including behind her house, be included in the CIP program to prevent flooding and erosion. Council Members Pennington, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that according to her notes the ditch was previously maintained by Harris County and they ceased maintaining and approximately two years ago the city began maintaining it and they went out two times a year and checked so it would have a good flow; that they did not normally mow drainage ditches, they checked to see that the flow was unimpeded. Council Members Pennington and Burks 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 Pennington and Burks absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was present to declare marshal law from the city government; and continued expressing his personal concerns until his time expired. Council Members

Pennington and Burks absent.

At 3:04 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Council Member Sullivan absent on city business. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 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 8:25 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Gonzalez.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 42 and 43 out of order before the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0359 ADOPTED.

42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,282,515.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund for leased premises buildout costs, approving Lease Agreement with the **STAR OF HOPE MISSION** as landlord for a Planned Sobering Center at 1811 Ruiz - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – (**This was Item 7 on Agenda of May 9, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that they intended to track usage, they believed it was going to take a few months to get officers accustomed to it and have some realistic numbers, but they would be happy to report them in any format, that it could either be in the monthly report or could come regularly to Council Members, that she thought it was important to point out that while they were contracting with Star of Hope for the facility they were not providing money for the social services, the private sector that provided these social services, they hoped, would work with them, that since they had a captive population so to speak, that they all wanted to help and thought that many of the agencies would step forward.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 42. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-0449 ADOPTED.

43. RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of **HOUSTON RECOVERY CENTER LGC**, a Local Government Corporation; approving the Certificate of Formation; approving the by-laws; appointing the initial Directors and Chair – (**This was Item 8 on Agenda of May 9, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. RESOLUTION 2012-0014 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that with that vote they affirmed the initial board of the Houston Recovery Center LGC and knew that there were some board members present and wanted to acknowledge them if they would come forward, that present were Kay Austin, would serve as Chair, Arlo Weltge and Betty Nunnally, that she wanted to thank them for their willingness to serve in this area, that she knew they were all experienced and they all expected this to be a catalyst for more great things.

Council Members Pennington, Laster, Gonzalez, Cohen and Burks congratulated the new board members present and thanked for their service to the City of Houston, and Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank Executive Assistant Chief Oettmeier, who was present in the audience, that he had been there from the beginning to help put this together and Lieutenant Mike Lee, Mr. Leonard Kinkaid, Mr. Andy Icken and Mr. Steven Williams, Health Department. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda, and stated that they always like to see former colleagues join them and she wanted to acknowledge the presence of former Council Member Brenda Stardig in the audience. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington and Green absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 41

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 4 and 5

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$9,277,514.84 and acceptance of work on contract with **ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LTD.**, for Brittmoore Road Reconstruction from I-10 to Hammerly 1.44% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A – BROWN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. MOTION 2012-0360 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,593,566.76 and acceptance of work on contract with **GONZALEZ CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Annunciation Subdivision 6.75% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. MOTION 2012-0361 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 13

13. **NEWMAN REGENCY GROUP, INC** - \$108,180.00 and **JERSEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY OF HOUSTON, INC** - \$59,250.00 for Submersible Pumps for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. MOTION 2012-0362 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 14 through 41

14. RESOLUTION of the City Council prescribing the date, time, and location of a public hearing on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; authorizing notice of such public hearing and making other provisions related to the subject - **HEARING DATE - TUESDAY - 1:30 P.M. - JUNE 5, 2012** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2012-0015 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use as a public right-of-way of Endor Street, from Frio Street east to its terminus; vacating and abandoning the right of way to SWS Holdings-Pasadena, LP, owner, in consideration of its conveyance to the City of Houston, Texas, of a 20-foot-wide

storm sewer easement, payment to the City of \$54,898.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0451 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **K.P. MANAGEMENT, LLC dba USA DECON** for Medical Waste Removal and Disposal Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$619,855.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0452 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$766,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **EDMINSTER, HINSHAW, RUSS AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for Willow Water Hole (Sub-Project 1 - Willow Meadows Sections 15-18) Drainage and Paving; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0453 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$981,182.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **GUNDA CORPORATION, L.L.C.** for Reconstruction of Wallisville Road from Lockwood Drive to North Wayside Drive (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0265); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0454 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,031,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION** for Update to Biosolids Management Plan; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0455 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,630,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC**, for Northgate and Imperial Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; 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, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0456 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,744,560.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC**, for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; 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 (4235-

- 56) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0457 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$521,866.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **SPECIALIZED MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of rehabilitation; 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 (4277-59) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0458 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,034,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **RESICOM, INC**, for Water Line Replacement in Shadywood Area; 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, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0459 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE granting to **JOSE PULIDO dba PULIDO TRUCKING L.P., A Texas Limited Partnership**, 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 **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0460 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
40. ORDINANCE granting to **PAMELA BUSSEY dba 1ST CHOICE GREASE 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 - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0461 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
41. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0428, passed first reading May 9, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **MAGNA FLOW INTERNATIONAL, INC dba MAGNA FLOW ENVIRONMENTAL, 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 - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0428 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Solid Waste Management for approval of additional funding in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Solid Waste Disposal Contract with **WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC** - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. MOTION 2012-0363 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$835,072.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **MILLIS DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Godwin Park - Phase II - 4.92% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0364 ADOPTED.
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,475,292.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **THE GONZALEZ GROUP, LP**, for Townwood Park - 3.46% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0365 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 6 through 8

6. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, pay the costs of Court and withdraw City's objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. 8716 Long Point, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, et al., Cause No. 996,423; for acquisition of Parcels AY9-415 and KY10-133; for the **LONG POINT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, (Pech - Hollister) - DISTRICT A – BROWN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0366 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court and pay the costs of court in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. Green & Fresh Produce, Inc., A Texas corporation, et al., Cause No. 994,116, for acquisition of Parcel AY10-205; for **AIRLINE DRIVE PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT (N. Main - North Loop 610) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0367 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court and pay the costs of court in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. Kuo's Family Limited Partnership, et al., Cause No. 994,117, for acquisition of Parcel AY10-204; for **AIRLINE DRIVE PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT (N. Main - North Loop 610) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0368 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$103,667.88 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Truckster Utility Vehicles for Parks & Recreation Department - was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Member Brown a vote was called on Item No. 9. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0450 ADOPTED.

- 9a. **BUSCANYI FAMILY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, dba TEXAS POWERSPORTS OF PASADENA** for Truckster Utility Vehicles from State of Texas Procurement and Support Services contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Parks & Recreation Department - \$61,684.62 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0369 ADOPTED.
10. **PERKINELMER HEALTH SCIENCES, INC** for Purchase of One Gas Chromatograph System from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Police Department - \$55,756.33 - Asset Forfeiture Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0370 ADOPTED.
11. **DIGITAL SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Digital Patroller Camera System, Software, Installation and Maintenance for the Houston Police Department - \$122,481.00 - General and Police Special Services Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0371 ADOPTED.
12. **ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC, INC dba ARROWHEAD FORENSICS** for Portable, Laser-Based, Forensic Detection Systems for the Houston Police Department - \$86,000.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0372 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

15. ORDINANCE **AMENDING ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to monitoring wells and environmental test boring facilities, containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Sullivan absent.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Memorandum Of Understanding Affiliation Agreement between the City and **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** to collaborate for the Project Saving Smiles Program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0462 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF HOUSTON & VICINITIES, INC** to provide an additional \$99,500.00 of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds

for costs associated with the renovation of a Community Center located at 7100 Clarewood Drive, Houston, Texas, which serves low to moderate income households; to revise the scope of work for eligible costs to be covered thereby; to extend the time to complete the work; and to extend the term of the period during which the facility must be used to provide public services - **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0463 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE creating the **BVSW GARDEN OAKS, L.P. REINVESTMENT ZONE** for Tax Abatement purposes pursuant to Article IV of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0464 ADOPTED.
- 19a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **BVSW GARDEN OAKS, L.P.** for certain property located within the BVSW Garden Oaks, L.P. Reinvestment Zone - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0465 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,590,306.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund as an additional appropriation for Municipal Courts Case Management System (C-SMART) Originally approved by Ordinance No. 2011-824 – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Bradford and Gonzalez a vote was called on Item No. 20. Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0466 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,000,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment / Projects Fund to Contract No. 4600006180 between the City of Houston and **SAP PUBLIC SERVICES, INC**; amending Ordinance No. 2008-0331 to increase the maximum contract amount for Software Maintenance and Services related to an Enterprise Resource Planning System - \$1,481,968.14 out of Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this was an extremely frustrating situation, that as was mentioned it started in 2007 and she would point out that the IT Director, the Chief Technology Officer and the CFO of that Department had all been replaced and there were reasons. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 21. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0467 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the agreement by and between the City of Houston and **FIRST SUPPORT SERVICES, INC** for Fleet/Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Services for the Houston Airport System - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I – RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that they requested information because the last statement stated that the Office of Business Opportunity would continue to monitor this contract to insure maximum MWBE participation, that he wanted to know how they were going to get there, that he understood that they may not hit their goal, that he appreciated the information that the

airport had given, as well as Marta, but was curious as to what were their steps for the continuation of the contract. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was her understanding that the Director and Office of Business Opportunities had forwarded to Council Member Davis the contractors plan for raising their MWBE participation, but she believed that he was also aware that they were evaluating the program to bring it in house in the future; that there were goals and they could not point out and say that they must achieve a goal and then it becomes not a goal but a mandate, however they had systems in place and Office of Business Opportunities monitors and goes back to the businesses to track compliance and as was pointed out one of the ways that this vendor was trying to improve compliance was that they found a new sub contractor and were going above the target in order to catch up, that she did not know whether they would be able to do that by the time the contract expired, but there was a system of checks and balances in place, that it was entirely appropriate to bring it up. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 22. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0468 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **TRIPLE D SECURITY** for Armored Car Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with four one-year options \$824,303.60 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0469 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2012-215 relating to the Bridgeland Management District – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington, Costello and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0470 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement by and between the City of Houston and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, acting by and through the General Services Administration on behalf of the Transportation Security Administration for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0471 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,483,627.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Design Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **MICA CORPORATION** for Exterior Roadway Signage at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 684) **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0472 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing a first amendment to the construction contract between the City of Houston and **HALLMARK CAPITAL GROUP, LLC dba HALLMARK-FARRELL ROOFING COMPANY** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0260) for the Sunnyside Multi-Service Center Roof - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0473 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **GULF COAST RAIL DISTRICT** for the East Belt Grade Crossing Safety Improvements within the boundaries of the City of Houston - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that this was a quite zone item and wanted to mention how important these were, that she lived near a railroad track and was well aware of how difficult it was to sleep when someone was jamming a horn, that these cost money and were something that they had to negotiate with the railroads, that there was technology to make this better, it made an enormous difference to folks quality of life, that she found that new windows helped her a lot but that was not an option available to everyone, that she appreciated this and wanted to applaud Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez for working with this, but she also wanted to let people know that they could address this and talk to their Council Members if they had noise issues to process through. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a very popular program and was an expensive program and was entirely born by the City, the railroads did not have to take care of this but the City did have to negotiate with them and not all of the railroads were not as accommodating as others, that she just wanted to get that on the record. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this particular item allowed the Gulf Coast Rail District to use federal funds to reimburse the City 89.9% for some of the work done. Council Member Sullivan absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 29. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0474 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$284,405.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$284,405.00 out of Contribution for Capital Projects Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **FCM ENGINEERS, P.C.** for S. Post Oak Paving and Drainage from Beltway 8 to FM 2234; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and Contribution for Capital Projects Fund - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. Council Member Sullivan absent.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,156,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing sixth amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC.** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2006-0277) for services associated with the Surface Water Transmission Program; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0475 ADOPTED.

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44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$127,542.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment / Projects Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **SOGETI USA, LLC**; amending Ordinance No. 2011-0070 to increase the maximum contract amount for an Enterprise Point of Sale System for the Public Works & Engineering Department – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of May 9, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0476 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to congratulate Council Member Gonzalez

on the successful passage of the Houston Recovery Center, that he knew that Council Member Gonzalez and his staff worked very hard on that; that Mayor Parker rolled out her budget yesterday and he wanted to thank her for providing that information to all of them prior to her having her press conference, that he wanted to remind his colleagues of the process, on May 29, 2012, they would have the very first meeting, a special called BFA meeting where Director Dowe would present his five year projection, as well as the budget, they would then have a number of meetings with the individual departments and believed they had sent out a memo to everybody relative to the schedule, which would go from May 29, 2012 through June 7, 2012, and then the process would move forward as they had budget amendments; that he wanted to thank Council Members Noriega and Bradford for running the meeting last night, which was the second public meeting to discuss the Hobby Airport international flights. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank all of his colleagues for their support of the Sobering Center items on the agenda today, that it had been a major initiative since he was elected to Council, that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for her support and for seeing the importance of this approach as they worked towards getting the City out of the jail business; that the District H team would be partnering with Congressman Gene Green and the Solid Waste Department to host an electronic waste event on Saturday, that it would be their third annual event; that he would be hosting a community townhall meeting on Monday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the traffic concerns of the community along Parker Road near the Bauman and McGallion intersection, the meeting would take place at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 501 Tidwell; that Metro was launching a new Rally Around the Rails initiative to encourage all Houstonians to support local businesses within the light rail construction zone, that the launch of the project would take place next Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. and would kickoff at Northline Transit Center, 7705 Fulton in District H; that he wanted to recognize a special class of fifth graders at Scroggins Elementary School in the Denver Harbor Neighborhood, that Mr. Bonnard's Fifth Grade Class had hosted one of their team members this semester as part of HISD's Real Men Read Mentoring Program, they had been fantastic hosts and had become active citizens in the City, that many of the kids had shared neighborhood concerns with their office and were all actively engaged in learning about local government, that he wanted to congratulate these young men and women as they graduated elementary school; that he wanted to give a Happy Belated Birthday to his Chief of Staff, Jerry Peruchini. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she too would like to congratulate her colleague on the success in the passage of the Sobering Center item; that she wanted to thank everyone who had been involved in all of the meetings for the airport issue, and her Chief of Staff, Sherry Weesner and the folks in her office, Toya Ramirez, Georgia Lewis and Rajji Kaur and Council Member Costello's Chief of Staff Sallie Alcorn and his staff, that she wanted to mention something for the community at large, this was a big issue and one day last week they got 10,000 emails in her office on one issue, that she would appreciate it if all of them would be patient with them and if they had sent any Council office an email in the last few weeks and had not gotten an answer pick up the phone and call because it was entirely possible that they had not sifted through totally to the bottom, when they got that many emails a day it really was a challenge and they very much wanted to respond to everyone that needed anything. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to salute Council Member Gonzalez for a job well done and her colleagues as well for supporting the Sobering Center today, that many of them knew that homelessness was very important to her, that she continued to ask the Council, and as the Mayor continued to make it one of her initiatives, to continue to find ways, grants, money and funding to be able to help in this very important cause, that she wanted to commend Council Member Gonzalez for a job well done in carrying this through. Council Members

Sullivan, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he wanted to congratulate Council Member Gonzalez for his hard work on the Sobriety Center issue; that he wanted to congratulate Council Member Noriega who managed the meetings so well; that he wanted to acknowledge former colleague Brenda Stardig, who had been present during the whole Council session; that he had another person in his staff, Dawn Hurt, who had a birthday on May 12, 2012; that he wanted to wish Mayor Parker a Happy Birthday. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that today was Council Member Green's birthday as well and all of the Council Members wished him a Happy Birthday. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that last Thursday he welcomed the attendees at the Houston Arts Foundation event honoring fifth graders from Bunker Hill Elementary at Hermann Park, that the students, teachers, parents, friends and Amegy Bank raised money for the 16th straight year to pay for the annual maintenance of the Sam Houston Monument in Hermann Park; that on Saturday he and thousands of Houstonians had the pleasure of attending and viewing the 25th Annual Art Car Parade, that his son-in-law sponsored a car through his company, Fuddruckers, so that was a particular treat for them; that yesterday he and Council Member Davis attended the Houston Galveston Area Council monthly board meeting; that he also attended the Greater Houston Builders Association Mid Year Forecast Luncheon. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to commend Council Member Gonzalez on the Sobering Center and congratulations on all of the hard work; that the Brays Bayou Association meeting would be on Monday, May 21, 2012 at The Gathering Place, 5310 South Willow; that throughout the month of June Dowling Middle School Fine Arts Department would host a free fine arts camp for any students from fourth to sixth grade, if they were interested they could contact the Magnet Coordinator Ms. Muriel Jones at 713-434-5603; that on Monday he attended Congressman Gene Green's Tenth Annual Job Fair in the Eastside, that there were representatives from over 40 local businesses; that on Saturday he along with the Mayor would be attending the Third Annual Demo Day Press Conference in the Hiram Clarke area; that this past Saturday his staff attended the Linkwood Annual Civic Club meeting at Linkwood Park; that for additional hiring opportunities they could contact Lynette in his office at 832-393-3016; that he had read a disturbing article in the paper with regard to the Ministers Against Crime and the City and he had an opportunity to speak with Reverend Nash regarding the issue, that it was his hope that the administration and HPD would continue that dialog with the ministers, that he knew they really enjoyed the opportunity to represent the City as well with HPD on issues regarding the community and if there was a way to make that happen he would greatly appreciate their looking into that. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they certainly would love for all of those ministers to continue to work with the Houston Police Department, and this was an issue that the Chief consulted with her, that they decided that it was long past time that the City of Houston not have any groups that were racially, ethnically or gender segregated, and they had multiple ministers groups that worked with the Police Department and it was time to bring them all together as the Police Clergy Alliance instead of segregated groups, that there was another issue with this particular group which was that they used their City ID often to call press conferences, that unfortunately, and if they read the Chief's remarks, it was very clear, they had all of the rights to speak on any issue they wanted, but when they came together, and using their City ID, they could not speak on things unrelated to what they were charged with, that for example, if the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee called a press conference as the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee to

talk about the homeless feeding ordinance, that they were trying to get a new day and a new working relationship that had a broader base, but they absolutely hoped that they continued to do the great work that they had done in the past and the Chief looked forward to continue to work with them. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Davis stated that on Thursday he met with teachers and students at the Hilliard Elementary School Career Day; that on Saturday he visited the Greater Wall Memorial Church of God and Christ for their annual health fair; that on Monday he spent time in his district off of Fidelity Road, that there was the woman's group called "Fifty Five and Alive Senior Group" Luncheon; that tonight the Fifth Ward Baptist Church would have Law Day where constituents at the church would give information on the current laws, City, State and Federal laws and how it affected them; that on May 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. would be the monthly District B Advisory Council meeting; that on May 27, 2012 their office would be hosting a clean up at the old K-Mart on Homestead; that on May 30, 2012 they would be hosting the District B Young Professionals Mixer at Saint Arnolds Brewery; that Demo Day in District B would be on Saturday in Acres Homes to knock down four sites adjacent to each other; that they had been trying to make contact with the residents of District B if they had a delinquent water bill, that if they had not contacted the Water Department to arrange a payment plan to please do so now. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Brown stated that regarding the Hobby Airport Expansion, she came out on Friday with a press release and a statement on the matter, that on Monday she was handed a flyer that had been delivered to tens of thousands of Houston homes around the Hobby Airport, that in her opinion it was very slanderous and the author did not even put his name on the flyer; that she was very excited about the 2013 Budget and the potential for improvement, that she would encourage them to be bold and make some positive changes for the future. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Cohen stated that this Sunday the Forest West Community Improvement Association would be hosting the Forest West Art Fest; that this evening the North Montrose Civic Association would be hosting a Neighborhood Social at the Daily Review; that Council Member Pennington mentioned that last Saturday he was at the Art Car Parade, as was she, there were over 300 cars and it was really exciting, that she had her sister with her and following that they went to the Washington Avenue Better Block Event, it was a free event that was aimed at envisioning what Washington Avenue would be like with more pedestrians and bicycles on it, that it was very interesting; that this week the Houston Police Department was observing National Police Week and a number of them were at a breakfast recently and it was extraordinarily impressive to see their heroes and recognize them and applaud them and have them recognized by the City; that she would like to congratulate Council Member Noriega because she really chaired a spectacular meeting last night; that she wanted to thank Council Member Gonzalez for carrying the heavy load on the Sobering Center. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to note that while all of the municipal functions were going on they were having a tremendous international flood of individuals coming to the City, China, The Netherlands, Brazil, The Canary Islands, Spain, Angola, Nigeria and Qatar, that he wanted to compliment the Office of Protocol for welcoming these people and making them realize that Houston was open for business. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had really stepped up their Protocol activities within the City and she appreciated Council Members making themselves available for those greetings and if they would like to do more of that and were not in the loop she knew that Protocol would be

happy to work them in because they did have so many international visitors that it took a lot of time and energy and she appreciated Council Members participation. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to wish Happy Birthday to Mayor Parker and Council Member Green; that he wanted to thank Council Member Noriega she was a fantastic Chair, however, had they seen the gavel that she use, it was huge; that yesterday he spent a day at the closing arguments of the Andrew Bloomberg trial, that this Thursday the International District located in southwest Houston would be hosting a workshop, there was a vibrant and growing small business community in southeast and southwest Houston and the Vietnamese Community, they loved business growth in the International District; that the HPD Blue Crew Outreach Service Unit went to Artisto James, a senior citizen in the Northline neighborhood and fixed up his home and built him a garden, that Lowes gave him some equipment for his kitchen; that on Friday, May 25, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Health Springs would be hosing a senior citizen health fair at the Bessie Swindle Community Center, 11800 Scott Street; that he would ask that they pray for State Representative Boris Miles who was in the hospital. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designation May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 would be declared Police Week, that citing from a memo from Police Chief Charles McClelland there were three activities being held this week, one, The Police Week Awards Ceremony Breakfast, two, The Day of Prayer, and three, which he would invite those to attend, was the Annual Police Week Memorial Service, which would be held at the Houston Police Officers Memorial, 2400 Memorial Drive. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for those who had asked why the flags were at half staff it was because it was in commemoration of Police Week and those police officers who had died, across the Country, in the line of duty. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Julio Morales, Theater Director, at Sharpstown High School, this past Friday he was able to join them for their Arts Gala, that their Jazz Band was out of this world and hoped they could have them at City Hall to entertain them, that he would be joining them on May 24, 2012 or May 25, 2012, as they prepared for their FAME Junior Musical, they were one of 20 school nationwide that received a Musical Theater Award in conjunction with MBC and MTI, which was a local theater company; that on Saturday he and his staff went to the 20th Annual Gulfton Festival and wanted to thank each community leaders who participated in that and had worked so hard to revitalize and change the image of Gulfton; that he to would join with his colleagues in honoring the police and looked forward to being with them at the memorial service on Friday, that he wanted to thank each and every one of their police officers for their service; that it was a great honor to represent Mayor Parker and the City Council as he was invited to join and welcome the Karachi, Pakistan Chamber of Commerce at the Consulate of Pakistan and working in conjunction with the Karachi Sister City Program; that he wanted to thank Council Member Adams, he was looking forward to joining her this Thursday where she would be a keynote speaker at the Lord of the Streets Episcopal Mission 2012 Fund Raiser at Saint Martins Episcopal Church. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she felt compelled to defend her gavel, that it was a gift, when she served for her husband in Austin, on the occasion of her first bill that she passed, Senator Rodney Ellis and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst invited her to the Senate Chamber and presented her with the gavel as a commemoration of her first bill; that one of their

Northside activists in the Tidwell and Hardy area that had been very involved with the World War Memorial, Richard Perez, was being presented with a Bronze Star on Saturday night at the Military Affairs Ball, that she appreciated his service and the service of her colleagues who were veterans, that she was delighted that Richard was being recognized this way, that many of the awards that might have been presented had been lost over the years and they had minority soldiers that were going back and picking up the opportunity to have both the Medal of Honor and other awards, that she thought it was a terrific thing and was proud of the Military Affairs group and Buddy Grantham and their Vets group for being part of that; that with all respect, she also was disturbed by the article in the paper about the Ministers Against Crime, that she understood the Mayor's explanation and appreciated it, however that group, if she remembered correctly, were formed originally to assist with issues in schools the last day or two of school, they had traditionally had some very inappropriate actions occur the last day of school, they had gang fights, shootings, drive bys, kids bullied, folks hurt, lunch money stolen and many things like that and this group stepped in with HISD and HPD to help address that, that she thought they were very special because of that and she thought perhaps they ought to step back and maybe take a look at it, they seemed unanimous in their concern and she was concerned that they were upset, that they had both African American and Hispanic membership that had worked in both Spanish and English speaking areas, that she thought that every school had enough mix of students that it was appropriate in an awful lot of their schools to have their assistance, they really did make a contribution and made a difference, that school was going to be out in a matter of days and she had a 15 year old out there, that she thought all she would do was ask for a look at it and she what they needed to do, that would be her request. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that one of the other issues that she wanted them all to be reminded of was that they had several incidents in the City of Houston where there was someone who was off of their medication or some type of violent behavior to where a member, especially in the southeast part of the City, a Minister Against Crime, if he was able to get on the scene to be able to assist HPD in any way with the communication with that individual, that the Ministers Against Crime played a very integral part in neighborhood policing and policing in their City for all of the years they had been in existence, that she was with her colleagues in asking that they really review this, that she respected decisions that were being made, but at the same time she thought they needed to be able to come together on one common cause to see what they could do. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as she said to Council Member Green she hoped that all of these ministers continued to work with the Police Department, they did valuable work and Houston Ministers Against Crime, that particular group, was chartered under Mayor Jim McConn and had been around a long time, but what they wanted was one organization, ministers joining hands across racial and ethnic lines, not multiple ministerial alliances segregated, and they thought with a little time to continue dialog they would understand that they could continue to contribute but it would be the Police Clergy Alliance instead of a dozen different groups with different names, one group united; that she had a Ministerial Advisory Group that meets with her on a range of issues and in fact she had a meeting with them two weeks ago, the Police and Clergy Alliance was a specialized group and they received police issued IDs and worked closely with the Police Department, that it was an advisory group to the Police Department . Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that Mayor Parker had the power to stop rumors and propaganda and bring them together as a City where they should be, that he was a part of the Ministers Against Crime, that they were for getting their kids a good education and reducing crime and had done great work, that he was asking Mayor Parker to find a way to keep them together, not separate them, that he would like for them to get their badges back and let them know what she would like for them to do if they were going out and let it come from her and not

someone else who may give different propaganda and let it not be a rumor. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there were two things happening, one, the consolidation of the multiple ministers groups that caused some concern, and the other was the Chief's policy of when they were talking about things or working on things unrelated to the organization that they take the badge off, that she thought it was entirely misinterpreted, that she was happy to have a conversation with anybody about that, that if they went back to the Chronicle article and actually saw what the Chief said it was very straight forward and she was happy to repeat that message, that she wanted everybody to continue to work together to improve the City, that she heard the Council Member and if he would facilitate one of those meetings she would be happy to attend. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that when they saw a front page, top fold, of the local newspaper, prominent long standing ministers expressing concern and dissatisfaction about what had happened with the program, something had obviously gone wrong because the Houston Police Department certainly needed all of the volunteer help that they could get and the clergy worked in neighborhood specific geography for the most part, they had to keep that in mind and they wanted it to work like that because that was the way community based policing was initiated and when they had long standing institutional organizations, such as Ministers Against Crime, being disbanded in it's original form and they learned about it through the media it was of concern to him, that a lot of them worked really hard for a number of years putting auxiliary and support organizations in place in the City, many of them were in the Houston Police Department, that he had gotten dozens of inquiries about the front page story in the paper this morning, that what Chief McClelland indicates, the reason it was being done, was very different than what the ministers were saying was being done and why it was being done, that he was not speaking to the veracity of who had said what, simply that long standing, obviously supportive organizations like the Ministers Against Crime, before they were just squashed and prominent clergy members felt the way they did about how this had been handled raised concern for him, that he would join the Mayor in asking the members of the clergy to continue to do what they did and the way that they had done it and whatever concerns they did have try to work through that, that he wanted to go on record saying that something must have happened, a miscommunication standpoint at best, when they had prominent members of the clergy, front page, Houston Chronicle, top fold, saying what they were saying, that he would continue to reach out to Police Chief McClelland as well as members of the clergy and their leadership to ask them to sit down and talk further and make sure that those who were turning their badges in try to reach common ground and amicable terms, to continue to participate in that program that their City so much was in need of. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind anybody that was watching that next week was a Council break week, that Council Members would not meet again as a body until Wednesday, May 30, 2012, where they would have a consolidated Council meeting after the Memorial Day Holiday; that she would encourage all Houstonians to participate in Memorial Day activities, that as she did every year, she would be at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:19 a.m. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary