

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 26, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.. Council Member Wanda Adams absent on city business. Council Members Edward Gonzalez and Larry V. Green out of the city on city business.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker asked all to take their seats, called the meeting to order and stated that Council Member Noriega would make the first presentation; Council Member Noriega invited those with her presentation to the podium and stated that Compassionate Houston was an organization which enhanced the quality of life with resources and ongoing care; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation to the group and proclaimed today as "Compassionate Houston Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

A Spokesperson for the group stated that this was a big day for Houstonians; that Houston was the largest city on the globe to take this action of affirming the charter for compassion and declaring Houston a Compassionate city; and thanked all who made this possible and all for recognizing them. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Burks thanked all for their work. Council Member Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Martin invited those with his presentation to the podium and stated that Houston would be losing a tremendous family, in all they did and believed and were, Mr. Joe Mayer had been very involved in the Space Center and NASA; was actively involved in many organizations, etc., that he was appreciated for all his contributions to community and wished him well; and Mayor Parker presented him a Proclamation and proclaimed today as "Joe Mayer Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Member Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Mayer introduced and spoke of his family and stated that it was great to be a part of a city who cared and dared and this city dared to explore space to the benefit of all mankind; that being a part of Houston and Texas was distinctly different than any other place they had ever lived and he was proud to be a part of it and a part of the space program. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Pennington thanked Mr. Mayer for his work and special contribution to the Space Program. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Davis invited those with his presentation to the podium and stated that today Senior Police Officer Ed Thomas was 93 years old and not present, he started on the force when an African American officer was not allowed to arrest Caucasian people in Houston; that time moved on and he felt they should acknowledge people who transcended the city to what it was today; that January 12, 1948 Mr. Thomas joined the Police Department as a member of Cadet Class No. One and embarked on a career which expanded more than 63 years; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation to the Chief McClelland and proclaimed today as "Senior Police Officer Edward A. Thomas Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Member Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mayor Parker stated that she had the opportunity to meet Officer Thomas and it was a well deserved commendation; and upon questions to Chief McClelland he stated no officer had ever served this long, Mr. Thomas was a very special person and when he retired he had the longest number of years than anyone in the United States and most revered person in HPD and most modest human being he ever met; and on behalf of all men and women in HPD he proudly accepted this honor on his behalf; and at some point in time he thought police headquarters should be named after Mr. Thomas. Council Member Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford thanked Chief McClelland for his comments; that he served 63 years as an officer in uniformed services; that Mr. Thomas always saw it as the real core of police work and volunteered to stay in uniformed services and he was the longest serving police officer with a single agency in America and did his job well and earned his accolades today. Council Member Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

At 2:14 p.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Burks who called on Pastor Walter August, Jr., a marine veteran and founder of Bethel Family Baptist Church to lead all in the invocation and Council Member Burks led all in the pledge. Council Member Christie absent.

At 2:17 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Wanda Adams absent on city business. Council Members Edward Gonzalez and Larry V. Green out of the city on city business.

Council Members Bradford and Rodriguez moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wanda Adams absent on city business. Council Members Edward Gonzalez and Larry V. Green out of the city on city business. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 2:18 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers.

Mr. Barry Klein, 1509 Everett, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-224-4144) appeared and stated that he was with the Houston Property Rights Association and present regarding the rape kit issue and was supporting Council Member Brown in the contract; that all should be tested immediately in Houston. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Brown stated she was concerned with results maybe not being entered into CODAS and having people come in from out of state to testify. Council Member Davis absent.

Mr. Don Hooper, (address and phone number private) appeared and stated that it was great to test rape kits, but implored all to consider if a local government council was formed what did it do to the chain of custody of evidence and whether transportation of the kits would be an issue; that many were convicted without the kits tested and there were 6,600 kits getting ready to be sent out of state and that would be out of state witnesses; and those already found guilty should have kits tested first. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Council Member Bradford stated scientist doing the analysis would be outside the 150 mile radius, he would try and ensure it in the agreement they give testimony when need be. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the eight million dollars being saved by not using Houston firms would pay for a lot of travel. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Mr. Bobby Heugel, 306 Main, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-256-8086) appeared and stated that he was with an organization and speaking in favor of the Chapter 26 parking ordinance; that they had been working on it since 2011 and he felt now small restaurants and bars would not be hurt because of the different tiers; and urged it go forward. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Upon questions by Council Members Pennington, Christie, Cohen, and Noriega, Mr. Heugel stated that they opened a not for profit bar called OKRA; that it was important not to lose small restaurants and bars; and all thanked him for all his and others work that went into this. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Heugel for coming and stated that this was in a process and she appreciated his engagement in helping get it where it was needed. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Gracie Cavnar, P. O. Box 56445, Houston, Texas 77256 (713-520-0443) appeared, presented the Mayor and Council small gift bags and stated that she was present regarding the Recipe for Success Foundation and the City's Healthy Houston Task Force were asking Houstonians to veg out in March; that March was National Nutrition Month and urged all to take the 30 vegetables in 30 days challenge for healthier eating. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was happy to take the challenge and the Farmers Market would start up again tomorrow. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Members Christie, Burks, Cohen and Hoang thanked Ms. Cavnar for promoting healthy foods for healthy children; and all gave their support. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Ms. Heather Kelly, 12210 Beaumont Highway, Houston, Texas 77049 (713-557-7834) appeared as others stood in support and stated that she was owner of Dominion Air and Heat and secretary of the Women Owned Contractors Association and present representing women contractors in the Houston area in supporting the reinstatement of WBEs back into goals for construction and strengthening policies and procedures of the OBO and contradicting capacity, payment compliance and goal compliance until her time expired. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he supported what she presented. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that the disparity study done showed clearly opportunities given to women dropped by half and it was a clear message; and understood all did need to be held accountable. Council Members Cohen, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Ms. Kelly stated that contractors would put their sub contractor numbers in at bid time and then when the job was awarded to them they would go to another entity not even certified as MWBE. Council Members Cohen, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that Chief Procurement Office position was posted and resumes were received and they were being interviewed. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Janice Aikman, 5809 Dolores #E, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-703-1027) appeared and stated that she was present regarding an event held in her neighborhood the week of the All Star activities; that on Richmond and Bering a venue was set up with a temporary building and different rap singers and started Friday evening and went until about 2:00 a.m. Monday morning; that all parking, noise and bad language spilled into the neighborhood and caused great concern and she and her neighbors wanted to know how the structure was permitted, how could they serve alcohol, etc. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she could not imagine it being a permitted activity; and upon questions, Ms. Aikman stated that it was at Richmond and Bering. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he was sorry she experienced such events, it was supposed to be a celebratory time in Houston; that he did thank her and neighbors he met at the VIP who put a human face to a live issue as result of NBA events; that last week he spoke of the negative effects and she had his commitment to ask the questions on how the permitting worked or did not work here; and he looked forward to working with the Administration; and Mayor Parker stated that this was a remarkably trouble free weekend other than shutting down the Galleria because of a flash mob which could not be anticipated, but a music venue like this she would find out and work with him; and Council Member Laster stated that he did commend those at the Westside Command Station. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mr. Albert McNeal, 3317 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-632-6275) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Ms. Kaleigh Clunn, 16522 Cypress Rose Hill Road, Cypress, Texas 77249 (281-961-0051) appeared and stated that she was with Enviro Clean Corporation and present with the Women's Contractor Association and asking that WBE's be reinstated into construction goals and to strengthen policies and procedures; that she grew up in the industry and still it was hard to be taken seriously; and discussed their expertise and how they were doubted, etc., until her time expired. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Noriega, Ms. Clunn stated that they were certified WBE and she was asking they be added to construction goals again. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Ms. Lianne Lami, 12711 Pine Drive, Cypress, Texas 77429 (832-795-1865) appeared and stated that she was present again to reflect gratitude for efforts of the Office of Business Opportunities and for Council Members moving forward; and discussed a law suit she had where she received 20¢ on the dollar after three years in courts; and urged there be policies and procedures to make it comfortable for women to share struggles during the process. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Noriega thanked all for coming and stated that they handled their job to nag and pester with a great deal of grace, it was appreciated and they would continue working on it at their end moving forward. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie 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 Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie absent.

Mr. Benjamin Calhoun, 8510 N. Main, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-694-6899) appeared and stated that he had a complaint about computers at the Public Law Library on Congress, it was illegally denying him access to Lexis Nexis and West Law and it was also at the Federal Library on West Street; and he was asking for assistance. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated him coming but the city did not operate a law library and did not have computers which gave access to Lexis Nexis and could only assume he was in a Harris County facility and needed to take it up with Harris County as the city had no authority to Harris County. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he thought it was the County Law Library and operated by the Harris County Attorney Office; that he could reach out to them, but advised most folks did not know Lexis Nexis was a pay for play system and you could not go on the website unless you paid for time spent there; and maybe Houston Volunteer Lawyers and South Texas College of Law, etc., may be helpful. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie absent.

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-258-7511) appeared and stated that he was a spokesperson for Blue Ridge Civic Club in Sunnyside; that he wanted it noted Council Member Christie left early, was not present; that he spoke with Council Members Burks and Christie as they did not like Council Members blaming all on Council Member Adams or Mayor Parker; that he did not like having to keep coming and begging for sidewalks; that Mayor Parker did get an emergency sidewalk but no Council Members assisted; that Fairland Street needed a sidewalk on the even side running from Reed Road to Airport; and discussed Council Member Burks assistance to the neighborhood until his time expired. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there was protocol for placement of sidewalks and he did need to get in the queue and be evaluated. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Rodriguez, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Burks thanked Mr. Bullard for coming and stated that when he went to the Blue Ridge Civic Club meeting Mr. Bullard was not present, he went to find out the problems and they started working on them immediately; that he had no budget for sidewalks and he explained procedures and that he wanted his concerns and he would get him answers. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Christie absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Christie absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:15 p. m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Council Member Wanda Adams absent on city business. Council Members Edward Gonzalez and Larry V. Green out of the city on city business. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Christie absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2013, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, 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 Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Edward Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Stephen C. Costello absent on personal business.

At 8:22 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:09 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Adams for a point of order. Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 13 and 40 out of order at this time, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0143 ADOPTED.

13. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to off street parking and loading facilities in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; containing a savings clause - was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega offered the following written motion:

"I move to amend Item 13 by replacing Section 26-497 with the following:

**Sec. 26-497. Reduced parking space requirement for additional bicycle spaces or proximity to a Metro Rail Station**

- (a) Additional Bicycle Space
- a. An applicant who provides bicycle spaces in addition to the minimum number of bicycles paces required by section 26-496 of this Code shall receive a reduction of one parking space for every four additional bicycle spaces to the number of parking spaces required by section 26-492 of this Code.
  - b. The maximum reduction in the number of parking spaces under this section shall be 10 percent of the number of parking spaces required by section 26-492 of this Code.
  - c. A reduction of parking spaces under this section is available for all use classifications except single-family residential.
  - d. Each additional bicycle space shall conform to the standards of section 26-583 of this Code.
- (b) Proximity to a Metro Rail Station
- a. An applicant who is located within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile of a Metro Rail station shall receive a reduction of 20 percent of the number of parking spaces required by section 26-492 of this Code.
  - b. A reduction of parking spaces under this section is available for all use classifications except single-family residential.
- (c) The reduced parking space requirement is not cumulative. An applicant may utilize the reduction for only section (a) or section (b) not both". Council Member Rodriguez absent.

After discussion by Council Member Noriega, Mayor Parker stated that everything was going to be tagged and the administration would prefer that they do everything next week.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Members Bradford, Noriega, Adams and Pennington tagged both the amendment and the main item.

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Service Agreements between the City of Houston and the **BODE TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC** and **SORENSEN FORENSICS, LLC** for DNA Analysis; providing a maximum contract amount - \$4,400,000.00 - General and Grant Funds – (**This was Item 21 on Agenda of February 20, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

After questions and discussion by Council Members Brown, Pennington, Cohen, Bradford and Hoang, Mayor Parker stated that they distributed information previously and did it again yesterday, that paragraph 2.9 of Exhibit A of the contract stated that the contractor was to provide DNA Analysts for testimony with illustrative materials and demonstrated ability to explain DNA to a lay jury as required and then at what cost, similarly they had provided the travel and testimony costs to them, that as was explained last week, not all results were useful for and there must be a law enforcement analysis of the data to determine what could be or should be uploaded that it was not a mass upload, that the Houston Police Department was making that determination, that once they got to the completely independent crime lab only law enforcement would be allowed to upload to , so the Police Department would be the entity that would be interfacing with the databases; that had requirements for the data that was uploaded, all data that met the requirements of would be uploaded, it did not mean that the Police Department would decided maybe they would load some and maybe they would not load some, they were going to put everything they got into that met qualifications.

A vote was called on Item No. 40. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0163 ADOPTED.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 38**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 and 2A

2. ORDINANCE appropriating \$396,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **PEPPER LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for East Water Purification Plant: Replacement of Filter Media at Plants 1, 2, and 3 and Rehabilitation of Pilot Plant (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0447) **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0164 ADOPTED.
- 2a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of Change Order No. 1 on contract with **PEPPER LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for East Water Purification Plant: Replacement of Filter Media at Plants 1, 2, and 3 and Rehabilitation of Pilot Plant - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Burks, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0144 ADOPTED.

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 3

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$292,106.84 and acceptance of work on contract with **DESERT EAGLE, LLC dba PANORAMA** for Northwest Harris County MUD No. 25 Lift Station Rehabilitation 7.33% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0145 ADOPTED.

**PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 4 through 8

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Janet Baccus, P.E., Jones & Carter, Inc., on behalf of GIIC Houston, LLC, (Kenneth Aboussie, Jr., Manager), for abandonment and sale of ±3,657 square feet of excess right-of-way adjacent to Mid Lane and Bettis Drive, located within the Briarglen Addition, out of the William Harris Survey, Parcel SY13-035 - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0146 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Jeremy Yeglin, Golder Associates, Inc., on behalf of Waste Management of Texas, Inc., (Charles A. Rivette, Director), for abandonment and sale of a portion of a 35-foot-wide water line and access easement, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 35-foot-wide water line and access easement, out of the Victor Blanco Survey, A-2, Parcels SY13-036 and QY13-002 – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0147 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY12-055, located on Fondren Road between Hillcroft and FM 2234, owned by CG Reserve 164 Texas L. P., Tom Carter, President, C. M. Garver, General Partner, for the **FONDREN ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT from Hillcroft to McHard/FM 2234 DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0148 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase and pay relocation assistance expenses for Parcel AY11-256, located at 9625 Fulton Street, owned by William C. Defoe, for the **FULTON PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT from East Tidwell to East Parker - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0149 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of relocation assistance payments related to the acquisition of Parcel AY8-313,

located at 6449 North Freeway, owned by Yakoob Z. Moton, for the **YALE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT from Tidwell to Parker - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0150 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 9 and 10

9. **GLOBE ELECTRIC CO., INC** - \$306,800.00, **INTERNATIONAL ROADWAY RESEARCH LLP** - 58,632.00 and **THE D.S. BROWN COMPANY** - \$117,180.00 for Runway and Taxiway Repair Materials for the Houston Airport System - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0151 ADOPTED.
10. **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Structural Remediation Services for the General Services Department - \$819,000.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$900,900.00 In-House Renovation Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0152 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 14 through 38

14. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a water line easement and a water main easement in the Enclave at Reflections Apartments Addition, Section One, Joel Wheaton Survey, A-80, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easements to AHC Chalfonte, L.P., abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$9,725.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0165 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a second amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, as Landlord, and **FOURTH WARD CLINIC, dba GOOD NEIGHBOR HEALTHCARE CENTER, as Tenant**, for leased space located at the West End Multi-Service Center located at 190 Heights Boulevard, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0166 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **AT&T CORP.** for Telecommunication Circuit Services for the Houston Public Library; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$869,467.00 - General Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
21. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **SEKISUI SPECIALTY CHEMICALS AMERICA, LLC**, to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one existing pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provision under which the permit issued - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0167 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 0.5135 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 185**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0168 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE calling public hearings at which interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard on: proposed amendments to the Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 120**, **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 194**, **WHITE OAK BEND MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, and **CINCO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 345** and **CORNERSTONES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; proposed amendments to Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 109** and **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris County; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **PARKWAY UTILITY DISTRICT**, and **DOWDELL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris County; proposals for the City of Houston to impose the City of Houston's Sales and Use Tax in such territory; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0169 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Sanitary Sewer Service to Unserved Areas Package 2 - Plantation Hills and Hidden Echo Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project; authorizing the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to seven parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Gilbert Brooks Survey, Abstract No. 6 in Harris County, Texas; said parcels of land being located in Lots 28, 96, 87, 56, 38 and 9 of Block 2 and Lot 7 of Block 1 of Plantation Hills, an unrecorded subdivision 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 relocation assistance, 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 seven parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0170 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the West Little York Paving and Drainage Project from T. C. Jester to Alabonson; authorizing the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to 10 parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Samuel Leeper Survey, Abstract No. 522; the Ellis

Benson Survey, Abstract No. 110; and the James Love Survey, Abstract No. 528; in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being along the north and south lines of West Little York Road from T. C. Jester to Alabonson 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 relocation assistance, 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 - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0171 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$243,480.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PIERCE, GOODWIN, ALEXANDER & LINVILLE, INC dba PGAL** for Westpark Drive Paving & Drainage from Wilcrest to Dairy Ashford; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0172 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NEDU ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0173 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **EDMINSTER, HINSHAW, RUSS AND ASSOCIATES, INC d/b/a EHRA** for Safe Sidewalk Program; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0174 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,454,208.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HAZEN AND SAWYER, P.C.** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Willie, Dockal, Tidwell Road No. 1, Iroquois West, Canino Road and John Alber Road; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0175 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$991,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HR GREEN, INC** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Findlay, Garden Villas, Goodyear and Reveille Lift Station; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I -**

**RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0176 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$575,000.00 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 Negotiated Work Order Engineering Services associated with the Almeda Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0177 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$975,693.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **UNITED ENGINEERS, INC** for Neighborhood Sewer System Improvements -Basins AS074 and SB142, Fuqua Lift Station/Force Main Discharge Line; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; I - RODRIGUEZ and K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0178 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,495,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CIVIL TECH ENGINEERING, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Sewer Collection System Improvements; 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 Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0179 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,917,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC** for Engineering Services associated with the Clearwell Condition Assessment and Replacement of Selected Valves and Actuators at the East Water Purification Plant; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0180 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$856,328.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **STATEWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMPANY** for Create Smart Arterial Corridors; 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, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - \$2,580,401.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ; I -**

**RODRIGUEZ and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0181 ADOPTED.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney and Director Office of Business Opportunity for approval of the City of Houston Title VI Program Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0153 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 11 through 38

11. RESOLUTION designating the **MONTGOMERY-REYNOLDS HOUSE located at 2111 Del Monte Drive** within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented.

Council Member Martin stated that looking at some information contained in the Economic Incentives for Historic Buildings, he was trying to get an understanding of who qualified and how they qualified, and asked Mayor Parker if she could give some clarity as to what was a contributing or potentially contributing structure.

Mayor Parker stated that they had historic districts and in order to qualify they had to have a certain number of period houses or contributing structures, but they could also designate an individual property that was outside of a historic district and there were certain standards that they had to go through to prove that it was historic under their ordinance, that the first one was an individual property, not in a historic district; that the Planning Department and the Archeological and Historical Commission determined if it was a contributing or potentially contributing structure; that there was no loss of tax revenue, the reason was that they only got the tax exemption if they made an investment in the property equal to the 50% of the value of the structure itself, that they were still made whole on the value of the structure today.

A vote was called on Item No. 11. Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2013-0005 ADOPTED.

12. RESOLUTION designating the **OTTO PECH HOUSE located at 1810 Summer Street** within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** - was presented. Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2013-0006 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract for Group Vision Insurance Administration between the City and **BLOCK VISION, INC**, Administrator for National Guardian Life Insurance Company – was presented.

Council Member Adams stated that in their sub committee for their health care services they talked about voluntary, so was this insurance going to take place of the insurance that they currently had on their benefits plan, and Mayor Parker stated yes, and Council Member Adams

asked if it was an opt in situation automatically so if an employee wanted to look into this insurance they could opt into it and it would not be an automatic enrollment, and Mayor Parker stated correct, and Council Member Adams asked if it would be available for those individuals who worked for the City of Houston and did not have any coverage or insurance at all and would like to opt in would that be available for them, and Mayor Parker stated that it was available for any employee and their dependents, that she thought they would have to opt in during the enrollment period, and Council Member Adams stated that when they had open enrollment for the insurance, if a person did not have insurance through Cigna or Blue Cross or whoever, would this still be an option for them to opt in for vision, could they have this without having the major insurance, and Mayor Parker stated yes.

Council Member Martin asked if they had the ability to terminate this contract, and Mr. Feldman stated yes they had the option, to terminate for convenience with three days notice.

Council Member Christi stated that this came to committee and as far as he could see it was a win win situation, it was a good offer and someone struck a good deal, that he thought it embellished the good coverage that Cigna had offered.

A vote was called on Item No. 15. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0182 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON VOLUNTEERS LAWYERS PROGRAM, INC**, to provide up to \$175,000.00 for the continuation of a Legal and Supportive Services Program under the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0183 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to extend the original contract and provide an additional \$389,940.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the operation of a community residence for low-income and homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS, along with the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0184 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to extend the original contract and provide an additional \$179,460.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the operation of a SRO community residence for low-income and homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS, along with supportive services - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0185 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,141,386.46 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Reconstruction of South Shaver Road from Interstate Highway 45 to State Highway 3 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2000-0308); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage

DDSRF - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0186 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$202,500.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$17,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC** for Pleasantville and Glendale Area Drainage and Paving (Sub-Project 1) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0596); 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, and tagged by Council Member Davis.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$14,453,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC** 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, and tagged by Council Member Davis.

#### **MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 39 and 40

39. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Pennington to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **DATABANK IMX, LLC** for OnBase Software and Software Hosting through the Texas Department of Information Resources Agreement for the Housing and Community Development Department - \$397,739.73 - TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund – (**This was Item 8 on Agenda of February 20, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented. – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0154 ADOPTED

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

Council Member Noriega stated that she received a notice that HISD, the Houston school district, was going to be offering the SAT during class time on an upcoming Wednesday, that this removed barriers to students who either had to work or could not afford the time off or the fee for the test, that she had worked for the school district for 27 years and there were constantly discussions about different groups and different children that did not always avail themselves of every opportunity that they would have, either auditions for special magnet schools or the ability to transfer to go to an engineering school or a health profession school, that her son was at Carnegie Vanguard and right now they were working on projects for their community service and they were asking for help from the community, that all around them were school children that were parking and walking across lawns or that attended a magnet school in their area, that she did not think there was much more important in their world than their schools, that as a City Council person they did not have much direct control over that, they did after school programs, parks and had things that were peripheral to the educational system, but public school and higher education were really what they would find if they started pulling the thread of almost any issues that they had in the City, whether it was public safety or economic development or any other thing, that the City of San Antonio had recently passed a bond issue to fund pre school for four year olds and the President of the United States had talked about making pre school available for every one, that it would be hard for her to convey how important she thought that was for so many children, the ability to start school ready, the instruction that

parents got when they went to an early childhood education program, these were things that were worth an investment, that any dollar spent on pre kindergarten would give them back nine dollars by the time the child graduates, so as they went about their business and they remembered that they did not have direct jurisdiction over the schools she also wanted to encourage every one in the Houston area to be aware that they all had responsibility for school taxes, that those kids walking in the morning they had to be careful of them, and they needed to embrace them as the future of the City. Council Members Brown, Davis and Laster absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to wish condolences for the passing of Director Omar Reid's father, that her prayers were with him and his family during this time of bereavement; and announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to note the passing of former County Attorney Mike Driscoll, who died last week at the age of 66, that he served as County Attorney from 1981 to 1996; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Adams, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he went to the funeral of the mother of State Representative Harold Dutton, at Bishop James Dixon's Church on Saturday, that she was a long time Fifth Ward constituent, with pages of history behind her and what her family had done for the Fifth Ward Community; that he wanted to thank the Houston Arts Alliance, that they were able to partner with local artists to put artwork in District B, one in Pleasantville, the northeast community and Acres Homes, that it was called the Amnesia Project and was it was local African Americans and African Americans known nationwide, it was an opportunity for them to reflect and figure out who had done what for them so they would remember people from their community and where they came from. Council Members Brown, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she enjoyed working with Council Member Davis on that and looked forward to seeing the art, that local artists were always looking for an opportunity to display their work, that this was intended as a temporary installation, that they were looking for places to put permanent art, that she thought art in communities made a difference, it got people thinking and she looked forward to working with him on more of these. Council Members Brown, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that unfortunately they lost a lot of good people last week, one of whom was Sue Smith, that she was Congressman Mickey Leland's Chief of Staff, that she was 69 years old when she passed away, that she went to the service at The Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and went in very sad, she had worked closely with Sue on a number of things, and came out almost joyful because the service was so uplifting and such a tribute to this amazing women's life, that she saw her daughter Dana and expressed that opinion to her and she said that was what they had hoped to do; and announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for those Council Members who wanted to brush up on their riding skills the Mounted Patrol would make accommodations for them at their facility and help them. Council Members Brown, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks announced events he attended or would be attending. Council

Members Brown, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he was finishing up his second month, and since this was his first “no” vote he just lost his rookie status, but thought that since Saturday he was called Mike Sullivan so much he just had an out of body experience and just had to vote “no” on the historic landmark designation, that it had been a great learning experience and the Mayor’s staff, direct reports, were tremendous and did a great job and were very attentive to their needs and came with intelligence and a “can do” spirit that he had never seen, so kudos to all of the folks who did a great job day in and day out, that he made a rookie mistake on Saturday by parking in his normal parking spot and when the parade ended he could not get out, he was blocked by 30,000 horses and other things, that Todd Holloman went out of his way to make sure he got out of there before the sun set; that he wanted to thank Scott Minnix and Jacquelyn Nisby, they had a problem Friday two weeks ago around 5:00 p.m. and they jumped on it right away and spent a couple of hours, and Mr. Feldman for jumping on that as well; that tonight was Armed Forces Day at the Rodeo. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she would see him at the Rodeo tonight; that appreciated the compliments to her staff, that he always came with an open mind and if it was a direct inquiry he asked first before he jumped to conclusion and made it very easy to work with him. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Hoang announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that on Monday at 6:30 p.m. District F would have their CIP meeting at the Tracey Gee Community Center on 3599 West Center Road; that he wanted to give his condolences to Director Omar Reid for the passing of his father. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that earlier this week they received numerous complaints from the community along Settemont Road about ongoing illegal dumping that had continued to plague that area, they reported the problem to the Solid Waste Department and immediately they stepped up the plate and remedied the issue. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that it was a good time to remind people that if they saw somebody dumping to get a license plate number and time and report it to 3-1-1 and call an illegal dumping in the act to the Police Department and allow them to prevent this kind of thing from happening; that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Green on being an Outstanding Texan, that Keith Wade on her staff was also so honored; that a reminder to Council Members that the Farmers Market was open again; that she had an amazing opportunity on Friday night, and did not know how many Council Members attended the Buffalo Soldiers Gala on Friday night, but she had an opportunity to stop by in advance, that the Buffalo Soldiers had taken over the old light guard armory of the City of Houston and had moved their museum and had done a masterful restoration of what was a historical building in the City, that the museum was great in and of itself, but they had 20 African American Flag Officers, admirals and generals, in town for their gala, that it was her understanding that it was the largest gathering of that much brass outside of the Pentagon anywhere in the United States, that she was blown away with the opportunity visit, particularly with the two women admirals and general that were there with their history and stories and their presence, that it was a great institution and great to have them all in Houston. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:13 a.m. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary