

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 9, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Don Cheatham, Division Chief, General Counsel; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Members Dave Martin, Al Hoang and James G. Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member C. O. "Brad" Bradford out of the city on personal business.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would begin the presentation portion of the meeting of the Houston City Council and stated that the first presentation would be by Council Member Green. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Costello absent.

Council Member Green stated that today they were honored to have the famous Texas Southern University Debate Team present and asked that the team come forward to the podium, and presented a proclamation to the debate team, and Mayor Parker stated that a member of her senior staff, Mr. William Paul Thomas, was a former member of the debate team, so who knew where they may end up, and stated that therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Texas Southern University Debate Team Day in Houston, Texas, and congratulated the team. Council Members Adams and Costello absent.

Dr. Thomas Freeman stated that although the debate team appreciated the applause they did not perform for applause, they performed to develop their skills and competencies so they would be able to occupy positions like William Thomas occupied, that he wanted to thank them for giving recognition to their achievement and they would say again, thank you. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Council Members Noriega, Burks, Christi, Laster and Pennington congratulated Dr. Freeman and the Texas Southern University Debate Team. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Pennington for the next presentation. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that evidenced by what they had just done for the Texas Southern University Debate Team they honored their educators and the people involved in education and today he would do that as well and presented Mr. Don North, who was retiring as the Head of the Kinkaid School, with a proclamation, and Mayor Parker stated that therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Head Master Donald C. North Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked him for all he had done to build leaders in Houston. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. North thanked Council Member Pennington, Mayor Parker and the City Council, and stated it was indeed an honor to be present and thanked them for the recognition, that he had worked in education for 44 years and would say there was no greater job than teaching and working with children in education. Council Members Davis, Adams, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Laster and Noriega congratulated Mr. North and thanked him for his good work. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Christi for the next presentation. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Christi stated they were present to honor some of the education that went on in the Alief Schools and invited Dr. Noemi Dimaliwat, Dr. D, to join him at the podium and along with her some of the teachers, Ms. Misky Hesker, Ms. Nicki Henry and Ms. Debra Green and also Alliance International District Governor Paul Eaves, and stated they had the pleasure of honoring students at TSU and Kinkaid, that they were honoring the Alief Early College High School and Alpha Active Knights, that on August 1, 2013 they would graduate from high school and would have a two year degree from college at the same time, and Mayor Parker stated they had two proclamations, to the Alpha Active Knights Club of the Alief Early College High School and Alief Early College High School Leo Club, and stated therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed July 9, 2013, as Alpha Active Knights Club Day in Houston, Texas, and therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed July 9, 2013, Alief Early College High School Leo Club in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for being engaged in community and thanked them for giving themselves the gift of education. Council Member Burks absent.

Dr. Dimaliwat stated that it was an honor for her to be present and the Alief Early College High School and the Alief Independent School District, and thanked them for the proclamations, that their graduating class, the pioneer class, would be graduating on August 1, 2013, a class of 92 kids, and they had accumulated a combined total of \$5.3 million in scholarships and grants, that this tells them how good the students were, the students had graduated from HCC on May 18, 2013 with their Associate Degrees and were on their way to college and universities as incoming juniors. Council Member Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Laster, Green and Adams congratulated every one and Dr. Dimaliwat for all they had done. Council Member Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the Dynamo had been busy lately, and this was in honor of the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup Tournament, and therefore she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed July 15, 2013 as the 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cup Tournament Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mr. Dough Hall, General Manager of BBVA Compass Stadium, stated that he was present with Mr. Chris Canetti, President of the Dynamo and Ms. Janis Schnees, Executive Director of the Houston Sports Authority and thanked Mayor Parker and Council Member Rodriguez for their support and encouraged all Houstonians to go out and see a great international soccer match next Monday night.

Mayor Parker stated that it had been a tough season for the Dynamo, but they were forever orange.

Mr. Canetti thanked Mayor Parker and stated he appreciated her support of the Dynamo and of soccer, they got off to a great start, and then hit a bit of a skid, but finally got back to their wining ways with a win at home, the attendance had been great.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Adams congratulated them and thanked them for all they did for the City of Houston, and thanks to Ms. Janis Schnees and the entire organization. Council Member Cohen absent.

At 2:26 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Burks for the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

The City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Adams moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to recognize a visiting delegation from Nigbo, China who were in Houston to participate in a program at the University of Houston Hobby Center for Public Policy, the Public Administration Program designed to give it's participants an insight to American government ethics, that the delegation was led by the Inspector General of the Nigbo Municipal Supervision Bureau, and the China Program Coordinator at the University of Houston Hobby Center for Public Policy and Rene Cross, always a great friend of the Council. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they receive a number of visiting delegations from China and were always happy to do so, and was glad that they had taken the time to visit at City Hall. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to add Ms. Ellen Goudeau to the bottom of the three minute agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0456 ADOPTED.

Council Member Pennington moved to suspend the rules to move Senator Jack Ogg to the top the three minute non-agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0457 ADOPTED.

Council Member Burks moved to suspend the rules to move Reverend Theresa Allen to follow Mr. Jack Ogg on the three minute non-agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0457 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the list of public speakers. Council Member Green absent.

Ms. Manon Doll, 4770 Blueberry Hill Dr., Houston, Texas 77084 (713-298-2506) appeared and stated that she was the Housing Coordinator with MHMRA and was present regarding the proposed Boarding Home Ordinance and wanted to reiterate on behalf of the Dr. Shanay and their agency the support they had for the ordinance. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Green thanked Ms. Doll and the entire MHMRA Organization for their wonderful work and the support of the ordinance. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Member Green asked with regard to moving forward, he knew from a procedural standpoint when the boarding homes fill out the application was it possible for part of the application to have a copy of the deed restrictions as they submit, they had to affirm that it was in compliance with the deed restrictions, but no one was going to be there to check it. Council Member Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not know if Council Member Gonzalez had considered that in committee as he was working on the ordinance. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated they did take that into consideration and knew the City Legal Department had looked into it as well and believed it was a good idea, that he thought they were asking for them to affirm whether they were or not and to disclose if they were and then the mental health division would kind of be directing traffic on this for a while and would have that as a tool as well to work with communities as a starting point and they would be able to see where the gaps were and see who was operating correctly and who was not, and were definitely open to addressing the deed restriction issue as well. Council Member Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the exact language, Item No. 8, Proof of the Current Fee Ownership of the tract of land on which the boarding home was to be situated, in the form of a copy of the recorded deed and the recorded deed would not have the deed restrictions but would reference that there were deed restrictions. Council Member Laster absent.

Ms. Andrea Usanga, 2211 Norfolk, No. 810, Houston, Texas 77098 (No Phone) appeared and stated that she was Director of Policy and Government Relations for Mental Health America of Greater Houston and was present to support of the proposed ordinance to regulate boarding homes. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Burks thanked Ms. Usanga, for being a strong supporter from the beginning and thanked her for her input. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

Ms. Ellen Goudeau appeared and stated she was present in support of the Boarding Home Ordinance. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated there were a lot of good and bad homes out there, and good ones would register and the bad ones would try not to, but that would immediately give them an entry into going in and to try to improve them, that while this did not go as far as some wanted, it was an excellent first step. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Members Adams, Green and Gonzalez thanked Ms. Goudeau for being present and for being a voice and advocate for those who may live in boarding homes. Council Member Laster absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Crosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Laster absent.

Ms Tanita Wiley, 659 W. Donovan, Houston, Texas 77091 (832-638-8905) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Laster absent.

Mr. Jamal Humphries, 702 Sage Dr., Galena Park, Texas 77547 (713-678-4896) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Laster absent.

Mr. Matthew Lair, 3603 Temple Dr., Pearland, Texas 77578 (832-419-1354) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Laster absent.

Mr. Jack Ogg, 1923 Spann, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-899-9999) appeared and presented information in which he expressed concern relative to the proposed high rise at 2229 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77019 until his time expired, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review. Council Member Laster absent.

Upon questions by Council Members Pennington, Christi and Noriega, Mayor Parker stated that she thought it was important to know there was a public meeting scheduled on the issue, and believed Council Member Pennington had called the public meeting for July 22, 2013 at the Wes Gray Multi Service Center, and Council Member Pennington stated yes, at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Loethen, Chief Engineer for the City had agreed to come and they were trying to get others there to discuss it, and Mayor Parker stated that they did not make development decisions, or permitting decisions, based on neighborhood opposition because if so they certainly would not have allowed the Ashby High Rise to go forward, and the ordinances work if they did not request a variance they were allowed to proceed under existing rules and she did not know if in this particular case whether they had requested variances from their current ordinances, but they certainly wanted to give an opportunity for the citizenry to weigh in at the meeting on July 22, 2013. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Rev. Theresa Allen, (did not wish to give information) appeared and stated that she was the founder for Freedom Fighters for Families, she was present to bring to their attention a serious problem with the agency, Children Protective Services, that the agency had become out of control and extremely corrupt, that she was told by the agency that the reason they did not want to place the children back with her because her skin was too dark, that transcripts she held in her possession would show how CPS fabricated court orders stating that the judge ordered for her not to have visitation with her grandchildren, and the judge made it clear there was never such an order. Council Members Davis, Adams and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had no authority or jurisdiction whatsoever over Children Protective Services, and having adopted two daughters through CPS, she had her own issues with the agency, but this was not the appropriate venue. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he was strongly in support of her fight, and Council Member Burks stated that they were enabling her to get the message out and that was good, that he would help her in any way he could to let it be known to all citizens of Houston. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jay Greenberg, 6501 Sharpview Dr., Houston, Texas 77074 (713-774-7991) appeared and stated that he lived in Sharpstown, Section One, in District J, that he wanted to thank Mr. Matt Brollier, Council Member Laster officer, Mr. Jarred Mears, BARC and Mr. Alvin Wright, City of Houston Public Works, that the problems that he was going to originally discuss were either resolved or were in the process of being resolved. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Laster stated that they had two issues before them, BARC and a sidewalk, just around the corner, north of the Country's Burnett Baylor Park, and he knew Mr. Greenberg had spoken with Matt Brollier, who was standing next to the door looking forward to furthering that communication with him, that they would do everything they could to assist the City in trying to get the sidewalk fixed as soon as possible because of disability access to their parks, even though that was a County park, and believed that the issue was really on this side

of the Country park's property line and was probably a City right-of-way issue, but they were with Mr. Greenberg and others to get that fixed. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Greenberg stated he had also contacted Mr. Steve Dorman, Precinct Three Parks Department, and he said he would look into the issue as well, and Council Member Laster stated they would coordinate that with everybody and try to get it fixed as soon as possible. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was for every one who needed to use that park. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry Ln, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) appeared and presented information relative to his complaint of the drainage on the lots behind his property until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated she was not a storm water expert, she had turned him over to the Legal Department and to the Public Works Department on the issue and thought even Council Member Costello as well, and the consensus on this side was that they disagreed with his analysis of the situation, that she assumed when the builders came into these deeper lots, and they were unusually shaped lots, that the City was requiring them to drain their lots to the street, that she appreciated his coming to Council, that she apologized for the frustration that he was experiencing. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Carolyn Webster, 6823 Reed Rd., Houston, Texas 77087 (832-563-6155) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. Benjamin Calhoun, (Private) (713-694-6899) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. Robert Campbell, 5022 Kelso, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-737-5326) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook Dr., Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, Houston, Texas 77052 (713-987-3854) appeared and voiced her personal opinions regarding Metro Police. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Annie Lyles, 5417 Crane St., Houston, Texas 77026 (713-670-0448) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. Kerry Patton, 22720 Imperial Valley, No. 102, Houston, Texas 77073 (832-499-2169) appeared and stated that a Houston policeman had denied him from making a report, they gave him the run around when he tried to make a report. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated there was an officer in the back of the Chamber who would sit with him and figure out what it was that he wished to make a report on. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Sandra Patton, 22720 Imperial Valley, No. 102, Houston, Texas 77073 (832-499-2169) appeared and stated that she felt HPD was harassing her by sending her a threatening letter and failing to address it as she was being falsely accused, as well as stating that they had closed the case, but they failed to put it in writing to give to her that it had been closed. Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that her best advice would be for Ms. Patton to visit with the Sergeant in the back, that it was her understanding that the department had reached out to her and that she had an ongoing issue with a relative, but that she did not she had someone high enough in the department, if she wanted something done go to one of the Sergeants. Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Brian Voytek, 2006 Waterelm Dr., Houston, Texas 77084 (832-881-6341) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Jarred Williams, 3310 McGowen, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-331-5078) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Ms. Adelaide Jack, 6414 Ashton St., Houston, Texas 77091 (713-422-3384) appeared and presented information and stated that she lived in the Acres Homes areas and had been complaining about the high grass behind their fence, that she had called 3-1-1 and Neighborhood Watch and nothing had been solved yet, that she was present to plead her case, and she did have pictures of the property and what had been going on in the area which were passed out to the Council Members. Council Members Laster and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated it was her understanding that Ms. Jack had been working with the Department of Neighborhoods on the issue, that they had been in contact with her, they were trying to find a team to get in and do a clean up. Council Members Laster and Burks absent.

Ms. Jack stated she had been talking to several people, with Mr. Steven Ingram, the chief inspector, several times, January 7, April 10 and June 19, she had talked to his Division Manager, Mr. Gregory Mackie, in the Acres Homes area on July 2, they had talked about the situation but had not heard anything back, she had had called District B and talked to a lady named La Porsha on July 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and had not heard anything back, and called the Department of Neighborhoods on July 2, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. and talked to Anita Ivory and had not heard anything back from her, that she called District B again yesterday and left a message, that it was interesting that every one seemed to call her once she put her name on the books to try to get this problem solved, and she felt that it should never have gotten to this point, that she was dealing with snakes and roaches and mice in the yard constantly, that it was not fair for her and her family to live in this kind of condition when someone had failed to do what they were supposed to do and were supposed to take care of the property. Council Members Laster and Burks absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he apologized that Ms. Jack had to go through all of this, when they found out they did their research to get back with her, but they were trying to work with the Department of Neighborhoods, that there were a lot of vacant properties that were abandoned by the owners, that he knew it was not an excuse but they were trying to go through them, they had cut many lots in the last 18 months and were going to continue and it was a

process, a few months ago they approved a contract to cut the lots, and in some circumstances they had to get permission or demolition, but again he apologized that she had to go through this. Council Members Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Alfred Jack, 6414 Ashton St., Houston, Texas 77091 (713-422-3384) indicated that he was not going to speak at this time. Council Members Laster and Burks absent.

Ms. Sherada D. Durden Barber, 302 W. 23rd, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-880-5509) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Aaron Johnson, 11502 Bay Crossing Dr., Pearland, Texas 77584 (832-683-2711), appeared and Lt. Commander J. Darnell Jones also appeared to speak in place of Mr. Johnson. Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to allow Lt. Commander J. Darnell Jones to speak in place of Mr. Aaron Johnson, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Lt. Commander Jones stated that he was present with Senior Chief Aaron Johnson and they were the Navy City Outreach Officers for Houston, they had been sent from the Commander of Naval Recruiting Command out of Millington, Tennessee to be liaisons in the area with regard to STEM, Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics in Houston's elementary and middle schools, they were present to inform the Council of the work that they were doing in elementary, middle and some high schools, they were working with Title One Schools to initiate Under Sea Robotics Programs, more specifically Sea Perch, that he had passed out a handout and it was not costing the City anything to do this, that it actually may bring money into the City based on the amount of folks they got to join the program, they had already talked with HISD, Alief and a few others, that today they were going to Fort Bend, they were working to get the program started in the schools, that it went to the fourth grade level and the curriculum was there so their educators would have an opportunity to go into the system, apply for grants to receive the kits that the students would work on, and to make it more fun they would host a competition at the end of the school year, that Sea Perch was funded by AUVSA and Office of Naval Research, that they did this because they recognized that the caliber of Naval applicants were going down so they needed to do something to get the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics scores up, the Navy was one of the top five entities that hired STEM related careers out of high school and college in the United States, that definitely would benefit those students; that they were not asking for anything but their influence and praise on this, they were working with Phoenix, New Orleans, Dallas and San Antonio as well and had already gotten some programs going in those cities and Houston was a big place and they were having a little bit of a struggle getting things moving, they were working with HISD. Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it sounded like a very interesting program. Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Members Adams, Green and Christi, Commander Jones stated they were meeting with principles from different schools throughout the summer and planned to get this program implemented into the schools by the fall, some of the schools had already ordered and been granted their kids and were waiting for them to give them the training. Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Commander Jones for being present and for all he did, and asked if there was a teacher or principle who wanted more information was there a way to contact him,

and Commander Jones stated his office number was 713-953-5959, extension 255 . Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Ms. Maria Moreno, 7547 Buena Vista St., Houston, Texas 77087 (713-643-9888) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Ray Field, 5910 Jackwood, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-297-1397) appeared and presented information relative to the Freedom Over Houston Festival, July 4, 2013 and SouthWest CERT Team members being told to leave the event by Mr. Lopez, City of Houston CERT until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Adams, Laster and Burks absent.

Ms. Danielle Forget, 1810 Southmore, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-515-0063) appeared, passed out a handout, and stated she was present about the prohibited yard parking application that had been made by the Museum Park Neighborhood Association, that her concern that she had discussed with Council Members Adams and Burks offices was that the Planning Department was not following the guidelines, in this particular application, for the ordinance requirements, that her handout showed the email interactions she had with the Planning Department on June 4, 2013, when she contacted them asking for information, June 5, 2013 where they emailed back and said that sometimes signs got blown down and would look into it, that on June 11, 2013 they had a public hearing where she and her neighbors brought information to the public hearing panel of three people, on June 12, 2013 she emailed again and asked for information and she had received no information from the Planning Department since the June 11 public hearing, they did receive a third piece of paper, which was in their handout, which was the stamp of approval from the three member panel, saying they did in fact verify in April 2013 that signs were placed in the neighborhood and that they had brought it to their attention at the public hearing, that the ordinance that they approved and put in place did require that the applicant post signs in the area and make other notifications, that it said clearly in Section 28-303H3 that signs were required to be posted continually until City Council approved or disapproved of the ordinance, there were no signs in their neighborhood, that she brought it to the attention of the Planning Department, she had many neighbors that did not even know this was happening in their area, that she had three things to ask of the City Council, first, take a drive towards Hermann Park, join them in their hunt for the signs, second, vote "no" when the Museum Park Prohibited Yard Parking came before them because they had not complied with the requirements of the ordinance, there was only three things they had to do and one was put signs up, and it very clearly stated in the ordinance that they had to maintain those signs throughout the period of application and that was not being done, and third, please follow up with the Planning Department and find out if this was happening across the board in these type of ordinances, that her property would not be hindered by this, but she had a lot of neighbors who were going to be subject to a \$150 per day fine, that was a lot of money to ask people to spend. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Council Member Adams stated that it was her understanding that the applicant submitted photos of the actual signs, that Ms. Hargrove, Planning Department, was present in the audience, they should have proof of the signs that were posted, and Ms. Forget stated she had asked for that, she had also asked for the locations, the ordinance stated there should be four locations designated by the Planning Department where these signs would be, she had asked for the four locations and had not gotten them, her neighbors had done the same thing, but if Council Member Adams referred to the ordinance, it stated that all signs required to be posted by the subsection should remain in place continuously until either City Council passed the ordinance or the hearing officer has deemed it not valid, it also stated in Section 4 that all costs to prepare, install, maintain and remove the signs should be the burden of the applicant, that this was not applied for by the super neighborhood, her husband was on the super neighborhood and did not even know it was happening, and Council Member Adams stated that

it was by the Civic Club, that Ms. Hargrove was present and all the information that Ms. Forget was asking for she would be more than happy to address it and would meet with her. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Hargrove ought to be able to show Ms. Forget the locations where the signs are supposed to be, but would point out that it was not so uncommon for people who did not want to see it happen to pull the signs up as soon as they were put up, that as long as they had some evidence that the signs were placed and there was a good faith effort to do that and Ms. Hargrove would be able to answer that, and Ms. Forget agreed and would point out that the ordinance stated they should be placed on private property and assumed that they could find at least four home owners in the area who would agree with that and keep those signs up in their neighborhood. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Raul Edwards, 1302 Waugh Dr., Houston, Texas 77019 (832-880-4065) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Ms. Tiffany Scales, 3806 Smithers Ln., Missouri City – Texas 77459 (832-683-6470) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Mr. Derrick Broze, (did not wish to give information) appeared, presented information and stated he was present as a concerned citizen, independent journalist and a representative of Houston Free Thinkers and wanted to thank Telemundo, Univision and CW39 for coming to a short press conference they would hold after the meeting, that he had passed out some information that was leaked to his active organization, the Houston Free Thinkers, that he was a part of, they were leaked emails in April, that came from a local police officer, that showed that their group, the Houston Free Thinkers, had been monitored by the Houston Police Department, there was also a picture that was leaked to them about two weeks ago showing the Houston Police Department holding a training session where they could see a screen that said, Houston Free Thinkers, on it and showed their UTube videos and a couple of their members, that the information they were passed said the officer, that was part of the training session, they would think they were a violent organization, they were forced to watch videos on them, that he had to keep his mouth shut, that he supported HFT and had basically contacted them out of concern for the Houston Police Department wasting tax dollars, resources and time on an organization such as theirs, which was completely public and completely peaceful, they build community gardens, held benefits for different organizations, they definitely did protests and talked about controversial things, but everything they did was completely legal, that they had been leaked this information and had been promised that there was more information to come as well from the Houston Police Department leak, that they were present to find out answers, that he had tried to ask Mayor Parker about this a week ago as she was on her way out and they really did not get a chance to talk, so he was just curious as to what information they might have, if it was news to them and what they could do about it, that he would like for it to be noted by the news organization present and anybody listening and watching that the silence that passed through City Council whenever these things were spoken about, that he chose to come to Council to do his job as a citizen because when trying to ask the Mayor about this on the street at public events she ran away from him, he was curious how they would get to the bottom of this. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Broze stuck a camera in her face, she thought, five times, at U of H, her campaign kickoff, again recently, and Mr. Broze stated it was three times, and Mayor Parker stated every time he had done that she had given him the courtesy of an answer, in which he talked over her, interrupted her and badgered her, that he should not say she ran

away from him, she had attempted to engage with him and when it becomes apparent that he was not interested in what she had to say, then she does walk away from him, that she had no idea what this was, that she was telling him that he could not say there was silence when he did not hear what she had to say, that she had no idea what this was, and until she found out some information she was not going to respond to him. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

Council Member Christi stated that Mayor Parker was a pretty open person and very transparent, that he was going to get a lot more with honey than vinegar, that he agreed with a lot of his stands, that he was going to request some kind of response from HPD on the accusations, because he would like a response, that it would come from the Chief, that he wanted a response to where it would help them at Free Thinkers. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

Council Member Gonzalez stated this was the first time he had heard about this and asked if there was anything that Mr. Broze was requesting, because based on the information he provided the UTube videos were posted for public view, and Mr. Broze stated everything they did was completely public and had a very big social network presence and used it to their advantage, that the question was why was their group being specifically targeted, and in the officer's words he said that they would think they were a violent organization, and he said they should also be aware that they might be infiltrated by undercover officers in an attempt to garner intel, and things like that, that he also had other emails that he had not released yet where they refer to groups like theirs as 'know it all groups' and that they believed they knew the law and the quote was "you think you know the law, but we know it better than you", that they held "know your right training sessions" all around the City encouraging citizens to get with the Texas Civil Rights Union, the ACLU, to learn their rights when dealing with police officers and if that was a threat to the Police Department they should look into that, and Council Member Gonzalez stated that the information Mr. Broze provided seemed like the writers opinion, that they could be infiltrated, it did not say they were or that was going to happen, that he was not taking one side over the other, that he was trying to understand what the nature of the training was, it could have been talking about crowd control. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and said he was the official President and voiced his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

Ms. Lachecha St., Jules, 1104 Meadow, Houston, Texas 77020 (281-865-2361) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

At 3:50 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Council Members Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent. (No Quorum Present)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2013, with

Mayor Annise Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member James G. Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member C. O. "Brad" Bradford out of the city on personal business.

At 8:32 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:12 Mayor Parker called the meeting of the City Council to order and recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a procedural motion. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 1 through 3 before the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0460 ADOPTED.

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **GREATER NORTHSIDE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2017:

- Position Six - **FRUMENCIO REYES, JR.**
- Position Seven - **JEANETTE RASH**
- Position Eight - **JEFF PROCELL**
- Position Nine - **EDWARD (ED) REYES**
- Position Ten - **APRIL COHEN**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Davis, Adams and Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0461 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire June 30, 2016:

- Position One - **ROLAND GARCIA**, appointment
- Position Two - **DAVID LADUCA**, reappointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Davis, Adams and Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0462 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **HOUSTON CLEAN CITY COMMISSION**:

- Position 1 - **PENNY H. BUTLER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 2 - **J. HOWARD RAMBIN III**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 3 - **DONALD POARCH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 4 - **RUTH R. HURST**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 5 - **KAREN BRACHT NORTH**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 6 - **ALEXANDRIA "ALEX" GRIFFIN**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014

- Position 7 - **ADRIANA TAMEZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 8 - **NANCY BAILEY**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 9 - **NATALI LACASA**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 10 - **PATRICIA HERRERA**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 11 - **JAMES D. TATES**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 12 - **WALTER W. HAMBRICK, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 13 - **SHAVONNAH ROBERTS SCHREIBER**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 14 - **DONALD J. SMITH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 15 - **JAMES G. MATUJEC**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 16 - **EMILY A. MESSA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 17 - **CARLA LENÁ WYATT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 18 - **JOSÉ F. GRIÑAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 19 - **DIANA DELACRUZ RIVERA**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 20 - **ROBERT W. GIBBS JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 21 - **HAI DUONG**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 22 - **ERIK RICHARD VIDOR**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 23 - **KIRAN SHAH**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 24 - **CHRIS K. WILMOT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 25 - **DANIEL DEROZIER**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 26 - **LORI CARPER**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 27 - **MIRANDA MALDONADO**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 28 - **MARGARET ROBINSON**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 29 - **PATRICK CASTILLO**, appointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015
- Position 30 - **CHRISTOPHER R. PASSMORE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2014
- Position 31 - **SUSAN J. CITA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 2/1/2015

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Davis, Adams and Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0463 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they made reappointments to the Greater Northside Management District Board of Directors and invited Ms. Jeanette Rash, who was present in the audience, to the podium and stated that she appreciated her willingness to serve and thanked her for all she did, particularly making towing operations safer.

Mayor Parker stated that they appointed two members of the Houston Arts Alliance Board of Directors and believed Mr. Roland Garcia and Mr. Raymond Laduca were present and invited them to the podium, and stated that they entrusted the Arts Alliance with maintenance and management of the City's art portfolio in addition to providing funding for a number of arts organizations in Houston and helping to create a very robust arts community that was becoming internationally renowned and appreciated their willingness to get engaged in that and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Adams and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated they also appointed and reappointed members to the Houston Clean City Commission and invited those present to the podium, Mr. Alex Griffin, Ms. Nancy Bailey, Mr. Walter Hambrick, Jr., Ms. Shavonna Roberts Schreiber, Mr. James Matujec, Ms. Emily Messa, Ms. Diana De La Cruz Rivera, Mr. Daniel Derozier, Ms. Lori Carper, Ms. Miranda

Maldonado and there may be some that she missed, and thanked them for their willingness to serve the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Members Costello and Pennington thanked them for their service to the City of Houston and appreciated their volunteering. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank everybody for their willingness to serve. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

9:00 A.M. - REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds – was presented. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated the next item was the Monthly Financial and Operations Report and recognized Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller, and Ms. Tantri Emo, Finance Department. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mr. Green and Ms. Emo reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review. Council Members Adams and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks asked Mr. Green if he could get information on the past administration's ambulance fee collections, how were they doing during those periods of time versus right now, he wanted to compare the two, and Mr. Green stated that he could get those for him, and knew where Council Member Burks was trying to go with those after the rate increase, they could get him those that most specifically related to the time that the rate increase kicked in versus under the old rate structure; and the percentages of collections were they higher than versus now, and would like to have that data included.

Mayor Parker stated if Council Member Burks would go to the book, Section 713, he could see the net collections and the collection percentage, and asked how far back Council Member Burks wanted to go because she wanted to make sure they gave him the best available answer, but he also had to understand that they had changed collection contracts and collection firms and collection methodology multiple times in that period as well, the reason they changed companies was because they got dissatisfied with one company and decide to go with another, that there were multiple variables, and Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to see that. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Costello moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent. MOTION 2013-0464 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 16

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 7 through 15

7. ORDINANCE approving the amended Certificate of Formation for **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** and the amended bylaws of the Midtown

Redevelopment Authority - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0637 ADOPTED.

8. ORDINANCE approving the fifth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MIDTOWN ZONE)** - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0638 ADOPTED.
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of a joint application for grant assistance from the **BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE** to fund the FY2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** as joint applicants for such grant; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City’s representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the application – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0639 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$400,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund for Equipment Replacement at Fire Station No. 29 for the Houston Fire Department - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0640 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2009-1100 (Passed November 10, 2009) to increase the maximum contract amount to the Environmental and Demolition Services Contract between the City of Houston and **INLAND ENVIRONMENTS, LTD.** for various City Departments; and appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and \$66,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0641 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Comprehensive Agreement between the City of Houston and **TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY** and the **EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE** for development, ownership, operation and maintenance of the Lake Livingston Hydroelectric Project – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0642 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$812,733.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Briar Meadow Park - 3.24% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented, moved by

Council Member Hoang, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0465 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

5. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to purchase Parcels AY11-152 & LY11-047 from **BFI WASTE SYSTEMS OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation**, for the Holmes Road Paving & Drainage Project (Main Street - Kirby Drive) - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0466 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

6. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTERS 1 AND 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to boarding homes (group homes) – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Adams requested a State list of regulated houses in Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought it was important to point out that the goal was to capture those group homes that had not previously been in any way on anybody's radar, it was not to permit them or encourage them, the understanding was that halfway houses were regulated by the State and group homes and halfway houses were distinct, there were a lot of facilities that housed people, who had not been incarcerated, in group settings and there were no ordinances that covered them, so the goal of this work was to try to at least be able to know where they were and under what conditions they were operating.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 6 had been tagged by Council Member Laster.

9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Economic Development Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas and **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** for the development of a Wholesale and Retail General Merchandise Facility and related improvements - **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented.

Council Member Burks tagged Item No. 9, but released his tag for the purpose of discussion.

Council Member Adams stated that one question that had come before her District D office, it was about the tax credit for Costco, that she knew Council Member Costello had been working really hard and meeting with various stores in the community and they had labeled their communities now as food deserts, so one of the concerns she was getting was why were they doing this when they were not trying to attract 380 agreements in their underserved communities, that she knew in the Sunnyside Community when they saw all this asked what were they doing, that she wanted to bring that forward and maybe it could be an open door on how they looked at other 380 agreements coming into their communities to be able to have jobs and to bring back their community with grocery stores.

Mayor Parker stated that 380 agreements did not work in food deserts, if the grocery stores were interested in going into those areas, they would go in to those areas, the way they used 380 agreements required the company to make an investment in public infrastructure, the

challenge in the food deserts was somewhat different and they were exploring different types of incentives to get companies in, but all of their 380 agreements required the company to make an additional upfront investment, it was not the right tool for those neighborhoods.

Council Member Christi stated that on MLK there was a development going up there and they were answering with cooperation with HEB in that area.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 9 had been tagged by Council Member Burks.

13. ORDINANCE appropriating \$190,000.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Construction Contract between the City of Houston and **J.E. DUNN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0518) for additional improvements at Bethel Park - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0643 ADOPTED.
14. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 13.5143 acres commonly known as 10516 Old Katy Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0644 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE determining that the formal taking of competitive bids is not required for the work described herein; and awarding contract to **TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC** for Grounds Maintenance Services for Drinking Water Operations and Wastewater Facilities for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$15,632,360.52 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0645 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 17 through 25

MISCELLANEOUS

17. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** on the re-adoption of Article XII Chapter 32, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, regarding Standards of Care for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Youth Recreation Programs - **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JULY 17, 2013** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0467 ADOPTED.
18. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the designation of a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for **CHEVRON U.S.A. INC (CHEVRON ZONE) - DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JULY 24, 2013** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0468 ADOPTED.

19. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the creation of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (FONDREN GARDENS ZONE) - SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JULY 31, 2013** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0469 ADOPTED.

20. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 10, 2013, to receive nominations for appointments to Position 4, 6, 7, 8, & 9 of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE (ST. GEORGE PLACE), CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, for the remainder of the designated two year term - was presented.

Council Member Pennington moved to set Wednesday, July 17, 2013, to receive nominations for appointments to Position 4, 6, 7,8, & 9 of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One (St. George Place), City of Houston, Texas, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0470 ADOPTED.

21. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 10, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 11 and 13 of the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two year term that will end March 1, 2015 – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, July 17, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 11 and 13 of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0471 ADOPTED.

22. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 10, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 18 and 20 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the two year term that will end February 2, 2014 – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, July 17, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 18 and 20 of the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0472 ADOPTED.

23. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 10, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 6 and 7 of the **LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for terms to expire two years from date of appointment – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, July 17, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 6 and 7 of the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0473 ADOPTED.

24. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 10, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions One through Five for the **REBUILD HOUSTON OVERSIGHT**

COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, for the remainder of the designated two year term – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, July 17, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions One through Five for the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0474 ADOPTED.

25. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 10, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 4 and 5 of **WASTEWATER CAPACITY RESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**, for the remainder of the designated two year term – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, July 17, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions 4 and 5 of Wastewater Capacity Reservation Review Board, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0475 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 26 through 30

26. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **GLOBE ELECTRIC CO. INC** - \$2,318,400.00, **TURTLE AND HUGHES, INC** - \$633,700.00, **LIBERTY AIRPORT SYSTEMS, INC** - \$159,000.00 and **SAFEGATE AIRPORT SYSTEMS, INC** - \$68,000.00 for Airfield Lighting for the Houston Airport System - \$3,179,100.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 4 on Agenda of June 26, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0476 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,511,161.40 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund to Remove Existing Oil Circuit Breakers and associated equipment and furnish and install new Gas Circuit Breakers and associated equipment for the Public Works and Engineering Department – **(This was Item 8 on Agenda of June 26, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0646 ADOPTED.
- 27a. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **POWERSECURE, INC** to Remove Existing Oil Circuit Breakers and associated equipment and furnish and install new Gas Circuit Breakers and associated equipment for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$2,282,874.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$2,511,161.40 - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and H - GONZALEZ** – **(This was Items 8a on Agenda of June 26, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Green stated that he had tagged Item Numbers 27 and 27a last week because there was a glitch with regard to companies that provided provider services or connecting services and how that was measured under the MWBE process with the City, that after having several meetings with OBO they understood there was an issue that OBO was looking into and after they go through their service analysis of each category they would also look into that specific provider service to make sure the way they were implementing it was

correct, that he did support the items and wanted to thank Director Wright and Ms. Marsha Murray for working with him on the issue.

A vote was called on Item No. 27a. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0477 ADOPTED.

28. **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 108.1 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON FIRE CODE**, relating to duties of the Fire Code Board of Appeals – **(This was Item 10 on Agenda of June 26, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to make the effective date immediately upon passing of Item No. 28, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0478 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 28 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0647 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **WATERCREST AT KINGWOOD, L.P.** (“Borrower”) to increase the allowable Senior Loan, to allow future refinancing of Senior Loan upon payment of a fee to the City, and to accept the offer of Borrower to pay City \$1,600,000.00 if the project, located at 24109 Kingwood Place and 24119 Winford Square for senior citizen housing, is sold within 10 years after the expiration of the affordability period - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN – (This was Item 14 on Agenda of June 26, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0648 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **COHEN GROUP, INC** for On-Call Marketing and Media Buy Consulting Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount \$5,250,000.00 - 5 years with 2 one year options Enterprise Funds - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I – RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 40 on Agenda of June 26, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-455)** – was presented.

Council Member Davis stated that he had passed out a office memo moved to amend Item No. 30 as follows:

“I move that Item 30 be amended to authorize the City Attorney and Cohen Group, Inc. to make an amendment to the contract for On-Call Marketing and Media Buy Consulting Services (“Contract”) to provide for Cohen Group, Inc. to demolish buildings located at 9929 Homestead Road or cause such buildings to be demolished in order to comply with the outstanding secure or demolish order issued by the City, as established in that certain real estate contract between Rojelama Family Partnership, Ltd., and AK Capital 6, LLC, dated July 9, 2013. The City Attorney and Cohen Group, Inc. shall make such amendment within ten days of the adoption of Item No. 30 and such amendment shall then become part of the Contract as if contained therein at the time of adoption by Council.”, seconded by Council Member Hoang.

Upon questions by Council Member Laster, Mayor Parker stated that they already had policies in place that did not allow companies to receive contracts if they owed property taxes,

for example, that they consider this to be a related issue, there was a demolish order on a building that this particular contractor owned, and just as they did with property taxes, they allowed them an opportunity to cure it, but since this was a new area for the City and they had to work through it, what it would mean was that this company would demolish a dangerous building and that would clear any impediment with going through with the contract.

Mr. Feldman stated there was a secure or demolish order on the property, the principle receiving the contract with the Airport System was part owner of that property, that as the Mayor explained they took the same position in that kind of situation where a contracting party owed the City money, the contracting party had an obligation to do something pursuant to City order, so with Council Member Davis urging and backing they were able to negotiate with Mr. Cohen, it was a property that was in his family and they were able to negotiate with him over time and he was selling the property to a company that had agreed to demolish it, so they made certain that the contract had appropriate language for demolition in it and they tied it back to the Airport contract, which would provide that if the property was not demolished, as required, within a specified period of time, then this contract would become null and void, so there was a clear obligation and was a win for the City.

Mayor Parker stated the intent in all of these areas if they owed the City money in taxes or if they determined they had liens stacking up against them or they may be the operator of a dangerous property, that they not benefit from doing business with the City, but they also wanted to give them an opportunity to cure it if the situation was inadvertent.

After further discussion and questions by Council Members Pennington, Noriega and Costello, Mr. Feldman stated that they could look at revisiting the terms of the ordinance, but thought it was going to be difficult to try and anticipate every kind of situation that could arise, this was unique in that the principle of the company that was receiving the contract with the Airport was a part owner, it was owned by a family trust, of which he was a principle, it was an opportunity for the City to get the demo order complied with and they seized upon the opportunity; that the demolition was both in the sales contract and the City's contract, it was important that they tie it together, that it was 60 days from the day of closing on the property.

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to thank his staff for doing due diligence through out the process and opening the dialog with Mr. Cohen, and thanked the City Attorney for giving them advice on how to proceed, that it was a negotiation and they did it every day and was an opportunity for the City to negotiate with someone who wanted to do business with the City.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Cohen and the Cohen Group, he wanted to do the right thing and had worked with the City in good faith trying to figure this out.

A vote was called on Council Member Davis motion to amend Item No. 30. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0479 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 30 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0649 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to wish Council Member Pennington a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Noriega stated this week's meeting was sandwiched between July 4th and the great French Independence Day, Bastille Day, July 17, next Sunday, which was her birthday, but these were both days that celebrated democracy and this time of year she was always thinking about what it was they did here, when they celebrated July 1 they celebrated the birthday of their Country, they had flags and barbecue and music and fireworks, and thanked Mayor Parker for the fireworks last week, they were terrific, and they all had thousands of individual family traditions, that she loved July 4th, she loved the pageantry, the pride in their democracy and the time with their families, she also celebrated the larger issue and the deeper meaning and purpose of democracy, many times it was easy to get caught up in a definition of democracy that was more like a football game, they limited it to elections and voting and winning and trying to get 50% plus one, but democracy and what they did in the United States and what they did at the table was so much more, it was their system of making sure that everyone's voice was heard, and everyone had a seat at the table and they discussed issues that faced their community in a respectful, thoughtful and collaborative way, this was a case of it really not being about winning or losing, but about how they played the game, they had the best outcomes when they got multiple points of view, and she thought sometimes it was easy to try to decide that compromise was selling out, that was not true, compromise was the way that they had a little from this side and a little from that side and were able to come to a conclusion that benefited everyone and it was bigger than one individual point of view or one individual person. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Noriega further stated they had delayed their committee hearing in the TTI Committee and Infrastructure Committee on Chapter 9, they had been planning to have that meeting in the evening so that more people were available, they had a great deal of discussion with community members about it and a lot of email traffic, it was about flooding and mitigating flooding and that kind of thing, but it was not soup yet, and they had been on the phone letting people know that they were not having that meeting this next week as they had originally planned, the reason for that was that there was a genuine discussion and genuine disagreement about a public policy issue that was imbedded in the ordinance, and they had asked for more input from some of the experts in the community, they were talking about it with community members, they were looking at how they were going to handle detention and fee in lieu of having some kind of retention, when they did democracy they assumed at the table that because they were elected and because they talked to constituents, that they were doing the appropriate thing, but actually it was their actions every day that made the difference, it was posting the minutes, like they did yesterday and they vote on them, it was letting everybody know what was happening with the committee hearing, it was not having it the night before the Fourth of July Holiday, where they just throw it out there and try to get it done so that they say they checked the box, but it was not really listening to constituents, every one of them at the table represented them out there and their democracy and the Fourth of July and Bastille Day and all of that was about that great institution, the United States had changed the world in such significant ways and every time they hit the mike, every time they met a constituent, every time they ran for election, every time they put up and post for a meeting, they were the instruments of that and she just wanted to talk about how seriously she took it, how seriously she thought every one at the table took it, as part of the larger tapestry of the Country, the City's version, all those little pieces, listening to other viewpoints, having a chance to have a conversation about things and collaborate, was part of that responsibility, all of those things helped them make better choices, they created rules and laws that worked for all of them today and it allowed a living process that made the world better for their children, that she just felt this week that it was important to note what an amazing experiment they were all a part of, so thank you Mayor. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that Ms. Martha Jenkins granddaughter passed away, Ms. Rachel Jackson, so please continue to pray for Ms. Jenkins; that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Ms. Susan

Christian and the Mayor's Office of Special Events, for a wonderful Fourth of July celebration, and all the sponsors for what they had done; that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for taking a call concerning Crestmont, Mr. Feldman, the Legal Department, Department of Neighborhoods, Ms. Nancy Brewer, Department of Habitability, Sergeant Williams, DRT, and Mr. William Paul Thomas, because now they had a plan, the landlord would be in Houston and she wanted to thank them for working with the landlord, they had to protect their communities and identify the slumlords who were not doing well in their areas; and wished Council Member Pennington a Happy Birthday. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that one of the first things he noted when he was elected to office was the great need there was out there, but also the number of volunteers who volunteered their time, money and efforts to meet that need, and Council Member Adams had mentioned the Fourth of July event, and he wanted to note that Mr. John Nau was a contributor and thought he had done other things for the City, his dealership had donated a pavilion for Eleanor Tinsley Park and had taken the lead to raise money for a cultural and tourist center, which he thought was about \$40 million; that following what Council Member Noriega stated, talking about founding fathers, there were many great men, Washington, Hamilton, Adams, his favorite was always Thomas Jefferson, he wanted to run not as a matter of a party but wanted to run individually so he could have direct contact with the people, that they could use some of that attitude today, they need real leadership like he provided, that he knew he was not perfect and had his imperfections but he did a lot of great things; that he wanted to thank them for recognizing his birthday today; that he thought they did good yesterday in recognizing people who were educators and involved in education; that he was glad to be spending part of his birthday with them. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang and Burks absent.

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

Council Member Davis stated he was glad to see his colleagues back this week, as they say the Fourth of July was one of the most dangerous holidays, he was glad no bottle rockets hit anyone in the face; and Mayor Parker stated it was good to join him at church on Sunday, and Council Member Davis stated it was good to see Mayor Parker at church on Saturday and Sunday, that he wanted to thank his colleagues for doing what was right on Item No. 30; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and wanted to thank Mr. Dwight Howard for signing with the Houston Rockets, that he was at the Breakfast Klub yesterday and bought everyone in line food. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that in reference to the time Mayor Parker spent in church, her faith did not prophesize, but they had very short funerals and weddings; and wished Council Member Pennington a Happy Birthday; and announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Martin wished Council Member Pennington a Happy Birthday; and stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for gracing them with her presence at the Kingwood Annual Fourth of July Parade; that he passed out a brochure on the "Ike Dike" as they entered into Hurricane Season; at Council Member Laster great University of Texas they had a saying, "what starts here changes the world", and thought Houston's saying should be "what starts in Houston affects the world", as they entered into hurricane season and if they had a hurricane, a Katrina like catastrophe, they could imagine the storm surge that it would put on the Port of Houston, which was the second busiest Port in the United States, and the petrochemical refining and processing plants that they had in and around, it would have a detrimental affect, not only on the City of Houston, but on the United States as well, so one of things that he would invite and implore of his fellow Council Members to do was to read up on the "Ike Dike", and what they needed to do as far as coastal storm surge protection and how they needed to create

a barrier to make sure they protected the Port of Houston and the petrochemical plants, because they were a viable part of the economy in the City of Houston, they could not pick up a magazine today without reading about good things that were happening in their City and a lot of that was because of the corporations they had and they needed to make sure that they did a good job of insuring that those corporations existed and make sure they were viable in the effect of a dramatic storm, some indications of what it would mean if they did have a shut down on the Port of Houston and the petrochemical processes, it would be a loss to the Texas economy of \$73 billion in gross product, \$41 billion in income and over 863,000 jobs, so please study the information and look toward ideas, they needed to be, instead of the City of New Orleans, where he was born and raised, proactive, they were reactive, and what they needed to do was study the issue and become proactive and put together a game plan and as they heard about things like this in the upcoming hurricane season he would invite everyone to really listen hard and study it and look at the what ifs that could possibly happen if they had a major catastrophe in the City, and GOD forbid, let it not happen. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Laster wished Council Member Pennington a Happy Birthday; that one of the pleasures that he had in representing District J was to know they had strong relationships in District J with management districts, tax increment reinvestment zones, civic association boards and other Harris County entities, this week they had another piece of good news in which Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan agreed and had worked with the Greater Sharpstown Management District, to file a Nuisance Abatement Lawsuit against the Red Carpet Inn in the Sharpstown area, that according to reports the inn had over 1,000 calls for service within the last two years, 80 of which involved violent crimes and narcotic offences, that he was particularly concerned, not only for its location near apartment complexes and condominiums, but as they may know this particular facility was just behind and around the corner from the Southwest Inn where they suffered the great loss of their firefighters a few weeks ago, that he wanted to thank the Greater Sharpstown Management District for entering into a very creative operational agreement with the Harris County Attorney, a couple of weeks ago they filed a simpler lawsuit with the Playing Field Inn, down the road on the Southwest Freeway, that he wanted to thank them for their work there and the work that was happening across the district in relationship to removing these blighted nuisances, in addition he wanted to thank the City of Houston Law Department for all of the work and extra effort they were putting forth in trying to help them tackle the blight and nuisance issues and the problems they had in their neighborhood, and wanted to thank all involved. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank Council Members Noriega and Pennington for the history lesson, it reminded him of their former colleague, Ms. Ann Clutterbuck, that she was a member of the engineering community; that Council Member Noriega mentioned Bastille Day and as a cyclist, who was watching the Tour of France every night this week, Bastille Day was a tremendous day during that tour, where everyone rooted for a Frenchman to win that day; that he wanted to thank Council Member Martin for the Ike Dike, that his engineering firm did a lot of levy flood control work in Fort Bend County, and were currently doing an extensive study in Orange County, in the City of Orange, specifically relative to this particular activity, the issue that had really faced the community, not necessarily whether or not they could do it, it was whether or not they could pay for it, they were looking for funding for that community, that he appreciated the acknowledgement that this was a problem that they had to face and one of these days they would get enough nerve to do that. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Burks absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to give a shout to Ms. Angelica Tijerina at the Solid Waste Department for her consistent high level of service to District H constituents, and would commend the whole team at Solid Waste for their excellent work serving their communities; announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to welcome Mr. Dwight Howard to "Clutch City" and "Red Nation", he thought the Houston

Rockets made a key signing that took them even closer to a championship in the future; and wished Council Member Pennington a Happy Birthday; that he wanted to commend Director Diaz, Houston Airport System, who gave a report on the potential for commercial space flight in Houston, around the Ellington area and knew it was very important for Council Member Martin and his district, that it was a lot of potential for the City of Houston, long term over the next 10 or 20 years as they started rapidly moving towards commercial space flight. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Burks absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:36 a.m. Council Member Rodriguez absent on personal business. Council Member Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Burks absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary