

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015 with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, and C. O. "Brad" Bradford, 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 Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

At 1:45 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentation portion of the City Council meeting. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Robinson.

Council Member Christie stated he had a proclamation for George Hermann, when reading his resume and the impact he made to the City of Houston in the parks and the foundations and invited members of the Swiss Community to the podium; that when he thinks of Switzerland, he thinks people can learn from the Swiss besides knives, watches and the history of Switzerland was that they just did not get involved in fights and George Hermann was a descendent of Swiss immigrants and when Stephen F. Austin was developing Texas, he wanted Swiss and German immigrants because they were against slavery; so they was honoring George Hermann today as a Swiss descendent and on August 6, 1843 he was born as the youngest son, a Houston oil man, a philanthropist, was involved in various business enterprises that included cattle driving, real estate and following the discovery of oil in Humble Texas which made him a millionaire but led a frugal life and donated most of his estate to the people of Houston that later became known as Herman Park, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the land in front of City Hall that was known as Hermann Square which he dedicated to his mother and he finally left most of his 2.6 million dollar estate to a charitable hospital which was known now as Memorial Hermann Hospital and that George Hermann would always be remembered for his technological achievement in oil and gas extraction and the City of Houston salutes the late George Hermann on his birthday and his many successes and therefore Mayor Parker proclaimed August 4, 2015 as George Hermann Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Robinson.

Council Member Stardig stated it was her privilege to bring to their attention today of an organization that stepped up to serve their neighbors, specifically in District A; the National Association of Christian Churches recently assisted a constituent on District A that was 89 years old that lost almost everything when a tree fell on his home during the Memorial Day flooding and the National Association of Christian Churches stepped up to help move all of the damaged furniture, belongs out of his home to begin construction and the story from his neighbors was that he was sitting on his front porch feeling overwhelmed because he did not know where to begin; National Association of Christian Churches was a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1992 by group of Pastors that wanted to provide other Pastors useful tools and resources for running their Churches and in 1998 became a disaster relief organization and NACC first disaster relief was in Puerto Rico for Hurricane George which they fed 1400 people daily and also help families rebuild their home; in 2005 following Hurricane Katrina NACC established a field office in Kenner, Louisiana to help thousands cleanup and rebuild their homes and the City of Houston commends the National Association of Christian Churches for it commitment and therefore Mayor Parker proclaimed August 4, 2015 as National Association of Christian Churches Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Robinson absent.

Council Member Gallegos and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and him invited Members of the East End Chamber of Commerce to the podium and Council Member Gallegos stated since 1991 the East End of Commerce had supported and represented the interest of hundreds employers across the East End from family owned shops to large companies, the Chamber provides leadership and advocates to advance not just the East End business community but the entire city, about an hour ago the Chamber hosted a reception featuring a few of the many wonderful restaurants' the City of Houston originated in the East End at the intersection of Braes and Buffalo Bayou, that area was settled by John Harris in 1826 which was known today as Old Harrisburg, the East End was proud home of the Port of Houston the Nation's for most port for foreign commerce and one of the largest ports in the world and the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce was the premier business and community support Organization for promoting and sustaining business expansion in the East End and priorities were education, economic development, parks, neighborhoods and infrastructure improvements. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Robinson absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that since 2006 the East End Chamber of Commerce had been committed to supporting the educational needs of local students and had awarded \$230,000 in scholarship in the last nine years, in 2013 and 2014 the Chamber managed the East End Street Fest on the Esplanade increasing awareness and appreciation for the East End and on this day the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce would be recognized for their tireless devotion to the East End Community and the City of Houston commends them for its commitment to improve the quality of life for East End and extends best wishes and therefore Mayor Parker proclaimed August 4, 2015 as Houston East End Chamber of Commerce Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Robinson absent.

At 2:08 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Stardig for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Stardig invited Pastor Schultz for the invocation and Council Member Stardig led the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:12 City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to adopt the previous minutes for July 21, 2015 and July 28, 2015 meetings and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker stated that they had a long standing rule of Council that when the number of public speakers exceeds a certain minimum, which was 150 minutes and they were at 169 minutes, no matter how long the speakers signed up for it was now limited to one minute but also limits Council as well and it serves to move the meeting along.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Kenny Friedman and Ms. Manpreet Singh out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0516 ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Chris Bell and Tomaro Bell out of order and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0517 ADOPTED**

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Sean Dailey, Mr. Luke Manion and Mr. James Ritsema out of order

and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0518 ADOPTED**

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Amanda Edwards to list of speakers and to hear Mr. Ashton Woods out of order and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0519 ADOPTED**

Council Member Nguyen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Trang Huynh, Ms. Tuy Nguyen, Mr. John Trinh and Mr. Trung Trinh out of order and seconded Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0520 ADOPTED**

The City Secretary began calling the list of speakers.

Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Friedman for his willingness to serve again as Chairman of the Sports Authority.

Mr. J. Kent Friedman, 1107 Delano, 77003, no phone appeared and stated he was happy to be at the meeting wearing his hat has a Chairman of the Sports Authority Board which they had put a lot of time into bring sporting events to town and he had concerns that if Houston was ever perceived as an intolerant, bigoted place they would lose some of the events and as everyone was aware that the NFL threaten to move the Super Bowl out of Arizona when they passed some legislation that was perceived as being bigoted, the NCAA just last year reacted strongly to an Indiana law that was passed that was perceived the same, so they have the Final Four and the Super Bowl was coming.

Mr. Chris Bell, 9410 Endicott Lane, 77096, (713)493-1662 appeared and stated he was present to strongly encourage Members of Council to place the Equal Rights Ordinance on the ballot this November so voters can approve it.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston Street, 77004, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated she was present to request that Council put HERO on the November ballot to let the citizens of Houston vote on it and diversity was not a curse it was a cure.

Mr. James A. Campbell, 1107 Delano, 77003, no phone appeared and stated his concerns were mounting over multi-family mega fires that were increasing throughout the country, including right here in Houston, the practice of building apartments, hotels, sometimes four stories were light weight flammable wood construction had gain popularity and all this wood construction along with fuel rich furniture made fires burn ten times faster than they did a decade ago and it was time to make adjustments to the Building Code to address this increased danger and this was an opportunity time to discuss increasing fire safety. Council Member Boykins absent.

Mr. Sean Dailey, 2539 Rusk, 77003, (281)851-8699 appeared and stated he was a Houston Firefighter speaking on behalf of local 341 and speaking in support of Masonry Firewalls for multi-family construction, firewalls was one of the most important fire safety elements of any building and when someone does not have effective firewalls, they see large multi alarm fires like they saw in Council Member Stardig District and Masonry firewalls makes fires safer for firefighters and also safer for residents of Houston. Council Member Boykins absent.

Mr. Luke Manion, 101 Emerald Court, 77009, (832)877-2805 appeared and stated he was present as a citizen and a Representative from the Professional Firefighter Association; Mr. Dailey covers some of what they were talking about but this issue affects thousands of Houstonians and can be seen on the news every week and these Masonry firewalls were cutting edge. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Charlotte Roberts to the end of the speakers list and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2015-0521 ADOPTED**

Mr. James Ritsema, 9503 Bayou Lake Lane, 77040, (713)946-0929 appeared and stated he was Chief Estimators for a construction company here in Houston; he had been in the Houston market since 1980, so he had a pretty good handle on the cost and was present to voice his opinion about Masonry Walls, first of all he would like to say that most developers, contractors and owners would be against change but this change would be an improvement for the long term and the walls would last a lot longer than sheetrock walls. Council Members Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Manpreet K. Singh, 4925 Holt Street, 77401, (713)202-7923 appeared and stated she was a 14 year attorney here in Houston also a native Houstonian and was present in support of HERO. Council Members Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Ms. Amanda Edwards, no address, no phone appeared and stated she was a citizen of Houston, a proud native Houstonian, also in support of HERO and Houston's strength was its people. Council Member Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Ashton Woods, 8410 West Nartell Dr., 77054, (713)757-2317 appeared and stated he was present to encourage Members of Council to place HERO on the ballot and he does this hesitantly because rights should never be voted on. Council Members Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Van English, 5410 Court of York. 77069, (972)795-4257 appeared and stated that about 4 summers ago he and then illegal husband moved to Houston after having lived in some other major Texas cities that had an Equal rights Ordinance and he was present in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Mark Eggeston, 11635 Canyon Mills Dr., (832)630-5995 appeared and stated he was the Director of Outreach at the Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church in district C in Timbergrove and was present in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance being placed on the November ballot. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Markory Johnston, 7431 Deet Forest Dr., 77088, (713)416-3977 appeared and stated she was present in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance being placed on the November ballot. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Andy Taylor, 2668 Highway 36 South, No. 288, Brenham, Texas, 77833, (713)412-4025 appeared and stated he was assuming that the HERO Ordinance was going to be placed on the November ballot and the next job would be how to write the language to be included on that ballot and he wanted to make sure that Council knew of one legal requirement in their City Charter which was the Constitution for the City, Section VII b, Section 3 and expressed his opinion on how the ballot language should be.

Council Members questioned Mr. Taylor at length and after long discussions, Council Member Laster stated he thought the conversation should take place on Wednesday when the item was on the Agenda.

Mayor Parker stated that she would like to point out that Mr. Taylor was a lawyer that engaged with the City of Houston and she cautioned Council Members of the questions they may ask him.

Ms. Sabrina Hernandez, 11627 Northpost, 77093, (713)257-0487 appeared and stated she was a real estate professional and she wanted to give her side of the Equal Rights Ordinance, on May 28 there were six no's on the HERO Ordinance and one of the six no's came into her office and was treated in a professional manner over her personal opinion but treated that person with respect. Council Member Martin absent.

Mr. Philippe Nassif, 5525 Darling Street, Unit A, 77007, (281)222-0456 appeared and stated he was a resident of District C and was present in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Edward Esguerra, 13715 Baehne Dr., 77014, (832)0341-2882 appeared and stated he was present to request that Members of Council place HERO on the November ballot. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Daniel Williams, 122 Glendale, 77012, (512)569-8202 appeared and stated he was present to request that Members of Council place the Equal Rights Ordinance on the November ballot. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Brian Buzby, 1406 Columbus Street, 303, 77019, (832)870-8181 appeared and stated he was a resident of District C, he was an attorney for the oil industry, a Board Member of Governors for the Human Rights Campaign but first and foremost he was a Christian, that his sexual orientation, gender identity his race, health disability had nothing to do with his religious belief and if they had a problem with who was in the public restrooms, they should go before they leave their house. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gonzalez and Laster absent.

Mr. Fran Watson, 4617 Montrose, 77006, (713)999-5375 appeared and stated she was present again to express her support of placing the Equal Rights Ordinance on the November ballot and she was also present to state that this Ordinance would protect all Houstonians. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gonzalez and Laster absent.

Mr. Travis Eason, 6200 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Apt. 112, (605)376-7301 appeared and stated that when this country was founded about 200 years ago, the founding fathers wanted equality, justice and rights for everyone and over the 200 plus years that this country had been around, they had seen a number of changes because they had become more enlighten about what was right and what was wrong and today he asked them to consider were they an enlightened body and if they were then they realize they have to embrace everyone and requested that the Equal Rights Ordinance be placed on the ballot. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Isabel Longoria, 5425 Polk, Suite 125, 77023, (713)923-7575 appeared and stated she was present on behalf of Senator Garcia and she wanted to make sure that everyone knew

she was a longtime supporter for rights for all citizen of the city. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Zoe Matranga, 1901 Richmond, No.20, 77098, (832)247-5668 appeared and stated she was a voter in District C, a Rice student, a proud Houstonian, she was as straight as a circle; a realization she came to recently in the midst of an eating disorder and some of the struggles of the Mental Health Community and it was hard to find a medical team that knew how to treat her disorder but she found one that accepted her and did not try to change her. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Tyler Darnell, 1747 Kipling, 77098, (832)715-1632 appeared and stated he was resident of District C and he was a person with Cerebral Palsy where he was protected by the Americans Disability Act which accommodation had been made for him to engage in the world around him otherwise in the gay community he was no protected, he was not treated with the same respect as he was in other institutions. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Valerie Meisel, 2111 Welch Street, B-319, 77019, (302)562-4719 appeared and stated she moved to Houston six months ago, after considering several cities and one of the things she looked at in Houston was an international, global city with great diversity and support of that diversity; look at her she was a white 75 year old woman that when she turned 40 her husband died of a heart attack and she became a widow with three teenage sons and she was personally discriminated against. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Doug Peterson, 2118 Cherrytree Ridge Lane, 77062, (281)782-2721 appeared and stated he was a 30 year resident of the Clear Lake area along with his wife and kids and he recently retired from NASA in order to enter other forms of community activism and he wanted Council to know that city leadership should support this in every possible way. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Judy Astiasuain, 1056 Inverness Cove, Dickinson, 77539, (281)309-6699 appeared and stated she was in support of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance and her message remains the same as last year and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and she was appalled by the illegal discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity in housing, public, and private employment and public accommodations. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Brent Sullivan, 910 Omar, 77009, (832)971-1802 appeared and stated he was present to stand of support of HERO and comes from a religious tradition that tells us that there was a God within each of us, so they were all equal on that level. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Brenda Lunger, 8519 High Mountain Dr., 77088, (713)828-8832 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Jay Mays, 1301 Marshall Street, 77006, (713)909-8148 appeared and stated she was a long time resident of District C, she was an artist, community organizer, a nonprofit administrator and she deeply supported maintaining a city wide Equal Rights Ordinance and this would had been helpful to her in 2010 when she had a benefits eligible position rescinded after

the Director learned she was inquiring about the LGBT inclusion there. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Tom Beauchamp, 6725 Roos Road, 77074, (713)397-2423 appeared and stated he was a resident of District J for over 18 years and was present today in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance and like most Houstonians this ordinance was needed. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Julia Macleoz-Michel, 31571 Huffman Cleveland Road, Huffman, 77336, (832)833-0275 appeared and stated this was her first time speaking in front of Council, was a native Houstonian all her life and she was a gay woman that just got married which supported her wife and requesting that the ordinance go through. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. James Cargas, 2450 Louisiana, No.400-333, (832)393-6255 appeared and stated he was a proud citizen of District C and urged Council not to back down and put the question to the voters. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. George Earley, 13815 Barryknoll Lane, 77079, (346)213-9401 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Virginia Parks, 906 East. Rittenhouse, 77076, (832)816-3843 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Brenda Neal, 4740 Merwin St. 77027, (713)533-1208 appeared and stated she was a resident of District G and was present to request Council to not repeal HERO and to place it on the ballot and now she leaves confused, so it was up to Council to make the decision for tomorrow. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Vanessa Garcia, 2715 Stoney Brook Dr., (713)933-5513 appeared with a translator and stated she was representing the Transsexual Latina from Houston and was present in support of the HERO Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Caroline Garry, 1741 Hawthorne, 77098, (512)659-4242 appeared and stated she was present to urge Council to affirm the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance if that means they must now defeat the opponents of Equality at the ballot box. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Jim Evans, 1314 Texas Street, No. 808, 77002, (713)289-9872 appeared and stated he was an attorney in Houston and was present in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Jill Moffit, 6011 Duxbury, 77035, (713)428-4912 appeared and stated she was present to encourage Members of Council to vote for HERO. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. John Gaspari, 1616 West Dallas Unit 345, 77019, (815)545-7652 appeared and stated he had been in Houston for about three years which has been difficult because when he moved here he was excited to start with a large company but when they learned of his sexual

orientation he was called names, was not allowed to do corporate events that his company offered and filed with HR but HR did not want to move forward with the investigation and he was eventually let go of his job. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Ali Gorczynski, 150 Sabine Street, no.126, 77007, (832)302-7086 appeared and stated as a new resident of District H, this Friday would mark two years that she had been living in Houston and works with an organization called Texas Freedom Network which had initiative called Texas Rising which trains students on voting rights and many students had approach her because of concerns after graduation they would not be able to find a job because their LGBT identities and color of their skin but they were not afraid to go to the ballot and fight again.

Mr. Johnny Peden, 17203 Saturn lane, 77058, (713)817-2160 appeared and stated that Mr. Friedman made good points as far as economic impact on the city as far as sports events were concerned but also think about the people who would stop visiting Houston and the Mayor and many of the Council Members that supported her in propelling this great city into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and as far as HERO was concerned and to please keep in mind it was not a gay rights ordinance it was inclusive of many other people. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Kendrick Brown, 5401 Chimney Rock, No.979, 77081, (832)538-4828 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Glenda Kay Joe, 1714 Tannehill Dr., 77008, (713)861-8270 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Michael Diaz, 2610 Waugh, Dr. No.2, 77006, (954)494-6916 appeared and stated he was a Reverend at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church in the Heights and was one of the 80 Faith Leader who last year voiced in support for the Equal Rights Ordinance and he stands before Council again to request them not to repeal the Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Lisa Hunt, 841 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 77008, (832)373-9709 appeared and stated she was a Reverend at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, wanted to begin by thanking Council for their faithful service to this city and also wanted to commend Council for treating each other with respect, our city was watching them as they deliberate in this decision and that Council model the kind of city they would be by how Council deliberates on this issue of moral judgement. Council Member Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Jeffrey Faircloth, 6309 Horgue, 77087, (713)553-5803 appeared and stated he was a proud, lifelong Houstonian, proud student at UH and proud current President of the PFLAG Houston which was an advocacy organization that supports families and parents of LGBT people and was also a proud gay Christian male and was present to speak about what the opponents of the Equal Rights Ordinance often speak about, that this was about family values and protecting children, which was why they need to repeal the ordinance which they were right this was about family values and protecting children but they were wrong about how to go about doing this. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Frances Northcutt, 3131 Cummins Lane, 77027, (713)703-7083 appeared and stated she was resident of District C, a President of the Houston Area Chapter of the National



Organization for Women and she speaking on behalf of Houston and herself in support of the Houston Equal Right Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Reverend Jennis Martin Fairbanks, 4517 Stillbrooke Dr., 77035, (281)745-8205 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Shannon Morgan, 5007 Northrup Dr., 77092, (832)274-4848 appeared and stated she was a native Houstonian and read a vulgar text message she received from a Houston Dealership after showing the salesman a picture of her partner and her and perceived it as threatening to her and her family. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Wayne Ashley, 3412 Granustark Street, No.6, 77006, (713)906-4840 appeared and stated he was a resident of District C and was present in support of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance in any way. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Diana Torres, 6600 Hillcroft Street, 77081, (832)433-5163 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Keytara Ingram, 1001 West Park Dr., Apt.15, 77042 appeared and stated that she was a 26 year old transgender woman that had been living as her true self since she was 16 year old and still battle discrimination, unable to sustain a job because of it and she was present today because of HERO. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Nguyen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Brad Pritchett out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2015-0522 ADOPTED**

Ms. Dee Dee Watters, no address, no phone appeared and stated she was not fond that she had to be here but was present in support of HERO and the other thing that she was not in support of was some of the comments and actions that had been made. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Brad Pritchett, 1044 Alexander, 77008, (713)898-9734 appeared and stated he was present in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance and to the Council Members, their constitutes needed this Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated that the speakers that were moved to be heard out of order would not speak except Mr. John Trinh would be speaking for the group. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. John Trinh, 13015 Peach Orchard, Richmond, (832)528-4082 appeared and presented invitation to Members of Council and stated he was present to invite the Members of Council to an Inauguration Ceremony on Sunday, September 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., it was estimated that 1,000 guest would be attending this event and before the ribbon cutting they requested the Members of Council to say a few words for this historical event. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated that he had received the invitation which he marked the event on his calendar and he would be there. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Daphne Scarbrough, 2016 Scarbrough, 77098, (713)523-8413 appeared and stated was present to give Council Members a heads up about TIRZ because they would be voting on the formation of some new TIRZ and the extension of some TIRZ and that they were meant for their tax increment revitalization zones and they were not serving their purpose. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Jonathan Weigand, 3804 Brandt Street, No.5, 77006, (713)306-2352 appeared and stated he was present to speak on a totally different subject that had affected him personally which was the drug addiction in the City of Houston and he can not go anywhere without smelling the drugs or HPD breaking up fights over it. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address, no phone had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mr. Norris Pettius, 3115 Kentucky, 77026, (832)338-9072 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mr. Julian Uchima, 21106 Bastide Lane, Kingwood, 77339, (832)799-2275 appeared and distributed a statement to Members of Council and stated he was a taxi driver for the City of Houston for the past six years, their business had decreased since people were losing their jobs, not taking cabs and the reason he was present was to request that they release medallions to the taxi owners because they pay insurance and follow the city rules. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were considering changes to their vehicle for hire ordinance and considering allowing owner/drivers to create a driver-owner company and putting some medallions there but the final version had not been done. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr. No.703, 77082, (832)208-1498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motata, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, 77004, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster 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, and

Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jonathan Craft, Colquitt Street, Apt 14, 77098, (281)682-8425 appeared and stated he was resident of District C and he hopes that Council recognize that given the nature of the debate, that even if they did everything right, there would be individuals who would cry foul, accuse them of acting illegal and probably would say defaming things about them along with it, all because they do not like the idea of people with up to 15 innate unchangeable characteristics being treated like they treated and let's not forget what this was really about. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Nikki Araguz Loyd, 3820 Hazard, 77098, (415)612-0386 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Scott Tillinghast, 5005 Georgi Lane, No.88, 77092, (713)686-8331 appeared and stated he was resident of District C and was present in support of HERO. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. James Lee, 5490 Braesvalley Dr., Apt.3, 77096, (281)889-8362 appeared and stated he was resident of District C, a proud Houstonian as of this month for 5 years and was present to request that Council vote for the Equal Rights Ordinance with the same language. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Lou Weaver, 1609 Castle Court, No.1 77006, (832)265-0342 appeared and stated he was an out Transgender man, he was worried about the ways Houston was going and presented a book to Members of Council for the Transgender Day of Remembrance, this was a holiday where they memorialize the dead who had lost their lives because of their Transgender status or because they were gender nonconforming. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Melissa Murry, 6425 Westheimer Road, No.803, 77057 appeared and stated she was resident of District J and wanted to address Council Member Boykins making a comment on the record that black lives matter and where were they when black men were killed and she was actually going to D.C on 10/10/2015 to stand against that and requested that the Ordinance be placed on the ballot. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Evan Oneil, 1615 Hermann Drive, No.133, 77004 appeared and stated he was a resident of District D and was present in favor of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance and one of the proudest day he had for living in Houston for 20 years was the day that the Equal Rights Ordinance passed. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Melissa Vivanco, 1435 Lamonte Lane, 77018, (713)574-0639 appeared and stated she was a proud resident of District C and she wanted to remind everyone of a moment that happened where many of them, as one of the best moments when HERO started and that was when Council Member Nguyen explained why he voted for HERO and to her that was one of the

most moving moments of anything that had happen here. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, 77052, (713)987-3854 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Charlotte Roberts, no address, no phone appeared and stated she wanted to thank Council Member Gallegos for adding her to the list and this was an important point she thinks was overlooked and it was biological sex was not gender identity, was not sexual orientation and these were separate and completely mutual classes that deserve protection. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

The City Secretary stated that she was informed that on page one, five from the bottom, Ms. Virginia Parks was present and would still like to speak. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Virginia Parks, 906 East. Rittenhouse, 77076, (832)816-3843 appeared and stated she was proud resident of District H and that many people had seen the shirt, that says "love thy neighbor" which she does love her neighbors and she did not need to tell Council what HERO was about because most of the Members of Council voted for HERO and she thanked them and she also stated that she was trying to organize a town meeting and hope that she would see some of Council there. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

**Note:** During the public session many motions were offered to extend time for questions of various speakers, and votes taken, which were not prepared in written form and may be viewed on HTV Houston or on disc.

At 5:03 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2015 Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on personal business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 8:22 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday August 5, 2015, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C.O."Brad" Bradford, Jack Christie D.C. Ms. Donna Edmundson, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Director, present.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting order.

Mayor Parker stated there was a joint birthday celebration for Council Member Costello and City Secretary Anna Russell, both of their birthdays were today and she also wanted to welcome Debbie Costello, she came to surprise her husband. Council Members Davis and Nguyen absent.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller.

Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller and Mr. Kelley Dowe, Director of Finance reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial; Report, a copy of which is in the City Secretary's office for review; Mr. Green receive the Quarterly Investment Report and after discussion, Council Member Costello moved to accept the monthly financial report and the Quarterly Investment Report, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2015-0523 ADOPTED**

Council Member Costello moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 2 and 3 prior to the public hearing and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2015-0524 ADOPTED**

Council Member Bradford requested that Danny Lee stand up in the audience and stated he wanted to acknowledge that Mr. Lee had completed his internship in his office and wanted to thank him for the work he had done; that Danny was a senior at Bellaire High School and he was interested in law and politics. Council Member Boykins absent.

2. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON AREA LIBRARY AUTOMATED NETWORK (H.A.L.A.N.) ADVISORY BOARD**, for two year terms:

Position One - **CHRISTOPHER BUSBY**

Position Three - **DR. REAGAN D. FLOWERS-**

was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2015-0525 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**:

Position One - **MARTHA LEWIS STEIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Two - **TRUMAN C. EDMINISTER, III**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Three - **JAMES R. JARD**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Four - **SUSAN ALLEMAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Five - **MARK A. KILKENNY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Six - **FERNANDO L. BRAVE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Seven - **SHAFIK I. RIFAAT**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Eight - **PATRICIO SANCHEZ**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Nine - **LISA CLARK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Ten - **KENNETH BOHAN**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Eleven - **SHAUKAT ZAKARIA**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Twelve - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Thirteen - **EILEEN SUBINSKY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Eighteen - **PAUL R. NELSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Nineteen - **LINDA PORRAS-PIRTLE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Position Twenty - **ANTOINE BRYANT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Twenty-One - **MEDARDO "SONNY" GARZA**, reappointment, for a term to expire

6/30/2017-

was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis, Martin, Gallegos and Green absent. **MOTION 2015-0526 ADOPTED**

**HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** relative to providing Resolutions of No Objection to the 4% Housing Tax Credit applications of the following for three affordable housing communities:  

<b>SUNRISE ORCHARD</b>	<b>5300 Sunrise Road</b>	<b><u>DISTRICT D - BOYKINS</u></b>
<b>FENIX ESTATES</b>	<b>4001 Gulf Freeway</b>	<b><u>DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS</u></b>
<b>SAGETREE TERRACE</b>	<b>15505 Bammel N. Houston Rd.-</b>	

was presented, City Secretary stated it was a public hearing that was scheduled and no one had reserved time to speak and Mayor Parker stated was there any one present in the meeting specifically to address the issue and Ms. Florence Webb indicated that she wished to be heard and Mayor Parker invited her to the podium and advised her to state her name and which items she would like to address.

Ms. Florence Webb, no address, no phone appeared and presented information to Members of Council only and stated she was with the Retirement Housing Foundation and was present to speak on Sagetree Terrace; that Retirement Housing Foundation had been around for 55 years and they have projects all over the country in about 180 communities which they develop and manage the projects and was told that they needed to have a resolution of no opposition from the city and the rendering was being passed around to Members of Council that showed what it would look like and they were committed to this area and if Council had any question she would be happy to respond to them. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker asked of there was anyone else present who like to address either of these three housing projects, seeing none, she requested a motion to close the hearing.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0527 ADOPTED**

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 34**

**MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 4**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment of Annual Fees for **WATER ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH FOUNDATION** for Subscription Year 2015 (09/01/15 to 08/31/2016) - \$93,841.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council

Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0528 ADOPTED**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 5

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,665,124.72 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Ashford Forest Area - 2.40% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0529 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 6 through 17

6. **AMEND MOTION #2011-543, 7/6/11, TO APPROVE** spending authority in the total amount not to exceed \$271,245.63 for Hosting Subscription Services from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Airport System, awarded to **EVERBRIDGE, INC** - 49 Months - \$57,570.50 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0530 ADOPTED**
10. **AMEND MOTION #2012-620, 8/8/2012, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$770,000.00 to \$962,500.00 for Maintenance, Repair and Operating Commodities and Related Services through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the U.S. Communities for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC** - \$192,500.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0531 ADOPTED**
11. **EGW UTILITIES, INC** to Furnish and Deliver Lightweight Aluminum Trench Shield Safety Systems for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$183,362.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0532 ADOPTED**
13. **ENNIS PAINT, INC** for Paint, Street Marking for the Department of Public Works & Engineering 3 Years with two one-year options - \$396,750.00 - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0533 ADOPTED**
14. **HERTZ EQUIPMENT RENTAL CORPORATION** for Rental of Various Types of Construction Equipment through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with

U. S. Communities for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Through March 31, 2019 \$2,218,500.00 - Enterprise and Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0534 ADOPTED**

15. **AZTECA SYSTEMS, INC** for Software Maintenance and Support Services Agreement for Infrastructure Management System for Department of Public Works & Engineering - 1 Year \$296,590.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0535 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 20 through 34

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** ("DSHS") for the Current Population Statistics-Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness (DSHS Contract No. 2016-001219-00) - \$1,275,704.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0735 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$9,342,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and award Design Build Contract between City of Houston and **BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION, LLC.**, to Perform Design and Construction Phase Services to the Robinson-Westchase Neighborhood Library Project; containing provisions related to the subject; providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT F – NGUYEN**- the City Secretary announced that the item had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.

24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$19,749,375.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund to contract between City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (as approved by Ordinance No. 2014-167)** for construction of the Southwest Police Station, to TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC, to BRIAN SMITH CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, INC, to RD1R ARCHITECTS, INC and to ROTH + SHEPPARD ARCHITECTS, LLP; providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- the City Secretary announced that the item had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Sole Source Service Contract between the City of Houston and **PURE TECHNOLOGIES U.S., INC** for Underground Monitoring of Acoustic Fiber Optic Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$689,456.40 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN; H - GONZALEZ and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0736 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the West Alabama Street Paving and Drainage Project (from Wesleyan Street to Buffalo Speedway); authorizing the



acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to seventeen parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Allen C. Reynolds Survey, Abstract No. 61, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along the north lines and south lines of West Alabama Street between Wesleyan and Buffalo Speedway 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 seventeen parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G – PENNINGTON**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0737 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** granting consent to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 460** to Exercise Road Powers and authorizing the district to issue bonds for road facilities within the City of Houston, Texas, subject to certain conditions - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0738 ADOPTED**
29. **MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 16.8939 acres commonly known as Densimix, LLC, at 13501 Industrial Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0739 ADOPTED**
30. **MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 54.0464 acres commonly known as Rescar Companies, at 407 West Brentwood Drive, Channelview, Harris County, Texas, and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0740 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **AWC, INC** for Purchase of Siemens and related Process Control and Data Acquisition Equipment/Replacement Parts, Professional Services, Training, and Technical Services (Approved by Ordinance No. 2010-674)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0741 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,085,400.00 out of Metro Construction - Other, awarding contract to **JOHN REED & COMPANY, LLC** for Bringhurst Bridge over UPRR; 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 Construction - Other - \$1,600,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0742 ADOPTED**

33. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,315,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract with **R. G. MILLER ENGINEERS, INC** for Houston Heights, John Brashear and Memorial Heights Paving and Drainage (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0450) - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H – GONZALEZ**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0743 ADOPTED**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

7. **AMEND MOTION #2014-815, 8/20/14, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$2,790,000.00 to \$2,890,000.00 for SAP Employee Self-Service and Management Self-Service Project for the Houston Information Technology Services, awarded to **NEOS CONSULTING GROUP, LLC** \$100,000.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0536 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,200,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund and \$650,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund to address an Emergency to reconstruct the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0744 ADOPTED**
9. **APPROVE** spending authority to address an Emergency to Reconstruct the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and award to **HORIZON INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC** in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00, **WALTER P. MOORE AND ASSOCIATES** in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 and **BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSULTANTS, LLC** in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**  
**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 8 above-** was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0537 ADOPTED**
12. **BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC** for Inspection Services for Waterline Rehabilitation through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 5 Years - \$3,500,000.00 Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0538 ADOPTED**
16. **INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC** for purchase of Infor Software Maintenance and Professional Services from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract for the Department of Public Works & Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$766,216.82 - 1 Year - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0539 ADOPTED**

17. **MOORE MEDICAL, LLC** for Durable Medical Goods, First Aid and Safety Related Supplies, Equipment and Services through the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance for Various Departments - 3 Years with a one-year renewal option \$3,500,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Pennington and tagged by Council Member Christie.
18. **ORDINANCE READOPTING THE HOUSTON YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS STANDARDS OF CARE AS CODIFIED AT ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS;** containing findings and other provisions related to the subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0745 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Chenevert Street, from Rusk Street to Capitol Avenue, and Hamilton Street, from Rusk Street to Capitol Avenue, both located within South Side Buffalo Bayou Addition, out of the J. S. Holman Survey, A-323, Houston, Texas; vacating and abandoning said parcels to Houston First Corporation, the abutting owner - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0746 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **WOODLAND CHRISTIAN TOWERS, INC** to provide \$3,452,905.00 of Federal “HOME” Funds to assist with renovation of a 127 unit Affordable Housing Community in the vicinity of 600 East Tidwell Road in Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0747 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement for Towing and Storage Services for Seized Vehicles for the Houston Police Department between the City of Houston and **RBEX, INC, d/b/a APPLE TOWING CO.** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0748 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as North Corridor Plant Consolidation Package 1A Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to ten parcels of land required for the project and situated in the S.W. Upshaw Survey, Abstract No. 821 and the Malcom McAuley Survey, Abstract 577, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located within an area south of Rankin Road, west of Aldine Westfield Road, north of the Hardy Airport Connector and east of Air Center Boulevard 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 ten parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0748 ADOPTED**
34. **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-716**, passed first reading July 29, 2015  
**ORDINANCE** granting to **RELIABLE ROLL OFF SERVICES, L.L.C., 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; and making

certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0716 PASSED SECONDED READING**

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended to postpone Items 36, 37 and 38 at the end of the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0543 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 35 through 38

35. **AMEND MOTION #2015-455, 6/24/15, TO REVISE** the vendor allocation and **INCREASE** spending authority for the purchase of tariffed telecommunication services from \$920,000.00 to \$935,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$935,000.00, awarded to **VERIZON SOUTHWEST, INC - \$850,000.00, VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES INC dba VERIZON BUSINESS - \$85,000.00 - REQUIRES THREE MOTIONS**- was presented, Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering Motion No. 2015-0455 and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0540 ADOPTED**

Council Member Gonzalez moved that Motion No. 2015-0455, passed and adopted, June 24, 2015, which authorized the purchase of Tariffed Telecommunication Services S17-H25501 be brought back to Council for reconsideration and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0541 ADOPTED**

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to amend Motion No. 2015-0455, passed and adopted, June 24, 2015, which authorized award for purchase of Tariffed Telecommunication Services, S17-H25501, be adopted and Motion 2015-0455, is hereby amended to increase spending authority from \$920,000.00 to \$935,000.00 for a total amount not exceed \$935,000.00, awarded to Verizon Southwest, Inc. - \$850,000.00, Verizon Business Network Services Inc. dba Verizon Business- \$85,000.00 and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0542 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 39 through 45

39. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$565,510.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund for Purchase of Pavement Management Data Collection Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN**  
This was Item 8 on Agenda of July 29, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0750 ADOPTED**

40. **MOTION** by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Cohen to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **DATA TRANSFER SOLUTIONS, LLC** for Pavement Management Data Collection Services through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 10 Months - \$1,715,420.00 Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund  
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 39 above

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN**

This was Item 9 on Agenda of July 29, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2015-0544 ADOPTED**

41. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES ("DSHS")** for the Current Population Statistics-Cities Readiness Initiative Program (DSHS Contract No. 2016-001208-00) - \$479,443.00 - Grant Fund

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTIE**

This was Item 19 on Agenda of July 29, 2015- was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0751 ADOPTED**

42. **ORDINANCE** approving submission of grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the support of Navigators in Federally-Facilitated and State Partnership Health Insurance Marketplaces in connection with the Houston Expansion of ACA Participation Project (The "Grant"); declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health and Human Services Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant - \$7,727,257.00 - Grant Fund

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 20 on Agenda of July 29, 2015- was presented and after a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was requested.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Parker- voting aye	Council Member Gallegos- voting aye
Council Member Stardig- voting no	Council Member Laster- voting aye
Council Member Davis- voting aye	Council Member Green- voting aye
Council Member Cohen- voting aye	Council Member Costello- voting aye
Council Member Boykins- voting aye	Council Member Robinson- voting aye
Council Member Martin- voting aye	Council Member Kubosh- voting aye
Council Member Nguyen- voting aye	Council Member Bradford- voting aye
Council Member Pennington- voting no	Council Member Christie- voting no
Council Member Gonzalez- voting aye	

**MOTION 2015-0752 ADOPTED**

43. **ORDINANCE** amending Exhibit "A" of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-642 to change two (2) Fire Prevention Job Titles, and substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Houston Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing a repealer; providing for severability

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOYKINS, KUBOSH, LASTER AND STARDIG**

**This was Item 21 on Agenda of July 29, 2015-** was presented, Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2015-0753 ADOPTED**

44. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **FACETS CONSULTING, LLP** for Response Time and Staffing Analysis Model for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount \$297,000.00 - General Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN**  
**This was Item 22 on Agenda of July 29, 2015-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Pennington absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0754 ADOPTED**
45. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and the **CITY OF MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS** regarding the development of the Park 8Ninety Industrial Business Park located in both municipalities  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**  
**This was Item 29 on Agenda of July 29, 2015-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gonzalez absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0755 ADOPTED**
36. **ORDINANCE** repealing Ordinance No. 2014-530, also known as the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance or "HERO"- was presented and after a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was requested.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Parker- voting no	Council Member Gallegos- voting no
Council Member Stardig- voting aye	Council Member Laster- voting no
Council Member Davis- voting no	Council Member Green- voting no
Council Member Cohen- voting no	Council Member Costello- voting no
Council Member Boykins- voting no	Council Member Robinson- voting no
Council Member Martin- voting aye	Council Member Kubosh- voting aye
Council member Nguyen- voting no	Council Member Bradford- voting no
Council Member Pennington- voting aye	Council Member Christie- voting aye
Council Member Gonzalez- voting no	

**ORDINANCE 2015-0756 FAILED**

37. [If Ordinance No. 2014-530 is not repealed]: **ORDINANCE** ordering a Special Election to be held on November 3, 2015, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2014-530, also known as the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance or "HERO"- was presented,

Council Member Bradford moved to amend Item 37, proposed Ordinance calling a special election to be held on November 3, 2015 as follows:

RE: Referendum ballot language- November 2015 City Election

Shall the City of Houston Implement Suspended City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2014-530; an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, 15 and 17 of the Code of Ordinance, Houston, Texas, Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Protected Characteristics in City Employment, City Services, City Contracting Practices, Housing, Public Accommodations, and Private Employment; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; declaring certain conduct unlawful; providing for penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency?

Council Member Stardig moved to amend the above written motion to omit the word "suspended", and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, Mayor Parker called for a Roll Call Vote on the above motion by Council Members Stardig, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Parker- voting no	Council Member Gallegos- voting no
Council Member Stardig- voting aye	Council Member Laster- voting no
Council Member Davis- voting no	Council Member Green- voting no
Council Member Cohen- voting no	Council Member Costello- voting no
Council Member Boykins- voting no	Council Member Robinson- voting no
Council Member Martin- voting aye	Council Member Kubosh- voting aye
Council Member Nguyen- voting no	Council Member Bradford- voting aye
Council Member Pennington- voting aye	Council Member Christie- voting no
Council Member Gonzalez- voting no	

**MOTION 2015-0545 FAILED**

Mayor Parker stated that the motion failed and takes them back to the original language and a roll call vote was requested for Item 37.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Parker- voting aye	Council Member Gallegos- voting aye
Council Member Stardig- voting aye	Council Member Laster- voting aye
Council Member Davis- voting aye	Council Member Green- voting aye
Council Member Cohen- voting aye	Council Member Costello- voting aye
Council Member Boykins- voting aye	Council Member Robinson- voting aye
Council Member Martin- voting no	Council Member Kubosh- voting no
Council member Nguyen- voting aye	Council Member Bradford- voting no
Council Member Pennington- voting no	Council Member Christie- voting aye
Council Member Gonzalez- voting aye	

**ORDINANCE 2015-0757 ADOPTED**

38. **ORDINANCE** ordering a Special Election to be held on November 3, 2015, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, a proposition to amend the City Charter to reduce the number of terms of elective offices to no more than two terms in the same office and limit the length for all terms of elective office to four years, beginning in January 2020; and provide for transition; containing findings and other provisions related to the foregoing subject; providing for severability- was presented

Mayor Parker stated that she believes that the City of Houston should have four year terms, it would align the city with ever other big cities in America, it would cut down expenses, it would cut down distractions for election for public officials, it was a good governmental item and it was difficult to pass an alteration, not doing away with the terms limits but an alteration to the term limits from 3 two year terms to 2 four year terms and as she indicated before, it would had been her preference not to have this before Council because she did not want to put something before the voters that most likely to fail but she had a strong request from Members of Council to vote on this item and she had placed it on the agenda.

Mayor Parker further stated that the item before them, given by the Administration was one that does amend the term limits from 3 two year terms to 2 four year terms and it would begin with the November 2019 Election to take effect in January 2020, so it would have no impact on any sitting Council Members, could not be construed that they were taking this item as a benefit to themselves in any way because they believe it would be a better mechanism for the City of Houston and she knows that there were some Council Members who wished to have some relief from their term limits but she would simply say that difficult charter amendments become impossible if the voters believe that they were putting something forward that could be seen as self-serving but the item before Council was for 2020 election.

Council Member Laster thanked Mayor Parker for putting this item before them to give this Council an opportunity to consider this and ultimately he was going to tag this item but would release it for discussion.

Council Member Davis presented a written Amendment for Item 38 and it reads as follows:

### ***Term Limits***

***A proposition to amend the City Charter to reduce the number of terms of elective office to no more than two terms in the same office and limit the length for all terms of elective office to four years, beginning January 2016; and provide for a transition that no elective official having to serve two full terms of office prior to 2015 City of Houston Elections shall be eligible to serve an additional term of office in the same position; and that an elective official having served one full term prior to the 2015 City of Houston Election shall be eligible to serve one additional four year term in the same position; and that an elected official having served less than one full term prior to the 2015 City of Houston Elections shall be eligible to serve two additional four year terms in the same position.***

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Bradford distributed a written motion to amend Item 38 the City Charter as follows:

### **RE: Charter Amendments- November 2015 City Election Agenda Item(s) Submitted by Council Members**

A proposition to amend the City Charter permitting Council Members to add items to the official agenda of City Council; and requiring that the Mayor shall include within 30 days on an official agenda any items requested by at least six (6) Council Members to be brought before the City Council for consideration.

Mayor Parker stated that the item before them had to do with term limits and Council Member Bradford was offering a Charter Amendment that was not germane to the issue of term limits and she ruled the motion out of order.

Council Member Bradford stated this was an Amendment to the Charter that they were discussing, he wished they had more time to discuss these issues and prepare, even one week to determine as an example as the item in front of Council but at the same time he takes the position that if, they were going to Amend the Charter, that this was what was posted Amendment to the Charter and that his was a proper Amendment and he does not see how they can say to amend the Charter here but can not amend it there and that this was an Amendment just like on the table today.

Mayor Parker stated again that she was ruling his proposal out of order and unless Council Member Bradford wanted to challenge the ruling of the chair and asked Ms. Penny if his proposed Amendment



was germane to the posted item and Ms. Penny stated that it was not germane to the Agenda Item and would violate the Texas Open Meeting Act, it does not give the public notice, the item on the Agenda was specific to amending the Charter with respect to term limits and putting items on the Agenda was entirely separate.

After discussion Council Member Bradford moved to overturn the ruling of the Chair that this was not a germane item to the term limits and seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

After further discussion Council Member Bradford stated if Mayor Parker would consider putting these items on the Agenda he would withdraw the motion to overrule the ruling of the chair and Council Member Kubosh also withdrew his second.

After further discussion Council Member Laster tagged the main Item No. 38 and the proposed amendment presented by Council Member Davis.

Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of remaining in session beyond 12:00 noon recess to complete the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0546 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Council Member Robinson first

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Kubosh, Bradford and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

