

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 6, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, and C. O. "Brad" Bradford, Jack Christie D.C., City Attorney, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Edward Gonzalez out on City business.

At 1:47 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, and recognized Council Member Boykins for the first presentation. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Boykins wanted to start the New Year on a special note, the man standing right next to him, Mr. Ezra Roy has accomplished something most wouldn't dream of, he was 26 years old and was born with down's syndrome to become one of the first to graduate with high honors from Texas Southern University on December 13, 2014, which he wasn't expected to graduate high school and the City of Houston commends Ezra Roy for his hard work and extends best wishes for his continued success therefore, Mayor Parker proclaimed January 6, 2015 has Ezra Roy day in Houston Texas. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Martin wanted to congratulate Craig Biggio for his nomination into the hall of fame and one of the best Astros.

At 2:01 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Martin for the invocation and led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Davis, Nguyen, Green and Robinson absent.

At 2:03 p.m. City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Nguyen and Robinson absent.

Council Member Bradford and Pennington moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. William McLeod out order and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Nguyen and Robinson absent.

The City Secretary began calling the list of the speakers.

Mr. William McLeod, 1314 Texas St., Ste 525, 77002, (713)227-6300 appeared and stated was present to thank Council for taking fast action on this salvage title issue, by the 19th the Mayor had signed the letter, knowing the urgency and importance of this matter and he also was requestion for Council to approve this amendment tomorrow; this amendment would protect the livelihood of hundreds of people.

Mr. Ebrahim Ulu, 6666 Harwin, 77081, (713)367-8303 had reserved a time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Galdino Sebit, 6666 Harwin, 77081, (832)885-2112 had reserved a time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Michael Kent, 2200 Post Oak Blvd., 77056, (713)622-2700 had reserved a time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Jose Rodgers, 4806 Lakefront Terrance Dr., Pearland, TX, 77584, (832)755-7733 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Jose Rayo, 215 Sylvester St., 77099, (713)428-1012 appeared and stated he played for the Houstonian organization back in 1995, he represented the U.S. National Team at the Junior World Cup; the Houstonian Changed his whole life; he also was present has the president of the Houstonian are having trouble with getting time at Memorial Park and forcing to use a different park that was not like Memorial Park and today he was asking Council again for help. Council Member Laster absent.

Mayor Parker announced that the Houstonian Club represent the City well; the club does have access to Four or five other field to practice on; also it's a matter of desire to have one of the premier fields in the city kept in tournament level, if we allow practices on that field on a daily basis, then they can't keep it in the top condition and they have approve the clubs permits to practice on other fields. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Member moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from 5 speakers out of order and seconded by Council Member Boykins, all voting aye, nays none.
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Mr. Coach R.J. Bobby Talyor, 3107 Sumpter, 77026, FA34511 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Lorenza Butler, 3906 Daphne St., 77021, (832)880-3733 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 407 Cordell, 77009, (832)758-8640 appeared and stated he was an activist from the east end of district I, was present to speak about a group that they put together called Save Second Ward which was under attack by many forces and on Saturday there will be a town hall meeting; also they are requesting the Mayor and Council Members to rescind the feeding permits from Hill's Ministry because they have made their own little town four days out of the week and no one will help. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she understand the concerns but the park was a county park, it is owned by Harris County and because of that she cannot over rule the actions of another governmental body. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mr. Albert McNeal, 4640 Main St., 77002, (832)739-1682 appeared and stated he was a veteran from the U.S. Navy; this pasted April he was incarcerated for four months, during that time he was assaulted by another inmate and was present today because he was trying to acquire some photos that they took of his injuries which he has been getting the run around from the county and the district attorney's office; je was requesting if Council could help him. Council Members Cohen and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated she would have her citizen assistance work with him on forwarding him to the right people but she also pointed out that this Harris County jail and all the document

are in possession of Harris County, and the City of Houston have no jurisdiction. Council Members Cohen and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Gerry Monroe, 2608 Calumet, 77004, (281)978-0230 appeared and stated he was the new executive of the United Urban Alumni Associated; back in September he was on the news with children that needed band uniforms which Council Members Boykins and Christie donated the money; since the money was donated he has worked directly with the school, the band program, with HISD and the money that was donated has been misappropriated, it was not used for uniforms for the children; he was requesting for the Council Members to research where that money went. Council Members Cohen, Gallegos, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Christie questioned Mr. Monroe on where he thinks the money was.

Mr. Monroe stated to Council Member Christie that the principal was shifting money around and not allowing the financial person to do their job.

Council Member Christie asked if the band had new uniforms.

Mr. Monroe stated yes but the new uniforms weren't used with the money that the Council Members donated.

Mr. Deric Muhammad, 7229 Boggess, 77016, (713)539-1070 appeared and stated was present to was present today looking like a suspect because this was the way that Jordan Baker looked when police officer Castro, a Houston police officer, criminally profiled him before he killed him; even though he was able to take off the bandana off of his face but there was another he cannot take off which was his skin color; over the past ten years there have been 298 police killings or shooting in Houston and there have been zero in indictment for those shooting; It took the Mayor a very long time to speak out about the Jordan Baker issue which they are happy she did but if there were an issue with the HERO Ordinance they believe her attention would have come quicker and we have a problem right here in Houston Texas. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent.

Council Members had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Muhammad about his concerns of the police officer and the lack of attention that was given to the family.

Mr. Kaleb Taylor, 3545 Blodgett, 77004, (281)925-8607 appeared and stated he was a student at Texas Southern University; was present because of the decision on the Grand Jury on the Jordan Baker shooting and just like Jordan Baker he was a young black student which he could be murder by a police officer and that officer would never spend a day behind bar; he does commend those officer who risk their lives on a daily basis, however there are officer who make mistakes by racially profiling, abusing their power of authority. Council Member Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Laster absent.

Mr. Anthony Collier, 6834 Carothers, 77028, (832)869-7312 appeared and stated he was a student from Texas Southern University, was present as a messenger not an enemy to inform Council that oppression breed revolutionaries, it was brutality in Oakland, California that created the Black Panthers party, the oppression from Great Britain that created the American Revolution and Anderson states that the Grand Jury's decision means they found no probable cause to believe a crime was committed against Jordan Baker; this means it's legal to murder unarmed black man and they demand justice for Jordan Baker, they need a say in the policy for the body cameras for the Houston Police. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated to Mr. Collier to get more people to vote so that the people that they vote for are the right people that they want to be representing them.

Mr. Travis McGee, 4800 Peterson, 77033, (832) 488-7709 appeared and stated three years ago to this date he stood before Council but new faces, same problems, he was a victim of the Houston Police Department, the problem was just because they don't kill them or beat them to death, he still told his story but to this day nothing has happen; Mayor Parker stated that she would resolve this issue but nothing was resolved, they need a civilian review board, people that look like them, ones that are affect by this only; his incident with his gun happen in 2011 which he went through the procedure, stood before Council, processed with the application, everything he asked for was blocked and he came down to tell his story. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Martin absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Council Member Boykins questioned Mr. McGee about not getting closure on his case.

Mr. McGee stated the Mayor stated she was going to get to the bottom of it, they were supposed to arrange meeting with the Police Chief which till this day haven't gotten anything and he was in fear for his life.

After further discussion Mr. McGee told Council Member Boykins that once you file IAD, they're going to hold on to it, then they would e-mail and saying the attorney general office have given them permission not to release the information. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Martin absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Cynthia Pharms, 4700 Wenda, 77033, (713)557-8100 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Martin absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Betty Ross, 4721 Ireland, 77016, (832)939-3876 appeared and stated they have enough citizen in their neighborhood that can do citizen watch, she was present to speak about her friend was a woman of God, a woman that would take her clothes off her back for anyone, she housed the homeless and also fed them; this person was her momma and today she was present asking Council at this address where she lives no with no gas, no water because she was evicted, jumped and the person that jumped her still walks on her street free and she was not comfortable about it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Martin absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Maria Elena Castellanos, e-mail address- castellanslaw1@gmail.com appeared and stated she wears more than one hat, the most important one was that she was a mother to a young black man that was 29 years old, would he be the next one when he wears his hoodie on a cold day, she also used to sit were Council Member Bradford sits, she was selected by the Houston Mexican American Association on the Police Civilian Review Board that met from 1982 to 1984, it took two years to decide what needed to do was sweep this monster out from under the carpet, open the chambers to have people come tell their stories, about the behind the scenes and why are unarmed black, latino, and poor white men?

That was 30 years ago; she dares state that Houston City Council doesn't care and more than that. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Martin absent.

Ms. Jean Wilkins Dember, 2612 Rosewood, 77004, (914)334-0651 appeared and stated for 34 years she has been a member of the National Black United Front, they have presented thousands of signatures to the United Nation charging this country with genocide; she has a masters in human rights also promoting www.recismtest.org to test police and anyone in college before they get a degree, gun or blue uniform, it's time that they intend to protect human rights of individuals and pass this independent Civilian Review Board. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Martin absent.

Mr. Alex Rodriguez, 5431 Carew, 77096, (832)459-4076 appeared and stated that he was present to speak against Fluoridation in the water and he believes that citizen should be able to vote on this. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington and Martin absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, Tx, appeared and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, Govement Systems. and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington and Martin absent.

Mr. Noe Bastidas, 9045 Creekstone Lake, 77054, (713)584-1207 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington and Martin absent.

Mr. James Partsch- Galavan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Tx(713)528-2607 had reserved a time to speak but, was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington and Martin absent.

At 4:13 p.m. Mayor Parker stated the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday January 7, 2015. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington and Martin absent.

The City Council of Houston Reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 7,2015 Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C.O.Bradford, Jack Christie D.C. Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agendas Director, present. Council Member Gonzalez out on city business.

At 8:35 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

At 9:10a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting order.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Items 1 through 11 out of order and seconded by Council Member Gallegos, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2015-0003 ADOPTED

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 49

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 13

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for terms to expire July 6, 2016:

Position Two - **ALEX VASSILAKIDIS**, appointment

Position Four - **SERGIO J. SELVERA**, reappointment- was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2015-0004 ADOPTED

Mayor Parker announced just appointed new Board of Directors to the east town development authority invited the members to the podium and she believed that Alex Vassilakidis was present which she asked if he grew up in Houston and does she know his mother.

Mr. Vassilakidis stated yes she does know his mother and Mayor Parker stated thank you for stepping up for his services.

Mayor Parker announced that former Council Member James Rodrigues was present in the Chamber.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY:**

Position Two - **WELCOME W. WILSON, JR.**, for a term to expire 12/20/16, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2015

Position Four - **STEPHEN T. LE**, for a term to expire 12/20/2016

Position Six - **DALE DAVIDSON**, for a term to expire 12/20/2016- was presened, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Pennington, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2015-0005 ADOPTED

Council Member Laster announced not sure if any of the members are present but he wanted to thank them for the work they do.

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **SYLVIA CAVAZOS** to Position Four of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-ONE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE)**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016-was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0006 ADOPTED**

4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **JAMES K. CARDONA** to Position One of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE (also known as the HARRISBURG ZONE)**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0007 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker announced James K. Cardona to the board of Director of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone number twenty- three and invited him to the podium to thank him for his services.

5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE (also known as the HARRISBURG ZONE)**:
 - Position Two - **TONY PATRONELLA**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2015
 - Position Three - **JERRY MICHAEL ACOSTA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2016
 - Position Five - **ERNEST D. COCKRELL, II**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2016
 - Position Seven - **BOLIVAR M. FRAGA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0008 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker announced these are some more member of this board; she believes that Tony Patronella was present and invited him to the podium to thank him for willingness to serve.

6. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:
 - Class A terms to expire December 31, 2015;**
 - Position Five - **IRMA DIAZ-GONZALEZ**
 - Position Six - **C. FERNANDO CUÉLLAR**
 - Position Seven - **DESRYE M. MORGAN**
 - Position Eight - **DAVID L. SOLOMON**
 - Position Nine - **PHYLLIS J. BAILEY**
 - Position Ten - **WINSLOW ALBERT JEFFRIES**- was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0009 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker invited Fernando Cuellar, Phyllis Bailey, Winslow Jeffries, David Solomon to the podium and stated that they appreciate their service.

7. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **CHRISTINA D. MOORE** to Position Eight of the **OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**, for a term to expire January 2, 2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0010 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker stated that would be a new member to the Advisory Board of Business of Opportunity which she invited Christina Moore to the podium to thank her for stepping up and serve on the board.

8. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **JAMES DINKINS** to Position Eight (HISD) to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO (also known as the MIDTOWN ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2015- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0011 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker stated that would be Mr. Dinkins on the Midtown Zone Board of Director but was not present at the time.

9. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **JAMES DINKINS** to Position Eight (HISD) to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire December 31, 2015- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0012 ADOPTED**

10. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (OLD SIXTH WARD AREA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Position Three - **CLAUDE ANELLO**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016; and to serve as Chair for a term to ending 12/31/2015

Position Four - **CHRIS SILKWOOD**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016

Position Five - **CYNTHIA CARD**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016- was presented, moved by Davis and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0013 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker stated that this would be members of the old sixth ward area but none of the members were present at the time.

11. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN (MEMORIAL CITY), CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Position One - **DAVID A. HAMILTON**, for a term to expire 7/20/2015

Position Two - **JOHN RICKEL**, for a term to expire 7/20/2016

Position Three - **BOB TUCKER**, for a term to expire 7/20/2015

Position Four - **ANN THOMAS GIVENS**, for a term to expire 7/20/2016, and to serve as Chair for a term to expire 12/31/2015

Position Five - **ZACHARY R. HODGES**, for a term to expire 7/20/2015

Position Six - **BRADLEY R. FREELS**, for a term to expire 7/20/2016

Position Seven - **GLENN E. AIROLA**, for a term to expire 7/20/2015-was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0014 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker stated that they have reaffirmed the members of investment zone 17 which she invited Ann Thomas to the podium and she appreciate that the hundreds of hours that Ms. Thomas have served.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 14

12. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of General Services for approval of final contract amount of \$4,265,150.73 and acceptance of work on contract with **BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Design/Build Contract for Houston HTV Municipal Channel Renovation - 6% over the original contract amount and under the 11% contingency - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0015 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 15 and 18

13. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Chris Argo, Lentz Engineering, on behalf of Stadium Realty LLC, (Fernando Somoza, Executive Manager), for abandonment and sale of a ±5,423-square-foot water line easement and a ±17,296-square-foot water line easement, from the IH 610 service road to their termini, in exchange for conveyance of a 20-foot wide water line easement, a 10-foot by 20-foot water meter easement, and a 15-foot by 25-foot water meter easement, all out of the James Hamilton Survey, A-887, Parcels SY14-062A, SY14-062B, and KY14-316A through KY14-316C - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** –was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0016 ADOPTED**
18. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Frank B. Rynd, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, on behalf of Congregation of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, (Lauren Beck, Superior General), and Archdiocese Galveston-Houston, for abandonment and sale of: 1) Jackson Street, from Texas Avenue to Capitol Avenue; 2) a ±819-square-foot fee-owned strip of the west side of Avenida De Las Americas right-of-way, from Capitol Avenue north ±117 feet; and 3) a ±27-square-foot fee-owned corner clip located at the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Avenida De Las Americas, in exchange for conveyance to the City of a full width utility easement, and a corner clip located at the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Avenida De Las Americas all located within South Side Buffalo Bayou Addition, out of the J. S. Holman Survey, A-323, Parcels SY15-040A, SY15-040B, SY15-040C, SY15-040D, SY15-066A, SY15-066B, SY15-066C, AY15-140, VY15-004A, VY15-004B, VY15-005A and VY15-005B **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington and Seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0017 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 24 through 49

24. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms

thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0001 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2015B, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Loan Forgiveness Agreement; and declaring an emergency-was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0002 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Retail Water and Sewer Rates of **BLUE BELL MANOR UTILITY COMPANY, INC**; approving a Tariff and Rates that shall constitute the legal rates of Blue Bell Manor Utility Company, Inc within the City of Houston until changed as provided by the Texas Water Code; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; containing a repealer - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**-was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0003 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE** for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Training Services for George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and William P. Hobby Airport 5 Years - \$1,490,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0004 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$46,400.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Capital Equipment for the Houston Fire Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0005 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$402,966.02 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Capital Equipment for the Houston Fire Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0006 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$461,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund, \$967,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$139,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, \$381,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$384,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, \$502,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$202,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for the Project Management Costs for FY2015 Capital Improvement Plan Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0007 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0222 (Passed by City Council March 20, 2013) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC** for Energy Management and Maintenance Services for the General Services Department - \$1,252,077.56 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0008 ADOPTED**

34. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **ADVANCED OVERHEAD CRANE SERVICES, INC** for Inspection, Maintenance and Repairs on Overhead Cranes and Hoists for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,430,496.00 General, Enterprise and Fleet Management Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0009 ADOPTED**
35. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **BIO LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE, INC** for Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,335,967.15 - General and Other Funds- was presented, was not received and was pulled.
37. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the Gessner Paving and Drainage Project (from Long Point to Neuens Road); authorizing the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to thirteen parcels of land required for the project and situated in the George L. Bellows Survey, Abstract No. 3, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along the northerly and southerly lines of Long Point Road and easterly line of Gessner Road in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to the thirteen parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0010 ADOPTED**
38. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,148,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** (Approved by Ordinance No. 1995-0676) for replacement of Two Variable Frequency Drives at the Lynchburg Pump Station- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0011 ADOPTED**
39. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7**, also known as **PECAN GROVE VFD SERVICE AREA**, to include certain territory within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston; providing for severability; containing repealer- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0012 ADOPTED**
40. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 40.240 acres of land to **CYPRESS HILL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0013 ADOPTED**
41. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 1.9743 acres of land to **GRANT ROAD PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0014 ADOPTED**

42. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 93.60 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0015 ADOPTED**
43. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 3.7481 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 55**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0016 ADOPTED**
44. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 74.474 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 105**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0017 ADOPTED**
45. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 64.459 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 46**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0018 ADOPTED**
46. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,204,719.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,385,900.00 out of Contribution for Capital Projects Fund and \$181,181.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for South Post Oak Paving and Drainage from Beltway 8 to FM 2234; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Contribution for Capital Projects Fund and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0019 ADOPTED**
47. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$371,826.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF awarding contract to **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Cambridge Street from Old Spanish Trail to Holly Hall Street; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0020 ADOPTED**
48. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,400,756.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods; 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 (WW 4257-146)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0021 ADOPTED**
49. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,276,624.55 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Waterline Rehab and Replacement Project II; 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 (WA11179-02)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2015-0022 ADOPTED

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

12. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2015 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LAKE HOUSTON FACILITY PROJECT** operated by the Coastal Water Authority - \$2,422,946.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0018 ADOPTED**
13. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2015 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **TRINITY RIVER WATER CONVEYANCE PROJECT** operated by the Coastal Water Authority - \$21,835,113.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0019 ADOPTED**
16. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Antoinette Green, ADG Interests, LLC, for abandonment and sale of Pleasantville Drive, from Munn Street Extension north ±175 feet along Lot 36B-1, Block 3, and Lot 36B-2, Block 4, in exchange for conveyance to the City of right-of-way for and construction of a cul-de-sac built to City standards, located in the Pleasanton Manor Section 2 Subdivision, out of the John Brown Survey, A-8, Parcels SY15-006, AY15-083A and AY15-083B - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis.
17. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Chris Rhodes, Civil-Surv Land Surveying, L.C., on behalf of WOIH Partners, LLC, (Will Garwood, Manager), for abandonment and sale of Ideal Street, from Glen Park Avenue south ±235 feet, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 20-foot wide storm sewer easement, and the reversion of a water line easement and four sanitary sewer easements, located in the Glen Park Subdivision, out of the John Austin Two League Grant Survey, A-1, Parcels SY15-012, SY15-077, SY15-078, SY15-079, SY15-080, SY15-081 and LY15-003 - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Robinson.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 19

Council Member Christie announced that his was going to vote against this item because it's a waste of money and it created new bureaucracies called PODS, closed point of dispensing for more drug to give in case of biological attack or such.

Council Member Kubosh stated because of the information that Council Member Christie said he wants to tag the item to get more information.

19. **BIO-DEFENSE NETWORK** to recruit Closed Point of Dispensing partners for Houston Department of Health & Human Services - \$270,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.

RESOLUTIONS - NUMBERS 20 through 22

Council Member Laster stated that he look forward to voting on this particular item along with Council Member Nguyen, this was an item that had been proposed, been in the working plans, which was idea plans of many folks in the Alief area and his concern was the filing deadline which was next week, it's cutting it to close, hoping that everyone involved in this project was work dignity on getting all the paper work completed so that District F and District J are left behind.

20. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination and submission of the **INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BIKEWAYS PROJECT** for funding consideration in the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for projects administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council - **DISTRICTS F - NGUYEN and J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2015-0001 ADOPTED**

Council Member Davis stated he was happy for these areas of 21, 22 but he want to see if maybe sometimes if they can get their grant written in the City, to look at some of the others areas that don't have staff with management or management District with staff to them maybe identify projects and write some of the grants from the areas throughout Houston.

21. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination and submission of the **KINGWOOD PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CONNECTIONS PROJECT** for funding consideration in the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for projects administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2015-0002 ADOPTED**

22. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination and submission of the **MEMORIAL TO SAN FELIPE HIKE AND BIKE CONNECTION PROJECT** for funding consideration in the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for projects administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2015-0003 ADOPTED**

Council Member Pennington announced that there was a group of student present and wanted to welcome them; they are from the West Chester Academy for National studies.

Council Member Stardig wanted to thank City Attorney Feldman and Director Diaz for the concerns of the limo drivers who contacted her office; also wanted to thank her staff for escalating the issue to her because it was impacting the livelihood of those drivers.

23. **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 46-11.3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the operation of vehicles with junk and salvage titles as vehicles for hire- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0023 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Fund (Fund 2409); approving and authorizing supplement to the agreement by and between the City of Houston, **NORTH HOUSTON BANK, BUILDERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 22, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, THE LELAND WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, and **THE LELAND WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY II**, for the Continuing Development of Affordable Housing in the Leland Woods Subdivision, Houston, Texas; providing \$200,000.00 in TIRZ Funds for a grant to Leland Woods Redevelopment Authority II to satisfy additional obligations, including transactional, refinancing and other related costs, under the terms of the supplement to the agreement **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0024 ADOPTED**

Council Member Stardig stated that she had a question about the overlay process because she wanted to make sure the quality of the overlay, the life expectancy fo that overlay because her feedback from her community was that the quality was not always there and also the labor involved in the proves of an overlay was costly.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Stardig would have to speak to Public Works on the issue but their focus on Rebuild Houston has been full street reconstruction or repairs, they have moved away from the quick fixes and made a major shift back to the overlay which in time there will be more of the overlays.

Council Member Davis stated that Angel Brothers did an overlay in Rosewood community over a year ago and he can contest that it was fine and also Angel Brothers been doing great work in the fifth ward area.

Mayor Parker stated to Council Member Stardig that she was just informed that there was a over year warranty on the overlay.

After a lengthy discussion between the Mayor and the Council Member about overlay and Public Work they put the item to a vote.

33. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LTD.** for Asphaltic Pavement Overlay Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Years with 3 one-year options to extend - \$14,492,800.00 Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0025 ADOPTED**

36. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **EMAG SOLUTIONS, LLC** for Professional Services and Litigation Support Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$750,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Funds

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 50 and 51

MISCELLANEOUS

50. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from January 7, 2015, to receive nominations for Positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the **HOUSTON CLEAN COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0020 ADOPTED**

51. **REVIEW** on the record and make determination relative to the appeal from the decision of the Houston Planning Commission to uphold the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission, regarding the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness, with conditions, to construct a new house at 1201 Rutland Street, filed by Timothy B. Kirwin, Randle Law Office Ltd., L.L.P., on behalf of Sam Gianukus, Creole Design (Applicant) for Michael Bastian (Owner)- was presented and tagged by Council Member Cohen, Laster and Bradford.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Cohen announced that this past Monday evening at Central Northwest Superneighborhood 12 along with other Superneighborhoods hosted a meeting to discuss the high speed train from Houston to Dallas, which she couldn't attend the meeting but she has submitted letter to the Federal Railroad Administration which was currently conducting a study but while she supports high speed train as an important mass transit option that would help Houston traffic but she was opposed to the routes and urges residents to visit www.dallashoustonhsr.com for more information also advised residents to submit their commits as well; also she stated upcoming events in her district.

Council Member Pennington Announced that he would like to speak more on TIRZ 17 and wanted to thank Ed Given, the board also the staff for seeking more public input in projects, there will be a meeting in February to discuss improvements to Memorial Drive on the West side of the TIRZ; he thinks it's healthy and useful to have these types of meetings; on another note he heard from the opponents to the HERO Ordinance that the City was making a motion to deny the opposition and which an opportunity to have a jury trial on this case, he thinks this would be useful in this case but not all jury trial are necessary and his problem with this Ordinance was the way it had been drafted. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Green announced past meetings and events he attended and upcoming events in his district. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Gallegos wanted to recognize the chair of the Harrisburg TIRZ for being present, looking forward to working with them in 2015; also announced events he attended and upcoming events. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Stardig want to congratulate Craig Biggio, also wanted to send her condolences to the former Mayor Bob Laner family and friends; she also announced the past events she attend and all the upcoming events in her district. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh discussed information relating to the Equal Rights that was passed by Council. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated Happy New Year to everyone, the weather has taken a turn, the temperatures are dropping down to dangerous lows, a shelter has been open at night for those that don't have heater, this church was located at 12320 Beechnut street in Alief; also Dostrict F had donated sleeping bags with other supplies for those in need and announced past events he attend and upcoming coming events in his district. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Christie stated that the Bob Laner funeral was inspirational, it show that someday people will thank you for the service that was given, he was a bright Mayor, a lot was accomplished during his six years and also he agrees with Council Member Cohen, he had rode the train in the front with the Mayor and the engineer, it's safe, quiet but yes there was concerns with the neighborhoods but it's the wave of the future and he want to apologize for his cousin Governor Chris Christie with the Dallas Cowboys. Mayor Parker, Council Member Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Council Member Robinson stated he would like to mention one other meeting coming up about the Historic District, there was an ongoing set of meeting at six o'clock on Monday and there was a review committee at the City Hall Annex for those who are concern about historical preservation. Mayor Parker, Council Member Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Council Member Bradford wanted acknowledge former Mayor Bob Laner again, the wonderful leadership he provided, a number of thing was said about him, but notice that it was not about the position, the degree or the titles and the list of great things he did was long and accurate; also he was the one that appointed him as the Chief of Police in this great City and he wanted to thank Bob Laner family for sharing him with the city. Council Member Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Council Member Boykins wanted to reiterate the passing of Bob Laner, also the passing in the same week representative Turner's mother, a riding buddy Clarence Louis , Constable Davis losing his daughter; it's been a week of losing wonderful people and with great sadness but excitement in his fraternity two great men passed away one was the first African American Edward Brook who died at the age of 95 and ESPN Anchor Struat Scott who died at the age of 49 and also announced upcoming events in his district. Council Member Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Council Member Laster want to give his condolences to Bob Laner, it was a honor to serve the Legal Department during his administration, which he learned a great deal from him and his associates, also sad for Eric Dogins lost and last thing hearing from portions of the Sharptown community about water quality, which part has to do with new construction, the other part has to

do with the sixty year old pipes; please contact 311 and District J office with concerns about the water, it gives them an opportunity to pinpoint where the Quality issue are happening. Council Member Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

There are no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES
READ AND APPROVED**

Anna Russell, City Secretary