

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 15, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2014, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, 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. Council Member Ellen R. Cohen out of the city. Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business.

At 1:53 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they would begin the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, and recognized Council Member Boykins for the first presentation. Council Members Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Boykins presented a proclamation to Ms. Mary Benton, and stated that she was a good friend of the City of Houston, who had decided to retire from journalism, that she was retiring from KPRC Channel 2, she had spent 20 years delivering news to viewers in Houston, and she had also worked tirelessly raising hundreds and thousands of dollars for young people in the community to attend college, and Mayor Parker stated that in her public career she had had the pleasure of having three former working journalists come to work for her, so it was not so unusual for them to leave the dark side and come into the light, that having been the beneficiary of her coverage over the years she had to add her congratulations for her 20 year service and wished her well in the next phase of her life, while having not always been happy to see Ms. Benton, she had to say that she was excellent as a journalist and she never had any complaints about the veracity of what she had to say about her, therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Mary Benton Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Pennington absent.

Ms. Benton thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council, especially Council Member Boykins, her friends with the Houston Association of Black Journalists and her family members who were present, that many of them knew that leaving KPRC Channel 2, after 20 years, was certainly bittersweet, she was going to miss coming to City Hall and seeing many of them, that she would miss reporting and keeping people informed about the hurricanes, and also the political storms that were brewing at City Hall, that as a journalist she always felt it was important to hold their elected officials accountable, but also more importantly to shine a light on the events and issues at City Hall, Main Street and various neighborhoods and communities, that outside of work she tried to be a light in the community by raising money, whether it was as an MC of an event or walking in a charitable event, and had also dedicated many hours to mentoring young people, especially aspiring journalists and raising money to provide scholarships, that while she would no longer appear on television, she was certainly committed to doing her part to making this City, County and State a better place to live, that finally, when she comes to City Hall who was the person who she always had to fight with over a chair, and that was Mr. Tony Morris the photographer, who was their friend, that she spoke with Tony from the hospital today and she would ask everybody to please keep him in their prayers, he said he would be watching and she wanted to say to Tony, she was going to miss fighting with him over that last chair, she could always count on him to say "you look beautiful today Mary", even though she knew he was lying, and finally to her Channel 2 friends who were present and former colleagues who were present, thank you, and "hook them horns". Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Costello, Kubosh, Bradford, Green and Laster congratulated Ms. Benton on her future endeavors and thanked her for her service to the City of Houston. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Nguyen for the next presentation. Council Members Boykins, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Nguyen presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Teju Adeniji, a 17 year old who decided she was going to be her own boss, that she had built a business called "Sweet Escapes", that she was a participant in the Liftoff Houston Business Plan Competition and he wanted to thank the Office of Business Opportunities for helping her, that District F was proud to recognize Ms. Teju Adeniji for entrepreneurial spirit, hard work and willingness to take a chance, that small businesses owners were the backbone of their community. Council Members Boykins, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a good opportunity to remind Council Members that they were in the process of conducting their Second Annual Liftoff Business Plan Competition, which was a collaboration between Office of Business Opportunity, the Houston Public Library and Capital One Bank, which provided a cash prize for the winning business plan, but everyone who participated all the way through learns something about how to build a business plan and how to grow a business, that they were giving a plug for one particular participant, but she wanted Ms. Adeniji to talk about the program that she was already engaged in. Council Members Boykins and Pennington absent.

Ms. Adeniji stated that the way this began was at the end of her sophomore year in high school they sent out word about the program called "The Young Entrepreneur Academy", that it was centered around teaching students to create their own businesses and getting them in the business mindset, she signed up for it and they called in the summer to let her know she was accepted into the program, that it was run like an Houston Community College Course, they met every week for three hours, and they discussed different ways and methods that were important in all business aspects, that she tried to figure out what would set her apart from everyone else, that she already had an interest in business and as well as a passion for baking so through the program it was an easy way to combine the two and create a baking business, that the program taught her a more than how to be a business owner, that she wanted to thank HCC, the Alief Community, sponsors and everyone involved with the program. Council Members Boykins and Pennington absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated that he wanted to recognize Ms. Adeniji's mother Elizabeth and sister Shirley, and also Josephine and Christina from HCC. Council Members Boykins and Pennington absent.

Council Members Kubosh, Christie, Davis, Gallegos, Laster and Boykins congratulated Ms. Adeniji on her business plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that she wanted to congratulate Ms. Adeniji for being an ambassador for her Council District and it seemed like she was also a great ambassador for her City, that he wanted to recognize that there were so many opportunities out there for potential entrepreneur's.

At 2:22 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Nguyen for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Nguyen invited Imam Daniel Abdullah Hernandez, Islamic Society of Great Houston, for the invocation and Council Member Nguyen led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent.

At 1:57 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Nguyen for a point of personal privilege, and Council Member Nguyen stated that he wanted to acknowledge Scoutmaster Michael McCleary and Troop No. 686, for being present to earn their Citizenship and Community Merit Badge and asked that they stand and be recognized.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Dr. Samuel H. Smith to the speakers, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0687 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Kubosh for a point of personal privilege.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he wanted to thank all of the Council Members and Mayor Parker for being at the funeral of Firefighter Daniel Groover, that the kind and comforting words that Mayor Parker stated were outstanding, that he was moved and appreciated what Mayor Parker did.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to echo Council Member Kubosh's comments regarding Mayor Parker's remarks, they were remarkable, it was real touching what she stated that he wanted to publicly thank her for that.

At 2:28 p.m. the City Secretary called the list of speakers.

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.

Ms. Saron Thornton, 15714 Vannowsky, Houston, Texas 77049 (713-723-6840) appeared and stated that her grandmother was born and raised in Fourth Ward's Freedmen's Town, that she had participated in many Juneteenth activities and programs, and one day she wanted to tell her children and grandchildren about the brick streets, therefore please so not remove their stones, preserve them, that she also would like to add that she went to school and talked about the brick streets to her friends and they would really like to see them one day, and if they removed the brick streets how would they see them.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to assure Ms. Thornton that it was not their goal to do away with the brick streets, simply to pick the bricks up, do the utility work and put the bricks back down.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins, Kubosh and Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that tunneling under the bricks was significantly more expensive to do the work in that way, but the challenge with these streets was that they were uneven, had already had a patchwork feel where a lot of asphalt had been poured over the bricks, the pattern in many areas was no longer discernable, and the significant increase in cost with the tunneling method and the fact that these were very narrow streets as well, that potentially there would be trouble with the integrity with the buildings on either side. Council Members Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Mr. Don Hooper, 1400 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010 (713-553-8955) appeared and stated that he wanted to express his thanks to Mayor Parker for appointing Mr. Gilbert Garcia as Chairman of Metro, that he used to come to Council and complain about Metro all the time, that it was totally different and a very awfully run organization before he got to Metro, that he

thought Mr. Garcia had been deserving of re-appointment. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she and Mr. Hooper finally agreed on something, she agreed with him that Mr. Garcia had done an excellent job, that it was a much more transparent organization and the new Metro was significantly different than the old Metro, that she was particularly excited about the work they were doing on the new bus route reimagining, a commitment that she made early on, that they would fix the bus system if it was at all possible. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Freeway, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-478-7321) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Pastor James Nash, 8418 Colonia Ln., Houston, Texas 77051 (713-725-1664) appeared and stated that he wanted to ask how did they determine what a community leader was, was it the size of a church congregation, how was it that some communities could prosper when others were constantly in the same situation, that he thought a community leader was someone who got out into the community and affected the City, State and Community not by getting money, but by doing deeds that would help the community, that he wanted to attribute this to Mayor Parker, they formed an organization called Sunnyside African American Task Force, the Mayor came out there and they went to the store and tried to stop the store owner from selling beer and cigarettes to underage kids, that he wanted his Council Member to come and talk to him, that it was important that they know the constituents and leaders in their communities. Council Members Nguyen and Laster absent.

After further discussion by Pastor Nash, Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Pastor James Nash, seconded by Council Member Davis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0688 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that there were a lot of pastors who unfortunately had a reputation of having their hands out and would endorse for money and do other things that were unseemly, but it had never been Pastor Nash's reputation and she thought he had the respect of those on Council. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

After discussion, Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Pastor James Nash, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business. Council Member Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0680 ADOPTED.

Dr. Samuel Smith appeared and stated that he was Pastor of the Mount Horem Missionary Baptist Church and was present regarding the Fourth Ward, that Mayor Bill White worked with them as much as he could, that they were trying to preserve history, which was on the other side of the freeway, however their efforts to preserve history had been defeated by people who did not regard history, that one of the things they were fighting for was the preservation of the brick streets, that he heard about the unevenness of the bricks. Council Members Stardig, Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she had worshipped with Dr. Smith at Mount Horem and appreciated the opportunity to be there and would point out that it was through her administration that they were able to create the new park where Bethel Church once stood and preserved that piece of history, that she would continue her commitment to preserve as much of the history of the Fourth Ward as they could reasonably accommodate, that this was one where they both wanted to preserve that history and thought were finding different ways to get there, she did not know if she was going to persuade him or if he was going to persuade her, but she wanted to tell him how much she appreciated his 50 plus years commitment to that neighborhood, the Fourth Ward, and making it the best Fourth Ward that it could be, that it was going to be not what it was in the past, but did not know if they had yet discovered what it could be in the future. Council Members Stardig, Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

After discussion by Council Members Davis and Boykins, Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Dr. Samuel Smith, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business. Council Members Stardig and Gonzalez absent. MOTION 2014-0690 ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to recognize Mr. Louis Edwards and Mr. Paul Deancarty and stated that they were from Troop 8, Kingwood, and were present for their Citizenship and Community Merit Badge, and thanked them for being present and showing their interest in how City government worked, and thanked their mother for her support. Council Members Stardig, Gonzalez and Laster absent.

Dr. Sally Wickers, 8703 Reamer St., Houston, Texas 77074 (281-932-3836) appeared and stated that they had heard their position on the removal of the bricks, that they were asking that they put the utilities underneath the sidewalk by way of micro tunneling, if they removed the bricks the historical designation would not be there anymore, they needed the bricks to remain in place, that was their history that could bring revenue to the City because the Fourth Ward could be a beautiful tourist place because it tells the story. Council Members Stardig, Gonzalez and Laster absent.

After discussion and questions of Council Members Green, Davis and Robinson, Dr. Wickers stated that to know that slaves were freed two years after the fact, they found out and traveled all the way from Galveston and ended up on the banks of Buffalo Bayou and made a community known as Freedmen's Town in Fourth Ward, that everything they did was self-sustaining, the City did not give them anything, they purchased the bricks, laid the bricks, and those bricks, to her, represented freedom, that when this project was done there was a process and they were not involved or included in the decision making of how or what was going to happen and that should have taken place between TxDOT, the Texas Historical Commission and the community. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would be happy to share the entire record, they had been dealing with this for about 6 years and there had been innumerable community meetings and they had done that research and she would be happy to send that information to Council Members, that there was a National Registered Historic District there but unfortunately she did not know whether they even met the minimum requirements any longer because so much of the housing stock had been torn down, the City made the commitment to preserve the Bethel Church and as much as the brick streets, that the bricks were laid after the Civil War, however part of the commitment was that there were consultants available to guide them in lifting the bricks as carefully as possible, although they were not going to lift them by hand, and making sure that they preserved them and documenting the pattern that they lift them from so that they

could put them back as much as possible in those same patterns, that they had looked at a number of other cities, Philadelphia to Charleston, that had significant numbers of brick streets and this was how they did it, but she could provide that packet to Council Members, that there had been a number of bricks lifted over the years, they had located them and they were currently being stored, so once they put the streets back in order, there would be a larger extent of brick street than there was today. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Pervis Hall, 9700 Leawood, Houston, Texas 77009 (281-673-7650) appeared and stated that he was a new Pastor in the Fourth Ward area and was present on behalf of Freedmen's Town Preservation Coalition, that first, they wished that the Council would stop the removal of undisturbed historic bricks and the remaining trolley rails from Andrews Start and part of Wilson Street, and two, engage a qualified micro tunneling trench list engineer and design firm to redesign the infrastructure and installation for avoidance of harm to the cultural resources of historical streets in Freeman Town, and third, reinstate the federal 106 review process for the amended plans and engage their appropriate consulting parties, and fourth, install new infrastructure for sanitary sewer lines and water and electric lines under sidewalk easements instead of under the streets with multiple lines and connections that they believe would fail, and fifth, use the best preservation practices for repairing the damaged section of the streets according to the Unasco and National Trust Guidelines for historic preservation in this rare national registered historic district of Freedmen's Town. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Catherine Roberts, 63 W. Terrace Dr., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-294-3338) appeared and stated that she was with the Rutherford Yates Museum, that the museum was located in Freedmen's Town in Fourth Ward, the most endangered, post-Civil War, national registered historic district of its kind in the United States, it was found and built by previously enslaved families and their descendants immediately after Emancipation 1865, that for 17 years they had been dedicated to preserving historic homes for museums on their original homesteads, archeological sites, as well as providing educational programs for learners of all ages and tours for visitors, that this was a very unique study, that was why the studies that had been done on other bricks streets did not apply here. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Olevia Randle, 6023 Beldart, Houston, Texas 77033 – (713-733-2348) appeared and stated that she had a few suggestions for the City to make it a better place to live, and continued to voice her personal opinions regarding traffic accidents until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins and Costello, Council Member Cohen stated that the issues she brought up were beyond the control of the City, and when they did have mobile issues they normally had a mobile response team that went out and took care of those type of issues. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., No. 703, Houston, Texas 77082 appeared and stated that the last time he was present at Council he sat for 9 hours, how could a handicap person come to Council and at that time they were doing some voting on gay activities that were going on and he was on that list, and he continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Robert Van Ness, 1023 Meek Rd., Lot 10, Humble, Texas 77338 (832-492-1237) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Melanie Scruggs, 1111 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas 77056 (713-822-2277) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was the Houston Program Director of Texas Campaign for Environment and thanked Mayor Parker for her commitment to expand single stream recycling to the entire City service area, and continued to express her concerns for the One Bin for All Proposal until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Gwen Matthews, 2500 E. T. C. Jester, No. 362, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-283-4736) appeared and stated that she was with the Garden City Residents Council, that in July 2013 she was joined by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, State Representative Sylvester Turner to open up a beautiful facility for residents of Garden City to for the first time have services that many of them enjoyed, GED classes, parenting classes, tutoring, mentoring, a 4H Club, a STEM Club and most of all, a summer food program so the children without food could eat, this was hampered this morning at 10:00 a.m., they were invited to training by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department, when they arrived to sign in for the training they were escorted out of the building by an armed police officer, they were simply told that they would not be allowed to train, if they were not invited they would not have come, there was no difference between Garden City Apartments and any other apartments in the City of Houston. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Members Kubosh and Boykins, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the information that he had was that she was notified on July 10, 2014 that their status was becoming inactive and it was basically that there had to be some compliance with their serving guidelines, this was a Summer Food Program, not based on the Feeding Ordinance, that they were willing to work with her to go through a re-training to complete some of the requirements they were asking for specifically, but she obviously needed to talk to them, that he believed Mr. Jefferson spoke with her, that he apologized if there was some confusion, that Council Member Davis office was also aware of this and Ms. Lucy Correa, Parks Department, was present and they could try to find a path forward and find out what was going on. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Erica Ashton, 9601 W. Montgomery, No. 156, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-971-4190) appeared and stated from the audience that she would not speak. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Terra Green, 9601 W. Montgomery, No. 126, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-971-4190) appeared and stated that she was a military veteran, a Garden City resident and the secretary for the Garden City Residents Council, that she was present because children in Garden City had not been fed from the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Summer Food Program since July 3, 2014 and she wanted to get the situation rectified, that City employee Mr. Walker went against program policy and shut the program down without even contacting the contracting agency, he refused to listen to the Director of the Program, but instead listened to a woman who had no part in the program since it began, that this woman tried to sabotage their inspection by cutting the air off in their facility before Mr. Walker came in, that this woman had now convinced Mr. Walker and Mr. Jefferson to allow her to set up a new site to be run out of the rental office, from a supply room, and convinced him to have a police officer escort them out

and the Garden City Residents Council, an entity authorized by HUD to exist, and who had previously run a successful program until interference from Valerie House, from the training that she ultimately attended today, and they were invited to attend yesterday, where they were escorted out by the police officer, that she wanted to add that as residents did not want Mr. Walker on the property anymore because his presence caused to much pain and suffering, please help them get this program started again, they fed over 150 meals a day. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they had the liaison from the Parks Department in the audience and was ready to speak with them, that the District B Council office was aware also. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

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, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was demanding that emergency protection be provided, and continued to express his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Laster and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 3:47 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2014. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Martin absent on personal business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Laster and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, 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 Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Ellen R. Cohen out of the city.

At 8:25 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:01 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that the first item on the agenda was a public hearing, and she was going to have a very brief Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

### **HEARING - 9:00 A.M.**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the re-adoption of Article XII Chapter 32, Code of Ordinances, City of Houston, regarding Standards of Care for the Houston Parks & Recreation Department Youth Recreation Programs – was called. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Mr. Joe Turner, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, for the public hearing. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent.

Mr. Turner stated that today they were present with their annual meeting for the purpose to comply with the Texas Human Resource Code 42.041B-14, these were the Standards of Care that were intended to be the minimum standards that HPAR, Houston Parks and Recreation, would use to operate the After School Enrichment Program in their facilities, the program offered a wide range of recreation activities based on four components, arts and entertainment, fitness and instructional sports, nature education and creative fun, the Houston Youth Recreation Program Standards of Care was codified in Article 12, Chapter 32, City of Houston Code of Ordinances, that Texas Human Resource Code 42.041B-14 provided an exemption of Child Care Licensing for Recreation Programs serving elementary children ages five through thirteen with the following criteria, municipality operates the program, the governing body of the municipality annually adopts Standards of Care by ordinance after a public hearing of such program, the program provided the Standards of Care to the parents for each program participant, the ordinance included child/care giver ratios, minimum employee qualifications, minimum building health and safety standards and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards, the program informed the parents that the State did not license the program, and the program did not advertise itself as a child care operation, the Parks and Recreation Department offered the After School Enrichment Program at 54 of their community centers. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Gonzalez, Bradford and Boykins, Mr. Turner stated that this was their annual coming forward to have the ordinance adopted, that nothing had changed, that they had this program thanks to Ms. Debra Lathan, Assistant Director over the program, along with Ms. Kay Joshua, who along with their staff, did all of their programming. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent.

Mayor Parker stated that no one signed up for the public hearing, but if anyone was present specifically to speak on this issue they had an opportunity now, and seeing none requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent.

Council Member Bradford moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0691 ADOPTED.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Parker stated that lots of folks had been asking about the issue of immigration and how it might impact the City of Houston, the short answer was, it was not having a direct impact on Houston at this time, that she thought the broader answer was that she had indicated both to her colleague Mayor's along the border, who were having a huge humanitarian crisis on their hands, that if they could assist they would, but she believed the federal government had made a prudent decision in that the goal was not to throw cots down in gymnasiums and set up temporary shelters, which was what was happening in the border cities, but to move these kids to facilities that were already set up to house human beings, jails or barracks on military bases, and at this point the City of Houston was not having the immigrant children, and she wanted to emphasize that the policies had not changed in terms of immigrant adults, but the humanitarian crises right now had to do with the large number of children coming through, so right now the only intersection with the City of Houston was through the airport system, they were being brought in and flown to other parts of the Country where they could be appropriately housed, that Congresswoman Lee had put a working group together and Mr. Stephen Williams, Health Director, was a part of that working group to determine if there were non-City facilities that might be appropriate to house these immigrant children, and she thought they may have read in the newspaper that there was some discussion about Terrell Elementary School, which was a shuttered school, but again at this point, while that might be something that would be used, the belief was that it was more appropriate to use existing facilities that were designed to house

people and if that situation changes she would inform the City Council as soon as possible. Council Member Nguyen absent.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 36**

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 through 8

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRAYS OAKS MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5)**, for terms to expire June 1, 2017:

Position One - **STARLA K. TURNBO**, reappointment  
Position Two - **STEVEN C. MOORE**, appointment  
Position Three - **C. FRED MEYER**, reappointment  
Position Four - **MEHMET OKUMUS**, reappointment  
Position Five - **CINDY PEDEN CHAPMAN**, appointment  
Position Six - **IRA B. SCOTT, JR.**, appointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0692 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **INDEPENDENT POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**, for three year terms:

Panel A2 - **ANDREA SCHMAUSS**  
Panel A4 - **ALFREDO BLANCO**  
Panel B2 - **DON HARRIS**  
Panel B4 - **BERTHA BROWN**  
Panel C2 - **WILBURN (DUB) WRIGHT, JR.**  
Panel C4 - **LINDA K. BROWN**  
Panel D2 - **GWENDOLYN J. SAMPLES**  
Panel D4 - **TIMOTHY WEBB**  
Panel DA - **MARGARET RODRIGUEZ**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0693 ADOPTED.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **JEREMY RATCLIFF** to Position Nine of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire December 31, 2015 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0694 ADOPTED.
6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **KARIN R. MARSHALL** to Position Seven of the **MILLER THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD**, for a term to expire April 24, 2017 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0695 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to reallocate \$24,586.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund under the Task

Order/Job Order Contracting Program to Concrete Repair Services Contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center Sidewalks for Various Departments - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0696 ADOPTED.

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to reallocate \$26,454.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund under the Task Order/Job Order Contracting Program to Concrete Repair Services Contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Crockett Warehouse Gravel Parking Lot for Various Departments - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Member Nguyen absent. MOTION 2014-0697 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just affirmed a number of folks to various Boards and Commissions in the City of Houston, and asked anyone present for the Brays Oaks Management District to come forward and recognized Mr. Steven Moore, Ms. Cindy Chapman and Ms. Starla Turnbo and thanked their service to the City of Houston.

Council Members Green and Laster thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Member Nguyen absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item No. 4 out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0698 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she would finish the introductions before considering Item No. 4, and stated that they had reappointed a number of Members to the Independent Oversight Board and asked if any of the Members were present and asked that they come forward, and recognized Mr. Don Harris and Mr. Dub Wright and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Council Members Christie and Stardig thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that they also affirmed Ms. Karin Marshall to the Miller Theatre Advisory Board and asked that she come forward and be recognized, and thanked her for her service to the City of Houston. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Jenn Char for bringing forth the expired appointments, she had made a point during previous sessions that they had a lot of expired positions so this gave the commitment to those who were waiting to know if they had the future commitment to know they could plan. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Marshall for her service to the City of Houston. Council Member Boykins absent.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, for terms to expire April 7, 2016:
  - Position One - **GILBERT ANDREW GARCIA**
  - Position Two - **ALLEN DALE WATSON**

Position Three - **JUDGE DWIGHT E. JEFFERSON**  
Position Four - **DIANN L. LEWTER**  
Position Five - **CHRISTOF SPIELER**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford, Gonzalez, Christie, Davis, Gallegos, Boykins, Laster, Pennington, Martin, Green and Costello, a vote was called on Item No. 4. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0699 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just confirmed reappointment of Mr. Gilbert Garcia and Ms. Diann Lewter, and invited them to the podium to be recognized, and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Council Members Stardig, Bradford, Gonzalez, Pennington, Gallegos, Boykins and Kubosh congratulated Mr. Garcia and Ms. Lewter on their reappointment and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 9

9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,777,703.58 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, L.P.** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 0.65% under the original contract amount (4257-111) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and K - GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0700 ADOPTED.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 10 through 15

10. **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** to Construct an Elevator Shaft and Furnish and Install a New Elevator for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Fire Department \$166,000.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$182,600.00 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0701 ADOPTED.
11. **INTEGRATED MICROWAVE TECHNOLOGIES** for Equipment and Services for the Public Safety Video Initiative to expand and enhance Helicopter Video Uplink/Downlink Capabilities for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security - \$337,732.17 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0702 ADOPTED.
13. **RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS, LP** for Asphalt Road Patching Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$1,032,360.00 - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0703 ADOPTED.

14. **GODWIN PUMPS OF AMERICA, INC** for Spending Authority to Purchase 2” Electric Submersible Trash Pumps through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$375,853.92 Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0704 ADOPTED.
15. **LYTX, INC** for Tier 3 Management Services and DriveCam Online Subscription Services from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Solid Waste Management Department - 12 Months - \$153,216.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0705 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 16 through 36

16. RESOLUTION amending Resolution No. 2008-21 and repealing Resolution 2013-25 to remove the designation from the Reid Memorial Methodist Church at 5203 Fulton Street in the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. RESOLUTION 2014-0028 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE confirming the authorization to issue City of Houston, Texas Airport System Special Facilities Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds (Consolidated Rental Car Facility Project), Series 2014 (AMT); authorizing certain authorized officers to approve the terms, interest rates and redemption features relating to such bonds; ratifying a prior ordinance relating to the matter; making certain findings with respect thereto; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-707 ADOPTED.
20. Omitted
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,866,110.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 4 to the Construction Management At Risk Agreement between the City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Terminal D Phase III Equipment, Materials and Preconstruction Service at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/ Houston (*Project No. 500N; Contract No. 4600010038*); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-708 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Sub-Grant Agreement between the **UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION FOUNDATION, INC** and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department for the Houston Soccer for Success After-School Program - 2 Years - \$570,000.00 General, Grant and Other Funds - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; H - GONZALEZ and I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-709 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston, the **FIRST TEE of GREATER HOUSTON, INC** and the **HOUSTON GOLF ASSOCIATION** for administration of the First Tee Education Program and operation and maintenance of F.M.

Law Park Junior Golf Course - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-710 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,237,230.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Conducted Energy Devices and Accessories for the Houston Police Department under contract with **TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0786) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-711 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS** for Use of Alert FM System - \$12,000.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-712 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Agreement among the City of Houston, Texas, Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Four, City of Houston, Texas (*Greater Houston Zone*), and the **HARRIS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** in connection with Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Four, City of Houston, Texas (*Greater Houston Zone*) - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; H - GONZALEZ; I - GALLEGOS and K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-713 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement among the City of Houston, Texas, Harris County, Texas, Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Four, City of Houston, Texas (*Greater Houston Zone*), and the **HARRIS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** relating to the participation of Harris County in Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Four, City of Houston, Texas (*Greater Houston Zone*) - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; H - GONZALEZ; I - GALLEGOS and K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-714 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 75.753 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-715 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-0300 (*Passed on April 9, 2008*) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **SAFARILAND, LLC (Formerly known as ARMOR HOLDINGS PRODUCTS, LLC)**, for Bullet-Resistant Body Armor for the Houston Police Department - \$1,218,928.25 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-716 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **ALLIANCE HEALTH RESOURCES MOBILE DIVISION, LTD** for Occupational Medical Testing Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,213,808.00 - General and Other Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-717 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$458,382.32 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund for contract (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0972) between the City of Houston and **BL TECHNOLOGY, INC** to Install Electronic Key System at 24 Health Department facilities **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; F -**

**NGUYEN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-718 ADOPTED.

34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$70,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving first amendment to construction contract between the City of Houston and **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.**, for additional improvements at Hidalgo Park (Approved by Ordinance 2013-671) - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-719 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE granting to **PEDRO CORDOVA dba PEDRO CORDOVA CO., A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **FIRST READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-720 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
36. ORDINANCE No. 2014-700, passed first reading July 9, 2014  
ORDINANCE granting to **TNT WASTE CONTAINER SERVICE, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-700 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

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

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

12. **AMEND MOTION #2007-612, 6/20/12**, subsequently amended by Motion #2012-419, 6/6/12, **TO EXTEND** term from June 25, 2015 to June 24, 2018, for Chemical, Sodium Hypochlorite for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. MOTION 2014-0706 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

17. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 6-5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to designation of the City as Caretaker for animals received at the City's BARC Animal Shelter - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-721 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **THE JOINT VENTURE FOR THE ADVERTISING CONCESSION AT HOUSTON AIRPORTS, LLC**, for Airport Advertising Concession at William P. Hobby Airport - Revenue - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-722 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE authorizing and approving the establishment of a Limited Use Bank Account at the Houston Police Federal Credit Union for the Houston Police Department to be used during times of emergency - \$5.25 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-723 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.** for Depository Banking Services and Securities Safekeeping and Custody Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$2,152,932.00 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen out of the city. ORDINANCE 2014-724 ADOPTED.

#### **MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 37

37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement for Legal Services between the City of Houston and **SUSMAN GODFREY L.L.P.** for representation of the City in pursuit of claims against Towers Watson & Co f/n/a Towers Perrin Associated with actuarial work related to HFD Relief and Retirement Fund and impacting the City of Houston; providing a maximum contract amount - \$970,000.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 29 on Agenda of July 9, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD and GREEN)** – was presented.

After a lengthy discussion by Council Members Davis, Kubosh, Bradford, Pennington, Laster, Boykins, Stardig and Davis, Council Member Davis asked if they could get OBO, Office of Business Opportunities, to do a Disparity Report, that it had not been done since 2005 and he would like to see if they could get that updated, and Mayor Parker asked if he was requesting a Disparity Study for all professional services not just for Legal Professional Services, and would he allow her to come back with a price tag on that, and Council Member Davis stated that yes, come back with a price tag, and Mayor Parker stated because it was not in the current City budget, and there were not a lot of reserves, so she would have to determine where to get the funds. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 37. Council Members Davis and Green voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2014-0725 ADOPTED.

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

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

Council Member Gonzalez announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to congratulate William Paul and Chatini on 27 years of marriage; and that he wanted to keep Tony Morris and his family in their prayers; that they buried Firefighter Daniel Groover on Monday and he asked that they keep his family in their prayers. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they may have been married for 27 years, but they courted for 12 years, so they have had 39 years together. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would also like to congratulate William Paul; announced events he attended or would be attending; and that he wanted to recognize NRG, the electrical generator in their area, it used to be called Reliant, that he noted in the newspaper

that they had intended to capture the CO2 gases from the Fort Bend County plant, that was a coal fire plant, and were going to move the CO2 by pipeline to recharge hydrocarbon production, he thought, northwest of there in Westfield, that he believed they were using Japanese technology for that, and as he understood the hydrocarbon production was supposed to increase from about five hundred barrels a day to several thousand, there was a double dip savings, both in the emissions into the air and also the production of hydrocarbons, that it was about a billion dollar project and the federal government was contributing about \$168 million, but it was the first project that was considered to be commercially viable, and would be good for their air. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to say happy belated birthday to Sam Dike, his Chief of Staff. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he wanted to express his condolences and prayers to the Groover family and the men and women of the Houston Fire Department; and announced events he attended or would be attending; that he had attended the memorial mass last week, for Mr. Angel Fraga, brother of former Council Member Felix Fraga; that he met with Constable Alan Rosen, the Sheriff's Department, Metro PD and HPD representatives to discuss ways different agencies could coordinate and improve public safety in the downtown and surrounding areas, that he looked forward to sitting down with them on a regular basis to improve working relations among all law enforcement agencies. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she too attended the service for the fallen firefighter, and prayers and condolences to the family and to the Houston Fire Department family, that they barely recovered from a year ago and here they were again, that she did not think it was related to any negligence or anything that happened at the fire, but until they got the report, that her concern was that from a year ago they still had not received that report to know what they needed to change, that she had asked for that information again; that Pastor Nash had asked yesterday what a community leader was, that in her opinion it was a person who not only came down and gave an opinion or brings a problem, but also brings a solution, that she wanted to recognize Mr. Jim Burney, who passed away, he was well respected and part of the March on Crime Parade in Spring Branch for many years; and announced events she attended or would be attending; that there were a lot of things going on in Houston as far as economic development, but the fact was that Spring Branch and District A was accelerating past that growth, they were going to see some large parcels of land change hands on Long Point, that it was confirmed that the old Kmart, now a flea market, had changed hands, so they would be having demolition and celebrate that. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that on the Southwest Freeway fire deaths, they could not release any data until the State Fire Marshall gave them the go ahead, so as soon as they got that it would be shared publicly, and Council Member Stardig stated that not only would it be shared, but would they have some kind of action plan based on the findings, and Mayor Parker stated if there were findings that were actionable, and in terms of Firefighter Groover, she wanted to reiterate the building did not collapse, he was not burned, they did not know today exactly what happened, that local analysis, the State Fire Marshall and federal agencies were involved any time a firefighter dies, as soon as that was done they would make it available. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had been joined by a group of young people, that All Star

Learning Center, from north Houston, was present in the Chamber and asked that they stand and be recognized. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Nguyen announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Christie stated that as to Agenda Item No. 11, he had a money saving idea that hopefully HPD would get back with him, that HPD had kind of an expensive helicopter patrol, and knew that some of it came through Homeland Security, but as to the video helicopter would it not be more cost effective down the road to use drones. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was noted, and at the appropriate time, she would suggest, that the Public Safety Committee invite Chief Storemski to talk about what the current technology was in terms of drones and what might be available. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to add his thoughts and prayers to the Groover Family, that it was the first fallen firefighter since he had been elected, that he wanted to commend Mayor Parker on her words at the service; that he wanted to celebrate the fact that they were visited by the youth group, the All Star Learning Center; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to send his condolences to the Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church family on the loss of Pastor Emeritus Joe D. Johnson, that he had been at Riceville Mount Olive Baptist Church for 42 years. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:48 a.m. Council Member Cohen out of the city. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary