

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 25, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 1:48 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that many of them had been following the huge fire at Montrose and West Dallas, it was still not under control, although they had beaten it back, and the good news was that it was an apartment complex under construction, to the best of their knowledge all workers were out of the building and because it was under construction the Fire Department had been able to establish a parameter for an exterior attack, it was a matter of getting enough water on it, they were trying to drown the fire and bring it under control, but it was consuming a lot of resources at the moment, but they will keep Council Members informed and let them know as soon as the Fire Department indicated that they had it under control and into the mopping up phase, that she appreciated the fact that Council Members did not go to the fire ground and were present, it was better to let the Fire Department not be interrupted while they were working, but wanted to keep everybody up on what was happening; they had an unusual fourth presentation today that she had asked to be added, specifically for the Diabetes Association, and would recognize Council Member Bradford for the first presentation. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that in Houston they clearly understood that Cancer impacted humans around the globe, and Houston/Harris County, Texas was the premier center for those suffering from that horrific disease, that they did a really good job in Houston when it came to children and adults or seniors suffering from the disease, but for young adults some attention was needed, and that was what Roger and Dawn Kenneavy had in fact done to bring attention to hospitality issues surrounding young adults, and presented a proclamation to Dan's House of Hope, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed March 25, 2014 as Dan's House of Hope Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Kenneavy for what they had done. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Kenneavy thanked Council Member Bradford and Mayor Parker for the recognition, and stated that they greatly appreciated it, that he wanted to thank everyone who had helped them get to this point, that when they thought of Cancer it was usually the younger children or older adults who had the experience with Cancer, but the fact was that there was twice as many in the 15 to 30 year old age group that experienced Cancer every year, that Dan's House of Hope was focused on providing that sense of community for not only those traveling to Houston's Medical Center for Treatment, but also for local Houstonians to allow them to have that gathering spot where they could regain that sense of normal, they looked forward to their ribbon cutting on Friday, and would like to invite all of the Houston City Council, they were located at 4917 Jackson Street, that he wanted to thank his daughter Erin and son Ryan, who greatly missed their brother and whose vision of Dan's House of Hope was built. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kenneavy, that he lost a nephew to Leukemia at the age of 14 years and knew what it was like for families traveling from long distances to get treatment, and the services they provided, not only the patients, but the family, he really appreciated it. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Pennington,

and Green absent.

Council Member Martin presented a proclamation to Assistance League of Bay Area, and stated that they knew how tough it was for adolescents now a days, especially young females, because there was so much pressure, that the Assistance League of Bay Area had a program called "Assist Teens Auxiliary", and it was a mentoring program made up of high school males and females that acted as guidance counselors and they did a great job in helping kids that were at risk, that it was also elderly and some of the at risk issues that they dealt with the elderly, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed April 5, 2014 as Assistance League of the Bay Area in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for what they did. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Kim Barker, President of the Assistance League of the Bay Area, thanked Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin for the prestigious recognition, and stated that the Assistance League was proud that 25 years ago 74 women had the foresight to recognize the emerging needs in their community, and the current members of the Assistance League of the Bay Area were very proud to continue that tradition of service to the children and the elderly. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Gonzalez presented a proclamation to Comp-U-Dopt, they served citywide, but were based in District H, it was a non-profit organization that provided free computers and technology education to motivated children in underserved Houston communities, they fostered educational opportunities for the children they served and helped them develop increased necessary technology skills by eliminating limited access to a computer, that on February 22, 2014, Comp-U-Dopt redistributed it's 4,000 computers, bringing home computer connectivity to yet another Houston area child, and Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to emphasize that Comp-U-Dopt, as in adopt, was designed to put a computer into as many children's hands as possible, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed February 22, 2014, as Comp-U-Dopt Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for what they did. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Minal Patel Davis, Executive Director, stated that Comp-U-Dopt wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City Council Members for recognizing Comp-U-Dopt's service to Houston area children. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked Comp-U-Dopt for the service they were providing to their students in the City of Houston, and stated they understood there was a huge gap in the affordability for every family to purchase a computer, that they wanted to thank them for all of the work they were doing. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they all recognized that there were certain health issues that plagued citizens of their City and one of the most prevalent and increasingly dangerous health issue was Diabetes, that American Diabetes Alert Day was a campaign held annually in March, asking the American public to take the Diabetes risk test to find out if they were at risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes, that this year Alert Day would kick off on March 25, 2014, with the campaigning continuing until April 25, 2014, that Diabetes was a serious disease that strikes nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States, and it was a silent killer because nearly one fourth of those with the disease did not know that they had it, early diagnosis was critical to successful treatment and helping to delay or prevent some of its complications, that everyone should be aware of the risk factors for Type 2 Diabetes, and people who were overweight, under active or over the age of 45 should consider themselves at risk for the disease, that African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and those who had a family history

of the disease were also at an increased risk for Type 2 Diabetes, that they were encouraging their citizens to be aware of the risk factors, to be aware of what their status was and to have conversations with their loved ones about the dangerous of Diabetes, the City of Houston commended the organizers and participants of Alert Day and extended best wishes for an awarding observance, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed March 25, 2014, as American Diabetes Association Alert Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Ms. Mary Bauman, Director, Mission Delivery, thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for the recognition, and stated that many of them had family and loved ones who had Diabetes or knew someone who had it, the most important thing to understand was that it was nothing to be afraid of, the beast could be beaten with lifestyle and healthy living for Type 2 Diabetes and it was their hope that they could make a difference, if they wanted to contact her it was www.diabetes.org, that they had given the City Council a brochure and pedometer so they could start keeping track of their steps and encourage them to join them as they took on this disease.. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Bauman for the great information and the brochure, they could take a questionnaire that would tell them what their risk was. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Ms. Bauman stated that Dr. Faith Foreman, the DAWN Center, was present because they were collaborative partners and were working with other partners of the City of Houston to really take on this disease. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she had visited the DAWN Center and would encourage Council Members to do that and asked Dr. Foreman to talk about the DAWN Center. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Dr. Foreman stated that they had done a fabulous thing, to open a Diabetes Center at their Third Ward Multi Service Center, to use some existing City space where they had no tenant, so open a center that focused on the behavior changes that diabetics needed to make, not so much the medical or clinical, but those things that they all had to do every day, to eat better, there was a healthy eating component, a physical component, an actual gym, if they were diabetic or pre diabetic, they could use the workout facility, that all of the services at the DAWN Center were free and were open Tuesday and Thursday. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Members Gonzalez, Davis and Boykins thanked Dr. Foreman and Ms. Bauman for all they did for the City of Houston. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Robinson for the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

At 2:19 p.m. Council Member Robinson invited Father William "Dubb" Brooks, Senior Associate Rector, Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, for the invocation and Council Member Robinson led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

At 2:23 p.m. The City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington and

Robinson absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Davis for a point of privilege. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

Council Member Davis recognized Dr. Mary Washington, who was in the audience, and asked her to stand, and stated that Dr. Washington was an eclectic master mind and passionate doctor behind her feisty advocate, Rapper M.D., which she was known as, she was an accomplished nephrologist who specialized in kidney disease, kidney transplantation, hypertension and dialysis, that Dr. Washington graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin, and did a Fellowship at Tulane University, she was also an accomplished artist, with a cutting edge album, as well as an author of a book of poems, My Emotional Pleas, that Dr. Washington also understood that African Americans and Latinos and 80% of the Diabetic deaths occurred in low and middle income families, she was out last year for their Walking Towards Illiteracy event in District B and her component was getting information to the children so that they could understand how deadly the disease could be and how they could prevent, that today he wanted to acknowledge Rapper M.D. for her awareness with Diabetes as well as functions of Kidneys. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had several Council Members with procedural motions. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Zandra Anderson following Ms. Patricia Guter, for three minutes, seconded by Council Member Christie. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0235 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Jim Bigham out of order, seconded by Council Member Christie. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0236 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Jeff Mack, Mr. Gordon Quan and Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order, seconded by Council Member Christie. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0237 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Zeke Moore out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0238 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Ovide Duncantell out of order, seconded by Council Member Christie. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0239 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Jane West out of order, seconded by Council Member Christie. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0240 ADOPTED.

Mr. Jim Bigham, 7911 Sharpview Drive, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-568-8124) appeared and stated that he understood that relating to Chapter 6 there was some favorable language which would balance the needs of the neighborhoods and residents with need for tools for BARC to enforce and deal with their public health issue of stray and dangerous dogs, they

would ask the Council to look at a friendly amendment that others would speak about and support that, that with that change they would support the ordinance, that in addition the final issue, as it related to the ownership of dogs, Section 6-102B, they would still be opposed to that.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Bradford and Gonzalez, Mayor Parker stated that as Mr. Bigham mentioned, there had been some discussion with super neighborhoods as to some minor tweaks to the ordinance, it was her expectation that as soon as they got the final language Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis would actually offer the amendment tomorrow and they looked forward to passage of the ordinance.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) appeared and stated she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for allowing them the time to work with Mr. Chris Newport, BARC and Mr. Damienoff and Mr. Glasstone, the friendly amendments that they worked on and negotiated about the distance and quantity were definitely something they felt they could work with and support BARC in this, that she had one concern, that BARC had the funding that they needed because with the nickel and nail, before the City gave them some more money, they did a really good job, but these new changes they were putting in place, which she thought were great, would be total ineffective without the resources to back them up, that she was asking Council as a whole because that was one commonality that no matter where they were, east, west, north or south, were the stray dogs, and after last Thursday, the problem became even more to the forefront.

Council Member Laster thanked Ms. Bell and the Super Neighborhood Council for always being there as a point of reference for their neighborhoods, they appreciated that and for working directly with the administration and Council on this. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-721-9080) appeared and stated that she was Vice President of the Super Neighborhood Alliance, they had not had time to take a formal position on the BARC amendments, but she and officers had been contacted by community members from many different parts of town who were concerned about their proposal to eliminate the Kennel License now required to house four or more dogs within 100 feet of a private residence, in an effort to alleviate this concerns alliance members had worked with the administration through the good auspices of Mr. Chris Newport, Mr. Chris Glassard and the BARC Director, to come up with language that they would like for them to please consider as a friendly amendment to the exiting proposals, the friendly amendment would require four or more adult dogs, or adult cats, housed on residential property, to be housed at least 100 feet away from other buildings used for human habitation, that she urged them not only to embrace the friendly amendment, but also to provide the resources needed to affectively implement all of the updates to the BARC ordinance. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Council Members Laster, Stardig, Gonzalez and Robinson thanked Ms. West for all she did for the City of Houston. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Ms. Chau Nguyen-Todd, 6039 Blossom, Houston, Texas (832-646-8789) appeared and stated that that she served on the Board of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority under the appointment of Mayor Parker, that she was proud to be part of the Women's Home and she took the job very seriously, as well as personally, that with Phase II of their home they were going to be serving women, children and families, particularly the immigrant community, that was now a very big part of the Spring Branch area. Council Members Davis, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Ms. Nguyen-Todd service to the City of

Houston. Council Members Davis, Green and Christie absent.

Council Members Nguyen, Boykins and Martin thanked Ms. Nguyen for her service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that to update Council, they were still putting water on the fire and were still in the stand and soak mode, it was beginning to burn down and they were no longer afraid that it would spread, and there were no apparent injuries, for which they should be very grateful. Council Members Davis, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Michele Taylor, 1839 Jacquelyn Dr., No. 315, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-410-7758) appeared and stated that she had been clean and sober for more than four years and had lived at Jane Cizik Garden Place for three years, she was a full time student, that part of the reason that her life was so successful and rich today was the foundation and security of having a safe and affordable and beautiful home to return to each day. Council Members Davis, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Ms. Sheila Turner, 3006 Lake Crescent, Kingwood, Texas 77339 (281-460-7610) appeared and stated she had been a Houston fund raiser for almost 20 years and had been working with the Women's Home and their capital campaign since 1998, that she was present to support the Women's Home in their \$16 million capital project, the only difference between the two complexes was that one would have two and three bedrooms, the Women's Home would need to access and secure all of the funding available, including tax credits, banking funds, HUD funds, philanthropic funds, which all came with rent restrictions, that funding for this project must be a collaborative effort of both public and private funds. Council Members Davis, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Ms. Cathy Bradley, 1839 Jacquelyn, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-921-6300) appeared and stated that she had been clean and sober for 8 years in September, that her kids lived in Beaumont and their dad allowed them to spend the weekend with her every four to five weeks, that she was proud of the woman that she had become because of the Women's Home. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Martha Seng, 2370 Rice Blvd., No. 210, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-526-5436) appeared and stated she was with Jackson and Ryan Architects, she was the architect for the Women's Home project and could guarantee them that it would be built with very durable materials that were long lasting and designed to last many generations and decades, it would be aesthetically pleasing and would fit in well with the Spring Brach neighborhood. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Robinson asked Ms. Seng if she thought this would further add to the quality of the neighborhood, beyond the structure itself, and Ms. Seng stated absolutely, she was a strong believer that architecture could affect their lives and this building would affect the lives of the neighborhood in a very positive way, and they were very proud to be a part of this. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Brian Stoker, 4400 Post Oak Parkway, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-232-1740) appeared and stated that he was a community banker with Amegy Bank and his job was to promote and lend for fair and affordable housing, that his experience was that tax credit housing, such as the proposed Women's Home, improved their community and society at large, that Amegy Bank had provided tax credit lending for properties in areas in the City and State, the Women's Home would not cause a loss in their real estate taxes, the Women's Home proposed positive outcomes and promoted positive communities, businesses and the stake holders affected by it. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Amegy Bank did a great job partnering with the City on project across the City and they appreciated Amegy's willingness to get engaged in these kind of community development projects. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Mr. Stephan Fairfield, 3300 Lyons Ave., No. 203, Houston, Texas 77020 (713 223 1864 x 14) appeared and stated that he was with Covenant Community Capital, that as the Women's Home request they were serving as co-developers, the first time they had agreed to play this role after many requests by others over the years, they had agreed due to their esteem for their work, and their confidence in their desire and ability to be a positive force in the settings in which they served, as their traffic record showed, it had been his observation, over 27 years in community development, that it was not the income of the residents, nor the source of financing, that determined the effect a property had on its surroundings, but rather the energy and commitment of its owner, whether single or multi family, that Mrs. Green, their Fifth Ward widow neighbor of many years kept a tidy place on the smallest of incomes, his observation of the Women's Home work in Montrose to East Spring Branch had been positive and he pledged, to the best of his ability, to work toward a like outcome for this East Spring Branch effort. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Robinson, Mr. Fairfield stated that it was not just the housing, but the services and support and the expertise that they had over their 50 year history that would be a positive effect on the surrounding area and thought they would be able to serve the needs of the area. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Harriet Latimer, 9 Bash Place, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-526-5397) appeared and stated that they had a fund raising development firm in Houston and this was the fourth time they had been honored to be able to work for the Women's Home, they were now working toward achieving a \$16 million goal for the new facility in Spring Branch, their previous facility, the Jane Cizik at Garden Place was a \$12 million project, \$8.5 million of that was in private philanthropy and \$3.5 million was provided by the City of Houston through HUD, and they worked very hard to achieve that goal, they needed to do that again and pledged them their full energy, enthusiasm, hard work and anything they could bring to the table to generate enough private sources to work compatibly with the City sources, and they really needed their help. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Cohen asked Ms. Latimer if she was involved with the tax credits and the CDBG efforts, and Ms. Latimer stated that they had been part of the application process, as it had been going forward, that she was not very conversant with the tax credit application and may not be familiar, and Council Member Cohen stated that as far as the tax credits were concerned if they got the tax credits they were obligated into a 15 year agreement, and if they got the CDBG money they were obligated into a 20 year agreement, and Ms. Latimer stated that they were, and Council Member Cohen stated that either way there was a sense of responsibility, and Ms. Latimer stated that in addition to that they already had that restriction with the Jane Cizik Garden Place, and it had worked very well. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jeff Stys, (no address given) Houston, Texas (713-501-9563) appeared and stated that he was president of Strategic Decision Associates, he was engaged by the Women's Center to do an community assessment in the Spring Branch neighborhood, as part of his research he talked to 50 individuals who had worked or had a stake in the neighborhood and there were two big themes that came out of his research, first, the Women's Home was viewed as a good neighbor, second, the needs that were identified, after school programing and workforce development, were things that were needed in the neighborhood right now, they

heard from lots of individuals that there was a lack of services and the neighbors wanted to see these things happen. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Pat Guter, 1400 McKinney Street, Unit 1504, Houston, Texas 77010 – 412-335-9430 appeared, presented information, and stated the proposal of the change to Section 6-102B was not supported by any law or public policy or any evidence, and the proposal was irrational, unjustified and unconstitutional and would expose the City to serious liability, that she was asking them to vote no, that the rights of life, liberty and property, i.e., were family pets, were fundamentally important to all of them. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that one of the challenges they had was that BARCs partners in the rescue community had indicated that it was very difficult for them when they were obviously working with a number of requests to save animals in the region, not only Houston proper, and there was no legal certainty as there might be in some of the other regions, then Houston would likely just take a backseat to all of them only requiring them to unnecessarily put down more animals simply because they would not take possession of them, that was one of the challenges that they had to grapple with as well. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Zandra Anderson 7941 Katy Freeway #412, Houston, Texas 77024 appeared, presented information, and stated she was also present on Section 6-102B, that the material they were provided were faces of Houston dogs and this harsh law did not discriminate between a family pet, a service dog, an assistance dog or an emotional support dog, the property rights were in the dogs and they had rights of ownership, it was important to note that the Rabies Control Act was never a statute to take away property for owners, cruelty statutes were, but they got due process, that a beloved pet meant a lot more to a family, whose kids were looking for that pet, to get their property back, the reason that the City had never had such a harsh law was that it did not reflect State law or the Constitutional laws, as far as rescue communities helping BARC out, yes, she was very supportive of the rescue community, all her dogs were rescue and BARC dogs, but the two were not inconsistent giving a dog back, which rarely happened, of the dogs that were taken in in 2013, 99.5% of them did not have an owner claim them, so while this happened infrequently they had a tenant in their law that justice was for all, not just for those for whom it was convenient, that if the law changes the rights of owners would be lost unnecessarily, while the City was considering the amendments to the limits and distance requirements, which she thought was important, she would also ask that the City consider another amendment, as they could see there were plenty of residents who had come out against the taking of their pets by the City. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Ms. Anderson stated that the issue was not the hold period, which was three to six days, the issue was that for the first time in the City of Houston it had gone farther and said they were going to take their property away from them. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, if the City had the authority to deprive individuals of property rights in a three to six day period without due process, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he was not sure if Mr. Heilman was prepared to answer that specifically, that he did not know if he had been involved with this particular issue with BARC, he knew one of the other attorneys had, and Mr. Heilman stated that he would get back with Council Member Bradford. Council Members Davis, Martin,

Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Stardig stated if this was an issue that they were not certain about, and City Legal was not ready to answer that question, they needed to reconsider moving forward or expect on answer before tomorrow's vote. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Heilman was not ready to answer the question, but the City Legal Department was perfectly up to speed on this and happened to answer any of these questions, and Council Member Stardig stated that she would like to have their position on this. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to point out that some of this language was already being used or exists in other Texas cities and surrounding counties, he thought the vast majority were pets that had not been micro chipped or licensed or did not have an owner claiming them, that BARC did have protocol to try to locate owners to contact them, and they definitely did not want to put a dog down that clearly had an owner. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that clearly the issue was if they could not move pets to other shelters, there were more animals that were going to be euthanized. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Kay Walther, 2900 Wesleyan, Ste. Wesleyan, Ste. 200, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-439-5757) appeared and stated that she was representing the Board of Directors of the Women's Home, she had been a volunteer at the Women's Home for more than a decade, that they were present to talk about affordable housing, the Women's Home case for affordable housing in Houston was really a compelling one and one that was continuing to challenging the City and doing it well, that the Women's Home had an impeccable reputation for carrying out their mission and supported by hundreds of volunteers and recognized for its treatment program for women and had a model for affordable housing. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Karen Redden, 3765 Robinhood, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-408-3094) appeared and stated that she was past President of the Board of the Women's Home, the strategic plan that was developed during her tenure called for Phase II housing to support women and their families and to provide a community center, that Jane Cizik Garden Place was known as a model in the community for community development and safe, affordable and beautiful housing, that Phase II was a natural extension of Phase I, that long term and affordable housing in a safe and clean place promoted family stability. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gonzalez, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Jackie Phillips, 4323 Lake Lavon, Richmond, Texas 77406 (713-627-5938) appeared and stated that she was a Member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Home and also a member of Windsor Village United Methodist Church, where her Pastor was Kirby John Caldwell and they had been talking and discussing the project for some time now and they got into deep discussions about it because it was no secret to the community that Pastor Caldwell really did care about affordable housing, and he sent a letter of support to the Women's Home and acknowledged that he was very proud to be an honorary Board Member of the Women's Home and supported their capital campaign and their application for tax credits for the project. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Catherine Barchfield, 2108 Peppermill, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-557-0507) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members

Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Lois Stromberg, 9205 Campbell Rd., Houston, Texas 77080 (713-468-4414) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Cindy Burns, 50 Briar Hollow Ln., Houston, Texas 77027 (281-630-8865) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Shirley Gonzales, 1618 Longacre, hut 77055 (832-216-7759) appeared and stated that she was against the construction of the multifamily properties in Spring Branch because they had worked very hard the last 15 years to revitalize Spring Branch, they had 30 new single, family, middle and upper income developments in construction or in planning at this time and a lot of the developers were going to be concerned about having a rent control or lower rents in the area, and she sure hated to see them pull out, that she did not want to see them restricted for 15 years to support a tax credit, that it was \$2 million of taxpayer money, that she hoped they would not approve the tax credits for the Women's Home. Council Members Davis, Martin and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the City did not approve the tax credits, they just forwarded them on to the State. Council Members Davis, Martin and Costello absent.

After discussion by Council Members Cohen and Stardig, Council Member Cohen asked Ms. Gonzales about the Jane Cizik development, was the community comfortable with it, and Ms. Gonzales stated that she believed yes over all. Council Members Davis, Martin and Costello absent.

Mr. Jeff Mack, 11447 Quincewood, Houston, Texas 77089 (713-412-9165) appeared and stated that on March 5, 2014, her 34 year old daughter was jogging, like she did on almost a daily basis, and was attacked viciously by two pit bulls, they were running at large, she had completed 16 half marathons in 10 years of her running, she was jogging on a popular jogging trail in southeast Harris County area, which bordered the City of Houston, and the two dogs came out of nowhere and knocked her to the ground and savagely attacked her, that to date she had had 4 surgeries, and 6 units of blood, she had over 50 lacerations over her body, needing 300 staples to close all of the wounds, that she had already started a skin graft process and was going to have to have several more surgeries, physical therapy and she still had not been able to take her first step since this happened, that she would never be the same, both physically and emotionally, that his plea to City Council was that they needed to change some ordinances or beef up the ordinances they had, so nobody would have to suffer like she had suffered, the owner of one of the dogs was located and was given a Class C citation, which as everybody knew was punishable by about \$500 in fines, his daughter had years of recovery to maintain and she was just never going to be the same, that he had seen a lot of trauma in his life, he was a police officer in the City for 25 years, but when he made the scene and saw her in the ambulance and saw where the attack occurred, this ranked at the top of anything he had seen in trauma, they hear about pit bull and other dog attacks, but it seemed like all the time they hear about pit bulls, that in March 2014 a young lady was killed off of Bellfort, he believed, by three pit bulls, last week three pit bulls attacked a man on a porch and seriously injured him, law enforcement arrived and one of the dogs bit the law enforcement officer and he shot one of the dogs, the same day his daughters attack occurred, later in the same vicinity, a Precinct 2 Constable had to shoot a pit bull that was running at large and had threatened people, they as a community needed to do something about this, they could not let this happen to any more people. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were trying to beef up their ability locally to take aggressive and nuisance dogs out of the public, the way ordinances were written now they could not do it until after they had actually attacked someone, and they were trying to rectify that, that Mr. Mack had shared pictures of his daughter's injuries with her and they were horrific, that he had the sympathy of all Council Members in this instance. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins, Bradford and Gallegos, Council Member Boykins asked that Mr. Mack pass around the pictures to all of the Council Members. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Jeff Mack, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0241 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was sorry for the situation that he and his family were going through, that their thoughts and prayers were with them and they hoped for a speedy recovery. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to recognize that they had been joined by Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Mr. Gordon J. Quan, 5177 Richmond Ave., Ste. 800, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-625-9220) appeared and stated that he was present on the Women's Home, he had a personal interest in it that while serving on the City Council he was able to help secure some of the funding for the first Women's Home project, that he had been very proud of that project and what it had accomplished over the years, that when Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in 1996 it was aimed to make sure that they did not discriminate against people because of their race, religion, sex, family setup or handicap, well they were saying they were not doing that, but as they looked at public policy and how they allocated these projects around the City, were they not in fact indirectly discriminating against certain races, minorities or people with families, that he wanted them to consider that because this same Council had already supported, to his understanding, projects in District H and K, three projects in District B and four projects in District D without opposition, here they had a fine project that they had a history of showing its effectiveness, but yet they did not want to support tax credits for that District and that project, that he would ask that they think deeply about this, he knew it was a tough issue, and with due respect to each other, and the congeniality of Council Members working with each other, that they look at the overall good for the City and how this project could help change lives. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gonzalez, Laster and Costello absent.

After discussion by Council Members Robinson, Boykins and Stardig, Mr. Quan stated that he remembered being at the grand opening of the Jane Cizik Garden Center and Council Member Stardig and Mayor Parker being there, and they spoke very fondly of the project, and Council Member Stardig stated that she had asked her colleagues to listen to all of the speakers. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster and Costello absent.

Mr. James Hajovsky, 4106 Mona Lee, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-462-2775) appeared and stated that as a resident of Spring Branch he would like to give them some facts from a report that he and his son presented to the residents of the Spring Branch Community on July

18, 2006, that the number of apartments that were in the Spring Brach area at this moment were 5,258 units, including townhomes and mobile homes it was 5,748, that ownership of these apartments, 61% were outside or not even living in the Country, 39% of the units were owned by people or entities living in Houston, that crime in the area of Houston was 81%, in the area they were talking about, the 4.4 miles, it was 73%, that collection for apartments for taxes, they had \$2,000 paid by the individual home owner whose property value was \$150,000, that the apartment owner paid \$335 per unit, the homeowner would pay around \$600 in local taxes and while the apartment owner paid on \$240. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster and Costello absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Stardig, Mr. Hajovsky stated that he had lived in Spring Branch for 47 years and when they moved there were no apartments along Pittman Road, it was now inundated apartment units, and they were all low income and low rent apartments. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Hajovsky what did he mean by crime in the area of Houston was up 81%, and Mr. Hajovsky stated that in the Houston Police Department, Beat No. 5F20, 81% of their crimes reported from the apartments, on the premises of the apartments within one block of the apartment complex. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the point being that crime was not up, it was that 85% was around apartments. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Ms. Beatrice Garza, 2110 Avenida La Quinta, Houston, Texas 77077 (713-569-5265) appeared and stated she was present as a Board Member of the Women's Home, and CEO of a nonprofit that was concerned about children's barriers to education, they knew that children did not chose to be born into the cycle of poverty, the Women's Home Phase II would provide affordable housing, their service center would provide After School Programs and provide summer structured programs, they would encourage learning and keep them safe, and help mom's while they were continuing their walk of sobriety, they knew that education was the surest way out of poverty and into the middle class, please support the Women's Home request for tax credits. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Members Boykins and Bradford thanked Ms. Garza for all she did for the children of the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Pastor Tammy Heinrich, 6303 Kury Ln., Houston, Texas 77008 (713-686-4328) appeared and stated that she was the Associate Pastor at Terrace Methodist Church in Spring Branch, their congregation was involved in several ministry activities at Jane Cizik Garden Place Apartments and many of the residents attended their worship services on Sunday mornings and some of them had even joined their congregation, the number one predictor for someone to live at or below the poverty level was to be a single mother, these women had very few options for housing and the options they did have, she promised them, none of them would chose, why did the City Council have to be convinced to allow an organization like the Women's Home to provide safe, secure, affordable and nice apartments for mothers who wanted to raise their children themselves, the only answer she could come up with was that it must be threatening someone's bottom line, that when they tell a child they had to live in a ratty substandard apartment because someone was afraid they were going to affect economic development, then they had a social justice problem, she did not know how to look at a child in the face and say they could not live with their mother, and if they did they could not live there, it was like saying

they could not have a hamburger, they had to keep eating dog food, so these folks over here could keep having steak, that she had heard the minister who opened the session this morning speak about all of them having power that was loaned to them, and that was really powerful to her, and she hoped that they would give every consideration to granting this request of the Women's Home and she wanted to ask them please support the wellbeing of children. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he had been lobbied by many, that she did a great job in presenting, and do not think that the Council was being swayed by anybody's bottom line or their profit, he had some folks who really had some high ethics around the table, that it was a great presentation. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Mr. Bart Harris, 7011 Housman, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-303-0762) appeared and stated that he was the President of the Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood and a resident of Spring Branch for 13 years, that any concerns that the proposed Women's Home facilities would cause adverse effect to Spring Branch East revitalization were unfounded, that he truly believed that the proposed facility would have no measurable effect on the rapid revitalization the Spring Branch was currently experiencing, it appeared they had reached the magic tipping point in Spring Branch East from which there was no return, there was a variable land rush going on with developers and investors gobbling up rapidly appreciating real estate, that as an owner of three residential properties in Spring Branch East he followed land values with a keen interest, over the last year lot market values had at least doubled and they were still escalating, that with regard concerning the tax credits debate, the Women's Home and the proposed facilities were ideally suited for the federal funds that the tax credit program provided, they were not their typical tax credit investor who sought to possibly exploit the tax credits, wrap it behind an LLC and a managing corporation, that with all due respect he could not understand why District A or the City Council would consider denying support to a top notch, well organized and well supported successful charitable organization. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Mr. Dub Wright, 10962 Shadowood, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-725-9345) appeared and stated that he was a 45 year resident of Spring Branch and District A, past president of a civic association, that he had served two terms on the Spring Branch School Board, that a major concern that he had about the tax subsidies was the ratty housing that they had talked about, that was caused by the many apartments that they had in their area, that almost 50% of the apartments in Spring Branch were rent subsidized, this was why he was against adding more rent subsidy to apartment complexes, to keep in mind that the mobility factor in a school district was a major problem, that he was concerned about their neighborhood. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh asked how many people that had spoken today were residents of District A and the area, and Mr. Wright stated that was one thing he was wondering about, they had a lot of people speaking, they were outnumbered, but if they took the years of the people who lived in the district and lived there he suspected it would be a lot more, they had a lot of people saying that they wanted them to build, but he did not see them having it in their district, and Council Member Kubosh asked if this was the general sentiment of his neighbors, and Mr. Wright stated yes, they were concerned about it. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Ms. Susan Eppes, 5426 Poinchina, Houston, Texas 77092 (832-435-3472) appeared and stated that her family had owned property on Woodvine for over 50 years, she had grown up in the neighborhood, that she was opposed to the Women's Home because the area was saturated with apartments and housing that was not conducive to upgrading the neighborhood, if they looked across Longpoint, Mel Reyna, a well-known builder in town, was building houses

in the \$400,000 to \$600,000 range, that was less than half a mile from where her family's property was, that she was selling a property in the Galleria area now and she was thinking personally about moving back into the area and building there, but she had great concerns right now because of what was going on, also the property across the street from where this location was being thought to be put called Live Oak, it was deemed to be a gated community and the real estate people were going to do that, and now that project had been put on hold because of the location of this particular project, that while she was totally not against the Women's Home movement, she questioned why they had to have it all on one street, and in one area, and in a neighborhood that was emerging, that she would encourage them not to vote for it in this location, she would be happy for it to be in another location. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Bradford, Ms. Eppes stated that she had been waiting for 30 years for revitalization, that the facility there was great, but she thought if they looked at the three streets that they were talking about they were penalizing homeowners in those areas and she did not think the revitalization was ever going to come across the street. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Ms. Abby Harrison, 712 Caplin St., Houston, Texas 77022 (713-291-2813) appeared and stated that she was a certified, professional dog trainer and had over 15 years of experience, and had worked with a couple of thousands dogs and had seen a lot of dogs come in and out of rescue and had worked with them in varying ways, that she got the start because her first dog went missing and she was heartbroken, that she got a call three weeks after she was gone that they had picked up a dog and they wanted her to come and take a look at her, it was her dog, that the animal rescue group that was driving the change in the City law was trying to say that three days was enough to correct any problems along those lines, they wanted to assume custody permanently, to take the dogs away from their rightful owners, the two families in question were moving Heaven and earth to try to get back their dogs, they were actively looking for their animals, they had to sue the rescue, the rescue had been sued twice, to get back property. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Harrison raised an appropriate point, but she would point out that after three days those dogs could be euthanized, and their goal was to euthanize as few animals as they could possibly achieve, so the goal of the ordinance change was to allow quicker transfer to rescue groups who had the opportunity to save those animals, they worked with many rescue groups, and understood that the particular rescue to whom she was referring to had a particular attitude about returning dogs that may have heartworms or something, that those dogs may not have been well cared for, but she would assure her that they had constant communication to try to make sure that dogs did get returned to their owners, but the goal of the ordinance was not to take people's pets away, but it was to move animals back to loving homes as rapidly as possible, and Ms. Harrison stated that the 30 day grace period was what they were taking away, and Mayor Parker stated that if she could not get an animal into a foster program that animal was probably not going to be there in 30 days, that she was trying not to allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent.

After questions by Council Member Bradford, Ms. Harrison stated that her recommendation was that any animal that came out of BARC and got pulled by a rescue, if that family came back within 30 days, the understanding was that it go back to the family, that allowed plenty of time. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated to keep in mind that the vast majority were not licensed or micro chipped so it was very difficult to find an owner. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

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. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jeff Hunter, 1404 Harrington, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-646-9963) appeared and stated that he had spoken with them before about bicycling in Houston, that his attendance at the subcommittee hearing in the morning was a great experience, that he wanted to talk about routes, Waugh Drive from Heights to Westheimer, a bike route that was north to south and connected to bike trails that moved east to west, that would help mobility for bicycles in Houston. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Mr. Ovide Duncantell, 8002 Crestwick Dr., Houston, Texas 77083 (713-205-9999) appeared and stated that he was present to ask them to join in and help them welcome the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King back to Houston, that the City had a golden opportunity to help organizations like theirs, who over the last 40 years had tried to keep Dr. Kings image and name alive in the City, they were inviting them to come out and celebrate with them during the weekend, to commemorate Dr. Kings anniversary of death, that on Friday night, April 4, 2014, they were going to have a candle light service and then a gala like affair. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that Mr. Duncantell encouraged him and his brothers and was appreciative for what he had done and the impact he had on his life. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. John Stipetich, 2001 Holcomb, No. 2105, Houston, Texas 77030 (713-385-7825) appeared, presented information, and stated that he had never gotten hurt until last May, he ended up 15 days in Memorial Hermann Trauma Hospital, that during the two hour time period, when he was under the custody of the Houston Fire Department EMS, a watch given to him by the Director of SACO Corporation, Tokyo, Japan, in 1994, went missing, that from May to August he made phone calls got blown off by the people in the Fire Department that he spoke to, in August he finally got one of the EMS guys, who was in the vehicle with him, and he stated that he put his watch, cell phone and wallet, between his legs on the gurney as he rolled him in, so they knew they made it to the hospital, according to him, that he went to the hospital and the CEO of Memorial Hermann, without any argument or dispute, said they were going to reimburse him, he was sorry, he was hiring an retired FBI to take care of security, they did not want anything like this to happen again, that at the end of November he got a bill from the City of Houston for about \$1,200 for the services rendered, that they should have been on it from day one, there was no phone number on that bill, so he wrote a letter to Ms. Madeline Appel and she got the ball rolling, and he got stonewalled from the Fire Department Chief. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that EMS came to an emergency situation, picked him up, took his watch off and when he came to in the hospital it was missing, and he initiated a search at the hospital and attempted to through EMS, and they failed to respond, and Mr. Stipetich stated that every time he talked to someone representing EMS they treated him with disrespect and

arrogance and refused to communicate with him in any productive way whatsoever, that the fall took place on May 22, 2013, and Mayor Parker stated that she was not aware of the protocol, and knew what happened on the police side when someone was picked up and they had personal affects, she did not know what happened on the fire side and someone was picked up and had personal affects, that she would personally try to run the protocol down and get back to him on how they could improve that situation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

After discussion by Council Member Gonzalez, Mr. Stipetich stated that the EMS put his wallet, cellphone and watch between his legs, according to his own words to him in August, and he asked if he did not maintain a chain of custody and he said no, they had computers now and they were not required to, common sense would be a plastic zip lock bag. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Zeke Moore, 3422 Prudence, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-530-2523) appeared, presented information, and stated that he lived in Townwood, and they were trying to work real hard to keep the value up on their homes, but they needed the City's help, they needed speed bumps and handicap ramps, the sewer line had broken in his neighborhood and over the last couple of months the line had broken in twelve houses, that their neighborhood was old, the average person was 60 plus years old, that they did not have money to fix the sidewalk. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

After discussion by Council Members Boykins and Green, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the weeds had been referred to a weed cutting contractor and should be cut within the next few weeks, and Mr. Landon Taylor, Department of Neighborhoods, and Mr. Wright, Public Works and Engineering Department were present and would speak with him. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Roberto Mejia, 4621 Bell St., Houston, Texas 77023 (832-279-1425) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. William Beal (did not wish to give address and phone number) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Juan Boston, 16918 Atascocita Bend Dr., Humble, Texas 77396 (409-454-4100) appeared and read from a prepared statement regarding an injury on the job and his claim for Workers Compensation, that he was present to speak, for the victims that had come before him in hopes that he could save those who would fall victim. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he appreciated Mr. Boston's efforts to build awareness about his issue and what he was going through to possibly help others as well, that it was explained to him that the insurance concerns were under the purview of the State and not necessarily City Council, but they appreciated his coming down and advocating his position, that he may want to reach out to his State officials as well. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem

Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. David Williams, 12903 Brantrock Drive, Houston, Texas 77082 (832-687-1609) appeared and stated that he was present as an advocate, that he had met Mr. John Noflin two years ago at a church function, that Mr. Noflin had an ordeal with the City of Houston Fire Department, that he was handicap, he was a Katrina survivor, in 2005 he moved to the City of Houston, that he felt violated and had rights as a human being, that the question was what gave an ambulance the right to stop in pursuit of getting someone to the hospital. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that in Mr. Noflin's first visit to Council the Mayor did try to engage with him and address his issue, or at least give some information to his concerns and it was bad timing, and Mr. Williams asked if they could have some dialog with Mr. Nguyen's office because they lived in District F, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that maybe he could contact Council Member Nguyen office. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Constance Reed, 5050 Yale, No. 165, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-256-6381) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Gloria Sanders, 5050 Yale, No. 165, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-256-6381) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Stella Okobi, 9814 N. Vita Circle, Houston, Texas 77070 (no phone) appeared and stated that a lady asked her to move from the walking path at the Houston airport, and continued to voice her personal experiences until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the Houston Airport System had no record of her complaint so he would encourage her to follow up with Mr. Todd Curry, the liaison with the Airport System and was present in the Chamber. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 – FA34511 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) appeared, presented information, and discussed lot drainage and swales that were established in 1946, that he needed a detailed answer on the matter. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the Legal Department felt that they had already provided him all of the answers that they could. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig,

Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Steven Williams, (no address) (no phone) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Marvin Baum, 3534 Glenwood Strings Dr., Kingwood, Texas 77345 (281-361-0866) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Patricia Martin, 10802 Kingspoint, Houston, Texas 77075 (832-276-6470) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. James Whittaker, 3110 Napoleon St., Houston, Texas 77004 (281-804-2812) appeared and stated that he was a retired and disabled worker, that they hassled him because of his disability, that he had seen police officers in plain clothes harassing him, and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Janice Walker, 6723 Leedale, Houston, Texas 77016 (832-557-6312) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Scotty Saucedo, 9134 Cobbleshire, Houston, Texas 77037 (832-703-3421) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Samuel Arnich, 13100 Stonefield, No. 1703, Houston, Texas 77014 (281-630-1152) appeared, presented information and stated that he was Vice President of United Houstonian Taxi Driver Association in Houston, that he was present to give them feedback from drivers in the industry, that they were concerned when it would be ratified about the new entries into the taxi industry, involving such groups as the ride share companies, Lyft and Huber, and some effects that it was going to have on their business, that they were also concerned about implementation of City Council ordinances, there were some changes that needed to be made, that ARA maintained somewhat of a "we don't get involved" policy when it came to driver contract agreements, anti-retaliation clauses, something that was much needed because the drivers had been constantly terminated daily, if they would just get involved with the process and try to get some idea as to what was going on and help them eliminate some of these problems, that they had some kind of joke called independent status and they were concerned, they were concerned about having a definition of that particular status put into the City ordinance, that they would also like a hearing committee setup of equal number of owners and drivers, as they had been set up in other cities and had been very successful to solve a lot of these problems, that taxi permits really helped drivers feel like they were true independent contact drivers. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh asked if Mr. Arnich was really talking a medallion, and Mr. Arnich stated yes. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Galdino Sebit, 11834 Alex Ln., Houston, Texas 77071 (832-885-2112) appeared and stated that he was present to clarify the problems that the cab drivers were going through, that to the question of the permits, or medallions, at the moment most of the medallions were actually owned by the companies and they were leased to the cab drivers at a very high amount of money, each medallion was paid for by the companies, \$541 a year, and it was leased to the cab drivers at \$9,000 a year, that was completely unfair, that was why most drivers actually stayed on the street, that almost all of the time they got robbed or killed, that this was not fair, they wanted drivers to be given an opportunity to get medallions so they would be able to afford the \$541 paid to the City, instead of \$9,000 a year, that this was a major problem that they had been facing, he had been to City Hall many times, but had never had a solution to this problem. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh asked Mr. Sebit how he felt about the companies wanting to come in, Huber and Lyft, were they going to be good for the cab drivers or bad, and Mr. Sebit stated that he thought the cab drivers should also be given the opportunity to have APPS on their phones, so they could compete with these companies, they were not present to block anybody for any business, but they were present to work together so they could also get their share, and Council Member Kubosh asked Mr. Sebit why he did not have a permit or medallion himself, and Mr. Sebit stated that he could not answer that question because it had always been like that, the medallions were with the companies and they just went and leased it from them, but they had been asking the City to give them medallions because it lessened their expenses. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Joseph Mosichuk, 2112 Dryden Rd., Houston, Texas 77030 (713-854-8859) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Ivory Strahan, 5211 Wiley St., Houston, Texas 77016 (713-635-2434) appeared and stated that she was a concerned taxpaying citizen, that her neighborhood was in the center of Parker, east of Highway 59, Tidwell south, Homestead west and Little York, that it was called Bristol Place, it was a small neighborhood, but the horses and dogs were taking over, that she had talked to State Representative Senfronia Thompson and her assistant and Senator Rodney Ellis, and they came out a few years ago concerned about horses, that people had vacant lots out there and were renting out to people who did not live in their area, and the people who put the horses out there did not come back to see about the horses in time and they had to drive their nice vehicles or even just drive down the street and go through horse hockey to get to their home, that it was not cleaned up, that they smell horse whatever in their neighborhood, that she complained a few years ago and police and different people came out and checked and sure enough they had to many horses on to small of a property, that she saw in the newspaper about an ordinance and permit that was going to go into effect or they were thinking about considering and she was asking them to please follow up on that. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Boykins stated that he did respect neighborhoods and that was all that she was asking, that Council Member Davis had been very focused on this issue, that he got feedback from some of the cowboys on the trail, that Council Member Davis gave them an opportunity to finish the trail ride and an opportunity to get with some of the community people and come up with something that made sense and was fair to the neighborhoods, that ARA had stepped back for a moment as well, that he was very sympathetic and respected neighborhoods, that she was correct, there were a lot of stables out there, but thought they could come to some compromise that would be fair and would try to work out something. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Council Member Davis had been working on this specific issue, and they also heard a proposal to consider possibly finding ways to increase the funding for BARC and additional personnel and resources for them would help them address the livestock issue they had. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Jonathan C. C. Day, 524 Highland, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-673-0220) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was present to talk about the One Bin for All Program, that they were going to take recycling out of their homes and centralize the process, about 70,000 homes were helping the City recycle, they were going to take that out and build a \$100 million plus gasification plant, that they had some big names behind the plan, Mayor Bloomberg and Mayor Parker, two of the most famous Mayors in the Country were very interested in this, that Houston had received \$1 million to study the project, that he would be coming to Council once a month for 6 months to keep up with the issue because it was complex. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Alexander Nizini, 2911 Ferndale, Houston, Texas 77098 (415-900-8512) appeared and stated that came to plead for their in connection with his property located in a non-deed restricted community in Upper Kirby, that he lived in District C, but this problem affected every district, that on March 20, 2014, he emailed a detailed account of this disturbing situation to each Council Member, to summarize his grievance a undisclosed group of homeowners in his subdivision approached Public Works and asked for parking measures to deal with the nuisance resulting from curbside parking by students of Lamar High School located a half a mile away, that today these students could no longer park on their block, but now he could no longer receive morning or overnight visitors and had trouble parking his own vehicles in front of his home, while his property value and marketability had suffered tremendously, to be constructive, if the City thought that his unrestrictive property was residential it should replace his no parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. signs with signs that read No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. except with block permit and grant such permits to block residents, alternatively the City thought that his property was commercial, it should recognize that street parking was the only parking for his small business and should replace the current signs with signs that read No. High School Parking, that finally if the City could not think of a way to classify his property as either residential or commercial then it should remove all restrictive signage in front of his home and let him worry about the high school students. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would look into what was going on, that he would

come out and meet with him. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Cohen stated that she and Mr. Nizini had talked on any number of occasions and had also suggested a residential permit, which he was not enthusiastic about, there were a lot of things that they had been trying to do, and Mr. Nizini stated that he did not think that Council Member Cohen had tried to do anything, and Council Member Cohen stated that she took serious exception to that and thought sometimes the issue was because they could not do what he wanted he did not think they were hearing him, but they really were and were really trying to work with it, and Mr. Nizini stated that he would be interested in anything except what he had right now, she never brought this up in his communication with her. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Steven Wiggins, 12800 Woodforest, No. 2008, Houston, Texas 77015 (281-450-8274) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time, that he had two sworn affidavits regarding the need of emergency protection, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-987-3854) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. 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 his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Barbara Staley, 2809B West Lane, Houston, Texas 77027 (832-606-0912) appeared and stated that she was present on behalf of the Women's Home, that the Jane Ciziks Garden Place was a sober living community, and that was to be replicated in the Phase II facility, that would be built on the property at Hamilton and Jacqueline, that it was not a ratty apartment dwelling as had been voiced today as a concern.. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson, Kubosh and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Karen George, 2328 Rice Blvd., Houston, Texas 77005 (713-682-3441) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was a long time Board Member of the Women's Home and as Chair of the Capital Campaign to raise the \$16 million for the project, that she had a letter from former First Lady Barbara Bush in support of the Capital Campaign which

included a Phase II Housing Project as well as a service center. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson, Kubosh and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Paula Paust, 13057Kingsride Lane, Houston, Texas 77079 (713-328-1955) appeared, and stated that she was Executive Director of the Women's Home, that she would like to address the confusion about whether they needed tax credits or not, when she met with Council Member Stardig she was stunned by her opposition and did not get to clarify what their funding needs were, they needed tax credits, they needed City of Houston funds, which they had before, they needed private dollars, to complete their Phase II Housing and Service Center, they had been in Spring Branch East for more than six years, they had bought property for the project, they planned on staying there, they planned on a commitment to the economic development, that she also wanted to say that providing stable housing and support services enables children to thrive, it also enabled their families to experience the American dream. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Marci Tapp, 4124 Fernwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77021 (832-236-8611) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Brenda White, 7626 Twin Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77071 (713-703-4142) appeared, presented information, and stated that she currently served as President of the Board of the Women's Home, that they were very fortunate to have the supporters that they did, that she had a letter from Ms. Susan Baker, who started the National Alliance to End Homelessness in Washington, D.C., when her husband was Secretary of State, under President Bush and read a few lines of support from Ms. Baker for the Women's Home. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Walker Barnett, 4627 Waring, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-830-2111) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Mr. Victor Alvarez, 7817 Betty Jane, Houston, Texas 77055 appeared and stated that she was president to ask that they not support the request for tax credits application and federal help that the Women's Home wanted for Phase II, that he had been inside Phase I and was there when it was being built, that it was not a question of the mission of the Women's Home, it was because it was that Spring Branch was saturated already with apartments. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Marlene Trujillo, 1615 Hillendahl, Houston, Texas 77055 (281-702-6540) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding.

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Jo Lightsey, 2203 Counter Point, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-851-6925) appeared and stated that she was President of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association and was present to support the Women's Home. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Judith Gilbert, 259 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-857-8044) appeared and stated that she had been a Spring Branch School Teacher and a school district volunteer, and she was present to support the Women's Home. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Reverend Michael Shirl, 711 Main #402, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-252-8812) appeared and stated that he was Chief Operating Officer of the Women's Home, and his professional expertise also included 7 years with Habitat for Humanity, and was present in support for the Women's Home. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Jo Reid, 5100 San Felipe #274E, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-582-6150) appeared in support if the Women's Home. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to commend all of those present in support of the Women's Home for their commitment to their community, that he was proud of the project and was still waiting for District D to get one of these projects. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Justin Hartz, 7600 E. Houston, Houston, Texas 77026 (502-931-5795) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. William Ator, 6019 Maypine Ln., Houston, Texas 77085 (713-469-8727) appeared and stated that he was representing taxi drivers in Houston, regarding the problems facing them, that as most of them knew the medallion permits belonged to the City and taxi companies leased it from the City, then the taxi drivers leased from the taxi companies, but some companies imposed rules which were not found in City ordinances, for example if a driver had an emergency call and wanted to resolve the issue for two or three months and had a driver to drive in his absence, the company refused to allow him to bring in another driver, and then would ask the driver either to pay money for two or three months. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh asked how could they help them, and Mr. Ator stated that he had three suggestions, one, if they could allow the taxi driver to establish independent companies

so they could have a chance to work and improve their financial stability, two, if a driver had a problem with any cab company the City could interfere and investigate what was the problem, if the problem was against the driver, the driver would be punished, if it was against the City company they could allow the driver to continue his work, and three, if a driver had a complaint against a certain company the administration had a right to write a memo or letter to find out what the problem was causing the driver, so if they put these three into consideration they would be glad to work with them. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Abraham Ulu, 5750 Gulfton, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-367-8303) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 5:53 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent. Council Member Bradford presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Karen Kelly, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:25 a.m. The City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:14 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that she would take a point of personal privilege and stated that they had a large delegation present from their Sister City of Tampico, Mexico, Mayor of Tampico, Mr. Gustavo Torres and a number of members of their City Council, and a large business delegation, that Tampico had a robust Sister City relationship with Houston, they became Sister Cities in 2003, they had 23 members of the Tampico City Council, they appreciated very much in their interest of increasing the ties between the City of Houston and Tampico.

Council Members Gonzalez and Gallegos welcomed the Mayor and City Council Members of Tampico, Mexico, to Houston and thanked them for all they did.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 before the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0242 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **CAROLINA WOLK** to Panel A1 of the **INDEPENDENT POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**, for an unexpired term ending October 26, 2014 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0243 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated they had just affirmed the appointment of Carolina Wolk to the Independent Police Oversight Board, that she appreciated her interest in the Police Oversight

Board, it was a time consuming board and it was important to have citizens from all across the community who were interested in engaging on that, and thanked and congratulated Ms. Wolk.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE ZONE)**:

- Position One - **F. XAVIER PEÑA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2015, and to serve as Chair
- Position Three- **MICHELE J. SABINO**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2015
- Position Five - **REGINA GARCIA**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2014
- Position Nine - **BARRY MANDEL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2015

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0244 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had appointed Members of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone No. 3, Main Street Market Square Zone and recognized Ms. Regina Garcia who was present in the audience, and stated that she appreciated her service to the City of Houston, the reinvestment zones had become increasingly important to the City of Houston and Main Street Market Square was a very lively area right now.

Council Members Gallegos, Cohen and Pennington congratulated Ms. Garcia on her appointment and appreciated her service to the City of Houston.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL-HEIGHTS ZONE)**:

- Position Two - **ANN LENTS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2015 and appointment to serve as Chair, for a term to expire 12/31/2014
- Position Five - **ROBERT M. STEIN, (HISD representative)**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2014

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0245 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had appointed individuals to the Board of Directors to Zone Number Five, Memorial-Heights Zone and did not think that either appointee was present.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **BENJAMIN LEVIT** to the **WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a period of a year and 180 days - was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0246 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the public hearing.

HEARING - 9:00 A. M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the Fourth Amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN (LAKE HOUSTON ZONE) DISTRICT E – MARTIN** – was called.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to appear, and Mr. Ralph De Leon, Mayor's Office, would make remarks on the hearing.

Mr. De Leon stated that on October 1, 2013 the Board of Directors of the Lake Houston TIRZ approved amendment to the TIRZ Project Plan and Financing Plan and forwarded them to the City for consideration, pursuant to Section 311.011E and Section 311.007 of the Texas Tax Code, a City must hold a public hearing when proposed amendments to a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Project Plan and Financing Plan increases the total estimated project cost stated in their project plan, or enlarges or reduces the values of the zone, this public hearing was a statutorily required part of the City's review process, that each Council office had been given a copy of the proposed amended plan for the TIRZ and an official City statement had been distributed to each of them, as explained in the body of their proposed amendment, and as shown in Exhibit 1, the projects costs in the amended plan would increase by \$22.6 million from previous plans, the proposed amendment restated that goals and objectives of previous plans and included provisions for the design and construction of roadways and streets, public utility systems, cultural and public facility improvements, parks and educational facilities, in addition the proposed amendment provided for the enlargement of the zone of approximately 496.388 acres, that in closing City staff had worked with the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority on the proposed amended plan and zone annexation and would later bring forth a recommendation to City Council to approve the amended plan.

After discussion by Council Member Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that no members of the public had signed up to speak on the issue and asked if there was anyone who wished to specifically address the extension of the TIRZ, seeing none requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0247 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 44

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 7 and 8

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from John K. Tyler, on behalf of M. J. West Properties, Inc (Mark J. West, President), disclaiming, releasing, and relinquishing the City's right, title, interest, claim, and demand in and to a 3-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, located within Lot 61 of the Oak Grove Subdivision, out of the David Henson Survey, Parcel SY14-061 **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0248 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from David Brewer, Brewer Escalante, on behalf of F. L. Tucker, Ltd., (Kurt M. Hanson, Vice President), declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of: 1) Millport Street, from Burr Oak Street to Belmore Street; 2) Belmore Street, from Millport Street to Grovecrest Street; 3) Belmore Street, from New Bridge Street to Rena Street; 4) Hickory Street, from Burr Oak Street to Bingle Road; and 5) Rena Street, from Burr Oak Street to Belmore Street, all located within the Rosslyn Addition, out of the Joseph Box Survey, Parcels SY14-051A through SY14-051E - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** - was presented, moved by Council

Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none.
MOTION 2014-0249 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 through 12

9. **TYLER MOTOR COMPANY, INC d/b/a HALL VOLVO GMC** for Rehabilitation Rescue Truck through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department - \$337,887.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0250 ADOPTED.
10. **LUCAS HOLDINGS LLC d/b/a LUCAS COLOR CARD** for Printing, Library Cards and Barcode Labels for the Library Department - \$86,050.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0251 ADOPTED.
12. **HAMILTON ROBOTICS CORP.** for Automated High-Throughput Robotics for DNA Extraction for the Houston Police Department - \$121,253.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0252 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 14 through 44

14. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 15-foot-wide prescriptive sanitary sewer easement located in Block 1, Chelsea Place Subdivision, Obedience Smith Survey, A-696, Houston, Texas; abandoning the easement to Streetlights Montrose, L.P., the owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$75,210.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0215 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-0105 (Passed on February 6, 2013) to increase the maximum contract amount between the City of Houston and **HORIZON INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC, BROWN STERLING BUILDERS, INC, PAYLESS INSULATION, INC** and **PMG PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC** for the Residential Energy Efficiency Program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0216 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 1600 block of Cherryhurst Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0217 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1600 block of Haver Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0218 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE establishing the north side of the 1700 block of Haver Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0219 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1600 block of Missouri Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0220 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1600 block of Missouri Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0221 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 1700 block of Missouri Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0222 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE establishing the east side of the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Yupon Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0223 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE establishing the east side of the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Yupon Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0224 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 59-1887 to update the description of oil drilling units within the Mykawa Field located within the City of Houston, Texas; containing findings; providing an effective date; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0225 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **BAUER LANDING WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0226 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$805,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF; approving and authorizing Pipeline Relocation Agreement between the City of Houston and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY INTRASTATE PIPELINES, LLC** for Broadway Street Reconstruction - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0227 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDRSF and \$20,000.00 from the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDRSF; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **OMEGA ENGINEERS, INC** for Storm Water and Paving Projects - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0228 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$788,571.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SPECIALIZED MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to

meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4277-81) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0229 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,231,135.07 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Waterline Repair Project I (DWO); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0230 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCES Nos. 2014-202 to 2014-206, passed first reading March 12, 2014
ORDINANCES granting to the following listed as A through E, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions and making certain findings related thereto **SECOND READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE No. 2014-202 to 2014-206 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
COREY PETERS dba AFFORDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-202)
AMIR BENJAMIN dba JAYCO VACUUM SERVICES, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-203)
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ dba A-HAWK GREASE TRAP, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-204)
ADAM HUMBERTO BELMONT dba BETOS HYDRO SANITATION, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-205)
C4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company - (2014-206)

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$215,584.45 and acceptance of work on contract with **GIBSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for Yale Street Bridge Rehabilitation over White Oak Bayou - 6.59% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0253 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

11. **eBUSINESS 1** for a Software License Agreement for the Municipal Courts Department \$288,000.00 - Technology Fee Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington.

After discussion, Council Member Kubosh stated that he would like to suspend the rules and have someone from the IT Department or the presiding judge, or anyone from the City that could address how this operated.

Mayor Parker stated that it would be someone from the IT Department because it was an IT purchase, but if he wished to delay the item to the end of the agenda she could see if she could bring someone over.

Council Member Kubosh asked if he could suspend the rules to have the vendors come up and speak to them, and Mayor Parker stated no, that they could delay the item until the end of the agenda and try to figure out what he was trying to accomplish, and Council Member Kubosh stated that he would tag Item No. 11 and next week perhaps they could have somebody from the Courts or IT Department present.

After further discussion, Council Member Kubosh stated that he wanted to see how eBusiness 1 was going to function in reference to the new CSmart that they were going to have.

After further discussion by Council Members Green and Bradford, Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules to hear from vendors for eBusiness One, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Members Kubosh, Gallegos, Nguyen, Bradford and Laster voting aye, balance voting no. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2014-0254 FAILED.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would move Item No. 11 to the end of the agenda, and Mayor Parker asked if he would withdraw his motion and Council Member Kubosh stated yes. Council Member Davis absent.

ORDINANCES

13. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, CODE OF ORDINANCES**, relating to Financial Disclosure Statements - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0231 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE establishing a hiring incentive for Police Trainees; the amount of the incentive; conditions for payment – was presented. Mayor Parker and Council Member Davis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion Council Member Costello stated that the RCA did not have where the money was coming from, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they would try to track it down. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After further discussion by Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Bradford, Costello, Martin and Davis, Mayor Parker stated that whether they were the Chief of Police or Fire Department or Public Works or Solid Waste Directors, every department director was expected to manage within the budget they were given, and in answer to Council Member Costello's question, it was reprioritized within the existing police budget.

A vote was called on Item No. 15. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0232 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$13,473,086.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the Records Management System for the Houston Police Department (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-0392) - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Green, a vote was called on Item No. 16. All voting

aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0233

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,000,000.00 out of Dangerous Building Consolidated Fund for Demolition of Dangerous Buildings – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0234 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston and the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for administration of the City of Houston Summer Jobs Program - \$1,500,000.00 - General Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green.
20. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of the **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1** in extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0235 ADOPTED.
29. 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. 61** and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 286** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris County; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **CINCO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 7**, **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 287** and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 367** 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 amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of Houston and **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 30** and on proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such district in Fort Bend County; proposals for the City of Houston to impose the City of Houston's Sales and Use Tax in such territories; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings - **HEARING DATES - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 23 and APRIL 30, 2014** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0236 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE authorizing participation with other Entergy Service Area cities in matters concerning **ENTERGY TEXAS, INC** before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during 2014 - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0237 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-1013 to increase the maximum contract amount for an agreement for Legal Services between the City of Houston and **CONNELLY BAKER WOTRING LLP**, for representation of the City in negotiations with the United States Environmental Protection Agency - \$995,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0238 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP, INC** for Professional Services to promote economic development; providing a maximum contract amount – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0239 ADOPTED.

36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,500,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing purchase of easements and other interests in real property and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations, with associated costs for appraisal fees, title policies and services, expenses associated with removing improvements from the right-of-way, relocation expenses, recording fees and other services, in connection with negotiations to settle purchases, court costs and expert witness fees for and in connection with construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0240 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,875,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AECOM USA GROUP, INC** for services associated with the Storm Drainage Program Support (Approved by Ordinance No. 2003-1195); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0241 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,555,880.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AMANI ENGINEERING, INC** for Winsome Lift Station Construction and abandonment of Gulfton and Westheimer No. 1 Lift Stations; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0242 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,482,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for MUD No. 25 Storm Water Right of Way Maintenance; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0243 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,629,300.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Lift Station Abandonment and Flow Diversion - Knox, Randolph and Grenshaw; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 45 and 46

MISCELLANEOUS

45. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from March 26, 2014, to receive nominations for Positions 10 and 12 of the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND**

HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, for the remainder of the two-year term that will end March 1, 2016 – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, April 2, 2014 to receive nominations for Positions 10 and 12 of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0255 ADOPTED.

46. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from March 26, 2014, to receive nominations for Positions 18, 20 and 21 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the three-year term that will end January 1, 2017 - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, April 2, 2014 to received nominations for Positions 18, 20 and 21 of the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0256 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 47 through 54

47. RESOLUTION confirming support for the proposed development as affordable rental housing of property, located at 7600 Hammerly, in the City of Houston, Texas, and for the submittal of an application for housing tax credits for such development - **WOMEN'S HOME PHASE II - DISTRICT A – STARDIG – (This was Item 9J on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOYKINS)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Kubosh, Stardig, Gonzalez, Pennington and Green, Council Member Pennington stated that it would be useful if they could have some kind of report from the Housing Committee saying what the community issues were, individual issues and all of the things that went into making decisions had been considered.

Mayor Parker stated that they did analyze the projects as they came in and there was a set of criteria that the City believed they needed to achieve and was what they had used to differentiate between those that had initial support and those that had no objections, and there had also been projects in the past that they did not want see pass, and they did try to analyze as much of that data as possible and present it to the Housing Committee of Council, that she wanted to be clear that while she respected the prerogatives of District Council Members, every one of those constituents were her constituents, as well as the At-Large Members of Council, and she knew that the individual District Council Members had a more intimate knowledge of what went on in their district, but she and the At-Large Council Members would not cede their responsibility to represent all of the constituents to a Council Member, although she respected Council Member Stardig's position in this matter and absolutely they would go and mow down apartment complexes together, as they had in the past, and as they would remember they had just passed \$3 million earlier to do more demolitions across the City and they intended to do that.

After further discussion by Council Members Laster and Green, a vote was called on Item No. 47. Council Members Kubosh, Laster, Stardig, Gallegos and Pennington voted no, balance voting aye. RESOLUTION 2014-0008 ADOPTED.

48. RESOLUTION confirming no objection to the proposed development as affordable rental housing of property located at the northwest corner of Oates Road and Interstate 10, in the City of Houston, Texas, or to the submittal of an application for housing tax credits for such development - **HURSTBOURNE CROSSING - DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS (This was**

Item 10E on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GALLEGOS - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Gallegos and Gonzalez, a vote was called on Item No. 48. All voting no. RESOLUTION 2014-0009 FAILED.

49. RESOLUTION confirming no objection to the proposed development as affordable rental housing of property located in the 8500 block of South Sam Houston Parkway East, in the City of Houston, Texas, or to the submittal of an application for housing tax credits for such development **MONARCH - DISTRICT D - BOYKINS – (This was Item 10H on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins and Green, a vote was called on Item No. 49. All voting no. RESOLUTION 2014-0010 FAILED.

50. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the regulation of animals – **(This was Item 10-1 on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER)** – was presented. Council Member Green absent.

After discussion Council Member Davis offered the following written motion:

“I move to amend Item 50 by amending Exhibit A of the proposed Ordinance as follows:

1. By adding the following definitions to the list of defined terms in Subsection (b) of Section 6-1 and inserting the definitions in alphabetical order within the list of defined terms:

Domestic animal means any beast or bird that has been bred or trained to need and accept the care of humans and to live in a tame condition, including, but not limited to, livestock, goat, swine, dog, cat, fowl, or other beast or bird.”

Domestic cat means Felis catus, Felis domesticus, or any domesticated member of the genus Felis.”

Domestic fowl means birds of a breed developed or kept for the purpose of meat production, egg laying or purely for ornament or show, including, but not limited to, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, pea-fowls, and parakeets, canaries, parrots, cockatoos, macaws or similar birds.

2. By replacing Subsection (c) of Section 6-14 with the following:

(c) Any enclosure or structure used to contain livestock pursuant to this section shall be constructed in accordance with any applicable standards and requirements provided in section 6-7 of this Code and the Building Code. However, the requirements provided in item (2) of section 6-7 of this Code shall not be applicable to enclosures or structures with a valid building permit in existence on or before _____¹; provided, however, that any alteration, remodeling, or reconstruction of the enclosure or structure must meet the requirements provided in item (2) of section 6-7 of this Code. Additionally, the suspension or revocation of a valid building permit for any enclosure or structure subject to this special exemption shall result in the forfeiture of the privilege of use of the enclosure or structure and shall require compliance with the requirements provided in item (2) of section 6-7 of this Code.”

3. By replacing Subsection (a) of section 6-86 with the following and re-lettering the remaining subsection accordingly:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess or have control over four or more adult dogs, four or more adult cats, or any combination thereof exceeding three adult dogs and three adult cats on residential property within 100 feet of any other building used for human habitation. The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the structure or fenced enclosure where the animal is contained to the nearest point of the other building used for human habitation.”
Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent.

¹The City Secretary/Editor shall insert date of this Ordinance.

Council Member Laster offered the following written motion:

“I move to amend Agenda Item 50 as shown hereon as Exhibit B, to the proposed Ordinance, by adding the underlined sentence to Article II, Sec. 6-39 (2) shown below as follows:

Sec. 6-39 Permit to keep chicken hens.

- (a.) Notwithstanding anything in this article, it shall be lawful for any person who has obtained a permit from the director to keep, possess and maintain no more than seven chicken hens for the purpose of providing such person with fresh unfertilized eggs. A revocable permit may be issued by the director for the keeping of seven or less chicken hens under the following conditions:
- 1.) The applicant shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the director written certification from a licensed physician that in the opinion of such physician the applicant has need of fresh unfertilized chicken eggs for serious reasons pertaining to said person’s health.
 - 2.) The structure or fenced enclosure in which the chicken hens will be kept is at least 100 feet from any other building used for human habitation. The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the structure or fenced enclosure where the chicken hens are contained to the nearest point of the other building used for human habitation; and.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration supported both sets of amendments, and asked if anyone else had amendments to offer.

Council Member Bradford stated that he did not have an amendment per se, but wanted he to strike a sentence from the item, that could be considered as an amendment, that in Section 6-102(b), in the RCA it indicated that there was an attempt to clarify the points at which BARC assumed and relinquished ownership of an animal, when in fact it was not clarifying anything, it actually established a right, it created a right and divested owners of their dogs, that it was something brand new that happened, it was not a clarification at all as represented in the RCA, the last sentence, Section 6-102(b), indicated with the additional language, “On the seventh calendar day following such notice, the animal may be offered for adoption or euthanized at the discretion of the director” and the new language read “title and sole ownership of the dog transfers to BARC, the dog becomes the sole property of BARC, and becomes subject to disposition as BARC deems appropriate”, and (c) pretty much said the same thing, it transferred ownership, so this was something completely new, it was not

clarifying anything at all, that it needed to be understood that he was not an advocate of extending the hold period, he thought the hold period was fine, and BARC should have the opportunity to transition an animal as quickly as they could, that currently what happened was that BARC was committed to do that, and thought they could still reserve the right as it related to property rights, they could cure this by leaving it just as written, because he thought the people at BARC had done a good job working it up, that there was nothing that they owned that they would want to lose their property rights in 3 to 6 days without some type of due process, they could cure this by simply adding language in the contract, they could simply put in a grace period in the adoption contract, that it was a 30 day period now, it should not be an infinite period of time, at least allow some period of time for a prudent, responsible owner, who located his or her pet after that 3 or 6 day period, where they could come back and redeem their animal, that was the issue for him so he was asking that they delete the last underlined sentence in Section 6-102(b), which transferred the property rights and delete (c) as well, that was what he was offering. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that after 6 days they could have a property right and a dead dog, was essentially what happens today because the euthanasia came after 6 days and this was simply to clarify title as they tried to save dogs moving them to a shelter. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Green, Laster, Robinson, Pennington and Gallegos, a vote was called on Council Member Davis's written motion to amend Item No. 50. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2014-0257 ADOPTED.

After discussion by Council Members Pennington, Laster and Boykins, a vote was called on Council Member Laster's written motion to amend Item No. 50. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0258 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Bradford indicated earlier that he was not making an amendment, and Council Member Bradford stated yes, in fact he was making an amendment and needed, for the record, to ask if he was proposing it as an amendment and she needed a second on it.

Council Member Bradford moved the following motion to amend Item No. 50, Section 6-102(b):

Delete "title and sole ownership of the dog transfers to BARC, the dog becomes the sole property of BARC, and becomes subject to disposition as BARC deems appropriate" and to delete.

(c) Dogs without an identification tag, a microchip, or a current local veterinarian vaccination tag, or dogs with a city license tag more than one year past the expiration date shall be held at BARC for a period of 72 hours, after which title and sole ownership of the dogs transfers to BARC, the dog becomes the sole property of BARC, and becomes subject to disposition as BARC deems appropriate, seconded by Council Member Costello. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Bradford and Pennington, Council Member Pennington stated that he thought Council Member Bradford made a good point and predicted if the 30 days was implemented someone would not come in very often, but people who loved their pets would be very appreciative and thought it was worthwhile to try to reach some accommodation of 10 days or 15 days or something like that that would give people a little bit better chance of reacting to the loss of their pet, and if Council Member Bradford would accept a friendly motion to amend it to 15 days to see if they could go with that and see how it

would work for a while.

Council Member Pennington moved to move from 30 days to 15 days, if they paid all of the fees that had been outlined, that they had the right to reclaim the animal within 15 days, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Chris Newport was present and prepared to answer any questions about the impact of Council Member Pennington amendment.

Mr. Newport stated that he understood that Council Member Pennington's amendment would be to change the hold period with respect to animals that were transferred during adoption, that was the only place in the code currently that interjected a grace period as it was known, to change it from 30 to 15, and Mr. Feldman stated that Council Member Pennington was referring to the hold period, from 3 and 6 to 15 and 30, and Mayor Parker stated that would significantly increase the cost to BARC, and Mr. Newport stated that it would significantly increase the cost to BARC, it would significantly increase the euthanasia rate at BARC, drastically increase that. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he was not making a motion and no second to change anything about the holding period, the holding period could stay 3 and 6 days, so he was not impacting cost at all, he was simply for offering that they add a 30 day, or 15 day, which was the motion that he seconded, a grace period, and Mayor Parker asked a grace period where to where they could pull animals back from the adoption. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that right now they had on the floor an amendment offered by Council Member Pennington to Council Member Bradford's amendment, to specify a redemption period of 15 days where an owner could reclaim from shelter agencies that were attempting to place the dogs. Council Member Martin absent.

After further discussion by Council Member Green, Mayor Parker stated to be very clear, the administration was pleased with the ordinance as it was and it tracked every other big City in the State of Texas, and they believed there was no reason for them to reinvent the wheel. Council Member Martin absent.

After further discussion by Council Member Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that the intention was to pass the ordinance and get the new restrictions in place so that they could take dangerous animals off the streets as rapidly as possible, they were engaged in a massive education effort, they did one in District H and were now in District B, so they were going door to door in those areas, they were engaged in the education campaign and the only way it worked, as they had discovered, particularly in the neighborhoods that really needed it, was door to door, straight conversations, there was not a media campaign or anything they could do in the next 90 days that would make an appreciable impact, respectfully. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Green absent.

After further discussion Council Member Laster moved to call the question on the discussion of Council Member Bradford's motion to amend Item No. 50, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Costello voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0259 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker requested that Council Member Bradford clarify his motion so that everybody would know what they were voting on.

Council Member Bradford stated that it was Council Member Pennington's motion, and

Mayor Parker stated that he offered to amend Council Member Bradford's motion, and it was Council Member Bradford's motion.

Council Member Bradford stated that his motion was to delete the last clause of Section 6.102(b) and strike the entire section (c).

"title and sole ownership of the dog transfers to BARC, the dog becomes the sole property of BARC, and becomes subject to disposition as BARC deems appropriate" and entire section (c).

(c) Dogs without an identification tag, a microchip, or a current local veterinarian vaccination tag, or dogs with a city license tag more than one year past the expiration date shall be held at BARC for a period of 72 hours, after which title and sole ownership of the dogs transfers to BARC, the dog becomes the sole property of BARC, and becomes subject to disposition as BARC deems appropriate. Council Member Martin absent.

A vote was called on Council Member Bradford's motion to amend Item No. 50. Council Members Bradford and Christie voting aye, balance voting no. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0260 FAILED.

Note: No vote was called on Council Member Pennington's friendly motion to amend Council Member Bradford motion to amend Item No. 50. Council Member Martin absent.

After discussion by Council Members Gallegos, Gonzalez, Laster and Davis, a vote was called on Item No. 50 as amended. Council Member Bradford voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0244 ADOPTED.

51. ORDINANCE adopting guidelines and criteria, making certain elections regarding eligibility and **AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Tax Abatements – **(This was Item 12 on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Laster a vote was called on Item No. 51. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0245 ADOPTED.

52. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE** for Professional Civic Art and Conservation Administration Services for the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,458,300.00 – **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0246 ADOPTED.

53. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **YAMAHA GOLF-CAR COMPANY** for Golf Cart Leasing Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 30 Months with one 30-month option - \$2,136,380.00 - General and Special Revenue Funds – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Davis a vote was called on Item No. 53. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0247 ADOPTED.

54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,406,473.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Hermann Square Park; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and materials testing services, inspection services, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS - (This was Item 28 on Agenda of March 12, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GALLEGOS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0248 ADOPTED.
11. **eBUSINESS 1** for a Software License Agreement for the Municipal Courts Department \$288,000.00 - Technology Fee Fund – was again before the City Council. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had delayed Item No. 11 until the end of the agenda and Mr. Charles Thompson, IT Department, was present, and asked that he come to the front of the Chamber, and stated that Item No. 11 was before them and asked that he give them a recap of where they were and why the item was on the agenda. Council Member Martin absent.

Mr. Thompson stated that Item No. 11 on the agenda was a product called Hypercourt, solely developed by an organization called eB1, historically what had happened was that the City of Houston migrated from a system many years ago, to the system they were on now called CourtView, at the go live of CourtView it was discovered that the full functionality of that system was inadequate to support the Courts operations, eB1, quite frankly, came to their rescue and their solution provided them the ability to process documents through the adjudication process and CourtView, although it was not optimal, was able to serve the Courts today as they moved through the development of their application called C-Smart, the item on the agenda was to pay for software maintenance and the right to use, and as the RCA stated once they went live with C-Smart they would no longer need the Hypercourt Solution from eB1. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Upon questions and discussion by Council Member Kubosh, Mr. Thompson stated that today the combination of CourtView and the Hypercourt Solution allowed them to pay online through Chase Bank for transactions at the court, and Mayor Parker asked if going forward, when C-Smart was in effect, would they be able to do online payments as well, and Mr. Thompson stated yes, and Mayor Parker stated that it would not require Hypercourt in order to do that, and Mr. Thompson stated that was his understanding.

After further discussion Mayor Parker stated that when they had their one on one meeting yesterday, and had this very same discussion in Chambers and she indicated to him that there was going to be a three month shake down period, and she would make a commitment that she made to him privately, in public, which was that she would sit him in a chair at the courts in front of a computer and he could do his best to crash the system, that was the goal of the shake down period, that obviously they did not want him to crash the system, they wanted him, as a former user of the system, to be able to tell them if it had the exact functionality because the goal was not just what they had today, but a better more useable system, and if it did not she expected him to tell them. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Thompson stated that they had been using Hypercourt since just after the second go live of CourtView; that they were using a software licensing agreement, in essence that was the right to use the software; that these were additional dollars, that the maintenance payment, Agenda Item No. 11, was for a 12 month period, they planned to use Hypercourt for 3 months after they first went live, and would

continue to use it until they had all of the functionality they needed, that as long as they were using CourtView in combination with Hypercourt, yes they were paying for the software license. Council Member Martin absent.

After further discussion by Council Member Kubosh, a vote was called on Item No. 11. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0261 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Laster stated that he understood that today was the last day that Mayor Parker's Chief of Staff, Ms. Waynette Chan, would be with them in that capacity and on behalf of the entire Council Members he thought they all wanted to thank her for her many years of service to the City of Houston and other municipalities across the State and Nation and wished her a wonderful retirement; that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for her help and support and listening to all of them and their concerns on the Chapter 6 amendments; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he got an email from a neighborhood resident who wrote that he wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Daniel McWashington, Recycling Division, Solid Waste Department, they had a neighbor who sometimes forgot to put out the green bin consistently and the pile was getting quite large and Daniel stopped his truck, got out and went to the side of the house and pulled the bin out so he could empty it, the neighbors were glad to see a City employee who wanted to do a good job and cared for all of them. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she had a great time at the Gabriella Mistrial Garden at the Early Childhood Learning Center, this was a \$40,000 grant from Scott's Miracle Grow through the U.S. Conference of Mayors, it was a three year grant, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000, so they plant the garden, they come back and see that it got refreshed and refurbished and then they come back the third time, that she liked the three year commitment because a lot of times they did things and then could not carry it forward, and this allowed them to sustain it, that this Early Childhood Education Center was for four year olds only; that she wanted to thank Council Member Laster for his acknowledgment of Ms. Chan. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Laster for acknowledging one of their employees, they had 22,000 great people who worked for the City of Houston; that they would have a special BFA Committee meeting tomorrow to discuss some draft financial policies that he would like to roll out and give ample time for everyone to review those, and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to send his sincere gratitude to the brave men and women of the Houston Fire Department, that more than 80 units and over 200 members of HFD were dispatched to yesterday's five alarm fire in Montrose, that he wanted to acknowledge Senior Captain Brad Hawthorne, who was able to rescue a construction worker with the help of his ladder unit, that he wanted to give a shout out to Papa Johns for delivering pizzas to the firefighters at the scene yesterday, as well as Goode Company Barbeque for providing barbeque sandwiches to the firefighters, that he knew many others played an important role; and announced events he attended or would be attending; that he wanted to give his congratulations to Ms. Waynette Chan, job well done. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was 45 years of public service and thought it was time for Ms. Chan to have a good time; that Council Member Gonzalez mentioned the firefighters who did such an excellent job yesterday on the fire and they saluted them for an excellent job and the rescue, that she also wanted to thank the Public Works Department who was out there

helping corral the debris while the fire was going on and she wanted to thank the guys who were out there doing that. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she too wanted to add her congratulations to Ms. Waynette Chan; that she also agreed with Mayor Parker and Council Member Gonzalez on the efforts of the firefighters yesterday at the fire that broke out, particularly acknowledged the firefighters and their rescue of the worker that was trapped, it was quite an amazing fete; and announced events she attended or would be attending; as to the Women's Home, she wanted to acknowledge the way in which Council Member Stardig handled the entire issue, she had great admiration for her passion and constituents, that she knew Council Member Stardig knew it would have been completely disingenuous for her to have taken a position other than the one that she did because she had been in the shelter movement for 18 years. Council Members Martin and Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Pennington announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he also wanted to recognize Ms. Waynette Chan, that it was curious that it was taking two men to replace one woman. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Green stated that he would keep Ms. Chan on speed dial; that he wanted to recognize a couple of HFD paramedics who had done a terrific job, Mr. Daniel Bermise and Mr. Armando Salazar from Fire Station No. 59, two weeks ago they came to the aid of Ms. Vivian Harris's husband, who was experiencing serious illness and the paramedics came out and assisted him; and announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to give kudos to IT Director, Mr. Charles Thompson, right now the City of Houston was now in HIPPA Compliance and the Health Department now had on line medical records, that meant if an individual needed care in one part of town and had to go to another health clinic they could easily now go on line and get their health records and be able to look at the history of an individual across town, that he was pleased that they had moved to that point and thanked Mr. Thompson for finding the solution and making that happen; that they wanted a Wal-Mart in District K and were continuing to work with any grocer and continued to work with Wal-Mart on that. Council Members Cohen and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there were a lot of folks in the Health Department that worked on the project as well, she appreciated the kudos to Mr. Charles Thompson, but also wanted to salute the people in the Health Department. Council Members Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Davis stated that the Solid Waste employee that Council Member Laster mentioned, please do not penalize him for going above and beyond and helping the lady with her recycling; and announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that two weeks ago he had the opportunity to go to New York and be a part of the refunding of their revenue bonds, a couple of months ago they had a conversation around Council about their book runner and Chase, and he wanted to let them know that they had a successful refunding of their bonds, they saved the City almost \$207 million in present value, Water and Sewer Rate payers, that he wanted to thank all involved. Council Members Cohen and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she also wanted to thank Mr. Kelley Dowe, Director, Finance Department, and his staff, who worked this as well, that part of the reason they were so successful was that the City of Houston was viewed as a good credit risk across the market and that was what they wanted to maintain. Council Members Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Gallegos announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Stardig announced events that she attended or would be attending; that

she would like to thank the Houston Fire Department for always being there when needed, and all City of Houston employees who showed up to help; that as to Dress for Success she wanted to thank everyone for their participation. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he was a freshman in his ability to make motions and move things around, but wanted to thank Mayor Parker for allowing him to speak with Mr. Charles Thompson today, he felt like the Council Members really needed to know about that; that when he first became a Council Member he remembered they were going to bus them to the George R. Brown Convention Center and he thought how many people were going to be there, he did not realize that it was just going to be a few of them and Ms. Chan was present and made him feel so welcome, and the way she had educated them. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Nguyen announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted them to remember that the speed on Bellaire Boulevard, between Highway 59 and Beltway 8 was still 25 miles per hour until construction was completed, so please watch their speed; that he only had the honor of working with Ms. Chan for a very short time, but that did not mean he would not miss her, congratulations on her retirement. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Christie announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that the fire was very much in their hearts, so his hat was off to the brave firefighters who protected their neighborhood; and announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Member Bradford announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Chan for her service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he regretted he had not had an opportunity to spend a lot of time with Ms. Chan; and stated that to the men and women of the Houston Fire Department, a great job yesterday; that he wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker and Kathy Hubbard, he enjoyed the reception, it was first class; that he wanted to congratulate Dr. Regan Flowers, who was recognized by President Obama and the White House with regard to her CSTEM Program; that he wanted to thank Council Member Stardig for her efforts with Dress for Success; announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:41 a.m. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

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/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary