

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 1, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated first order of business was the presentation portion. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Knox stated it was a privilege to give a proclamation to the Persian War Veterans, they had a few Persian War Veterans that were present and he requested they stand to be recognized and thanked them for their service; in August 1990 Saddam Hussein ordered the invasion and occupation of Kuwait with a force of 300,000 troops, soon after the United States increase military present in the Region and by January 1991 the United States began to lead air strikes and a coalition of Nations joined the United States in the Effort to fight Iraq invasion force comprised of 750,000 troops with many ship and planes effort and was known as the Persian Gulf War and whereas the coalition of forces was relentless from air, land and sea with new technology was put into work in combat for the first time and the United States found success, the Iraq force was over run, and by the end of February the enemy was routed, President George H. W. Bush called a cease fire in February 1991 and the City of Houston joins in the remembrance of the end of the Persian Gulf War and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed March 1, 2016 as the 25th Anniversary of the End of the Persian Gulf War in Houston Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Congresswoman Jackson-Lee stated that was not often that she was present in Houston on this day but noting the 25th Anniversary, to the Mayor, Council Members, she wanted to knowledge Persian Gulf Vets as well with a proclamation and to say on behalf of a grateful Nation for those who fell in battle and for those who were Veterans that they would never forget and in her final words in the resolution acknowledges that the sacrifice that they and their families had made and were continually making, indeed the contribution to America, the wiliness to sacrifice their life for this Country, had earned gratitude and deserving the respect and admiration from the United States Congress and she was proud to be honoring the 25th Anniversary of this war and the men and women was served their Country. Council Members Davis, Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Robinson stated they were present to recognize Veggie Out with Recipe for Success Month here at City Hall; Houston suffers of very high rate of obesity and the research show that the best way to embrace a healthier lifestyle was to boost consumption of fresh vegetables and Recipe for Success Foundation was dedicated to improving the health of Houstonians by changing in the way, understand and appreciate and eat the food, the Recipe for Success Foundation created Veggie Out challenge to encourage Houstonian to eat more vegetables and over 7500 Houstonians including the Mayor and City Council had taken the Veggie Out challenge in March of 2015 and throughout the month of March 2016, Houstonians were once again to take part of the Veggie Out challenge with Recipe for Success by eating 30 different vegetables in 30 days, the Recipe for Success Foundation strives to motivate every single Houstonians to take the challenge and the City of Houston commends the Recipe for Success Foundation for inspiring Houstonians to eat healthy every day through the Veggie Out

Challenge in March and many other healthy initiatives that were taking place through the city and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed March 2016 as Veggie Out with Recipe for Success Month in Houston Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that today they would like to recognize a special gentleman, Mr. Thomas Smith, they received a notice from KHOU Channel 11 and a member of Centerpoint energy which witnessed this, a brave hero and they thought it was important enough to bring this to their attention and they would like this gentlemen to know how proud they were of him and what he did; back in January Mr. Smith witnessed a 66 year old woman and her two grandchildren in a burning house, he risked his life to go and save them and they wanted Mr. Smith to know how proud of him they were and God was using him in a special way and they wanted to thank him on behalf of the City of Houston would like to recognize him for his historical act in disregard for his own life in rescuing a woman and her two children from a burning house and his selfishness was an act of inspiration and makes him a true role model to the community and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed March 1, 2016 as Thomas L. Smith Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Smith received a standing ovation and Council Member Boykins informed everyone that was present that Mr. Smith was homeless and Mayor Turner stated that Pastor Rudy Ramsus was present to give the prayer for the meeting and Pastor Rasmus Church had built a homeless shelter. Mayor Turner stated that he wanted the Pastor to contact him also. Council Members Martin and Green absent.

At 2:04 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Edwards for the invocation and she invited Pastor Rudy Ramsus to the podium for the invocation and Council Member Edwards led the pledge of alliance. Council Member Martin absent.

At 2:09 p.m. the roll was called.

Council Member Cohen moved that the previous minutes be approved and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Knox for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Knox stated that he ran into someone while he was preparing for his presentation and he would like to introduce him and requested Mr. Ric Hart to stand up, this young man was on a 4,000 mile bicycle ride to raise awareness and funds for the homeless Veterans in this country which he started out in Rhode Island on September 19th and rode to Florida and now was heading to San Diego and his programs was called Operation Stand Down, their attempt was to buy a home to house 10 Veterans and his goal was to raise \$25,000 and he has a Facebook Page called Road Warriors Cyclist and to welcomed him to Houston and wished him good luck on his journey.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Pauline Cheatham at the top of the list of speaker and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0087 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Pauline Cheatham, 2307 Stevens, 77026, no phone appeared and stated that she came today because they have a problem in the 2000 block of Quitman, standing water that stays standing for 3 to 4 days after a rain fall, they had closed Lee Street and they only had one outlet and that was Quitman across the railroad tracks but because of the flooding water they

cannot get through and she had contacted Council Member Davis 6 months ago, the water still stands and because of the Zika virus stuff which was hazardous and how it was an inconvenience to the community and she wanted to see when they would help with the problem and the other problem on Sumpter Street and Jensing Drive, there was a lot of littering and drinking and it was an eyesore to the community, they wanted to be uprising as far as building and no one would like to live in that type of situation and she was wondering if Council Member Davis could address this. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Public Works had been out there and was showing that it was going to require more serious work other than ordinary maintenance and that it needed to be included into the CIP projects although Public Works, the Drainage Division and the Planning and Developing Division were meeting tomorrow to discuss this particular area at his request and at the request of her City Council Member, they would see where they can go from here and would get back with her.

Council Member Davis stated that she was present before and he did not know why Public Works did not take care of this problem and the street was not added to the Rebuild Program.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Corbett Parker and Ms. Kelly Conklin out of order and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Boykins absent.

MOTION 2016-0088 ADOPTED

Ms. Lora-Marie Bernard, 15706 Cavendish Dr., Clearlake, TX, 77059 appeared and stated she was the At-Large District 3 Representative for Keep Houston Beautiful and a Clear Lake resident, she was present to commend the City about their contract negotiation with Waste Management and to urge them to come to an equitable agreement requiring recycling, she understand that recycling was an uncertain market place and today Waste Management believes it could not make money on it however that does not mean they might not make money in the future and recycling has a direct connection to quality of life and for Houston to be a world class city, recycling must be a fundamental commitment and recycling was not just save the environment, it teaches core values that lead to responsible citizens and she encourages City Council not to enter into a contract that she knows that a compromise can be reach without putting recycling on the chopping block.

Ms. Carl Burrus, 3615 Sun Valley Dr., 77025, (713)818-4470 appeared and stated that she was a native Houstonian, she knows that Houston was a creative and initiative City and they would find a solution to the Waste Management problem and there were ideas that were well thought out that were available to help with the share burden in the industry with the reduction of packaging, few hazardous material and reusing resources; this City does have a couple of these resources in place which gives them a start and taking a step backwards to stop recycling for a few months would be bad which they said they do not plan that, so someone needs to step up and take the lead to create a solution that would help them and save the City the cost and she was willing to help if they would let her and she knows they would do the right thing in thinking long term and presented a copy of the Zero Waste Plan to present to Members of Council. Council Members Boykins and Laster absent.

Ms. Lori Carper, 1903 Greenwich Place, 77019, (281)216-6474 appeared and stated she was the current volunteer Chairmen of the Houston Clean City Commission also known as Keep Houston Beautiful and she was so happy that Members of Council were in favor of recycling and that they want it to continue, this was a world class city, she did hear rumors

about layoffs if they keep recycling and believes that does not need to happen and as a citizen of Houston she would be willing to pay a garbage collection fee to help move things forward and she knows some cities do pay \$20 to \$30 a month but she saying that they should not start there but maybe start at \$5 and move forward from there. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner thanked her for what she was proposing but the people around this table were in agreement and there would be no reason to increase another fee for this particular purpose if all of them were committed in engaging in shared sacrifice.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Gerry Monroe after Ms. Kelly Conklin out of order and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Laster absent. **MOTION 2016-0089 ADOPTED**

Ms. Erica Sezonoz, 7134 Hendon Ln., 77074, (9713)272-0318 appeared and stated that recycling for her was the way of life and caring for the Earth and if they want this to be a model City, they need a curb side recycling program even if the program was bringing in less money, she was concerned with not having recycling which that means more trees would be cut down and more resources would be distracted and for her, the material she put out for recycling was much more then what goes into her trash bin and her trash bin was only couple inches full and she has compost in her backyard, she has been a Houstonian for over 30 years and recycling was the way of life, a necessity for her and caring for the planet. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Yvette Arellano, 2111 Beaver Bend, 77088, (281)919-5762 appeared and stated that she works with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services and most of their work go into ETJ communities which were disproportionately impacted by landfills and in landfills there were materials that were leaking toxins, Zero Waste means the future and landfills were in the past and this means a lot to communities that struggle with environment issues that were around landfills, it was important to her, to her family, her neighbors, the community of Houston as this seems to be an environmental injustice issue; about half all residents that live in apartment complex have limited access to recycling, food and organic counts as a third that goes into the landfills and illegal dumping effects many neighborhoods. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Corbett Parker, 1415 Louisiana St., 22nd Floor, 77002, (713)951-0160 appeared and stated he was with Pagel, Davis and Hill and his firm represents First Regal Properties, LLC, the property owner of Lot 8 who were opposed to Item Number 14 Ordinance concerning Special Minimum Lot Size for 1100 block of Bingham Street; that he presented a packet to Members of Council; Exhibits and express the exhibits in the packet and if this Ordinance passes, First Regal would be restricted to developing the property as currently platted thus increasing its damages and he urges Council to oppose this Item. Council Members Davis, Martin and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner requested that Legal commit on this briefly; Mr. Heilman stated that it was with his understanding as the Council indicated it was a private property dispute and when in litigation they brought the City in because the plat approved was an incorrect survey line but they do not approve of the survey lines and that the City would be filing a motion to get out of the litigation and it was their position the Item that was before Council had no impact on this litigation; Mayor Turner requested Mr. Parker to get with Legal and further discuss the matter.

Ms. Kelly Conklin, 1823 Falford Dr., 77008, (713)562-5265 appeared and stated she was present to speak on the proposed Ordinance on the minimum lot size of 3300 square feet for the 1100 block of Bingham, she represented two of the property owners and she was urging Members of Council to oppose Item 14, the property was located in the 1st Ward that was very close to Downtown and many of them know that a lot of old homes were being torn down in the redevelopment of the three story townhouses, this block does not have any definable lot sizes, the lots on this block range from 2,000 feet to 5,000 square feet, there were 14 properties that were affected by this Ordinance and 4 of them were new townhouses that do not comply with the Ordinance and there was a 3,000 square foot property that also does not comply with the proposed Ordinance; her clients had been sued by First Regal, who owns the lot next to them and if this Ordinance passes it would have a financial impact on her clients and if they lose this litigation their property would have to be replat and also if they lose this litigation severely increase their damages and severely impact the other two properties that were also being sued and she urges that Members of Council vote no on the proposed Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Christie absent.

Mr. Gerry Monroe, 5023 Hull St., 77021, (832)368-1129 appeared and stated that he deals with the youth in this City from an educational standpoint and they need a gang injunction, they needed one since 1986, they know what the kids over there were doing, he had spoken with several different people, who feel that he had the ability to get to the kids in the City, the gang members and came up with an idea, they did this in Chicago and L.A. until they can get these kids into a room and they sit down and talk to them, they would not put those guns down; last year in January he got them to put the guns down for over 5 months, so what they were going to do and what they call it was Operation Houston We Love You Too, about these kids running around rampart but these kids that were dying were someone's kids too, he does not have a problem in stepping in the water to speak to these young gang members, he understands it, they need to speak to some convicts, they need to speak to people that had gone through what they were going through; he spoke to people that was willing to help him put together this summit and on that day he was going to request the Houston Police Department to help him also because they need to have a check point set up, where they ask no question and if these kids walk up to turn one gun in, to drop into a barrel, do not any question because that was one gun off the streets, they would not get all them off but some off, they did it in some other cities; so they want to get a summit together to get all the gang bang in one room where they can talk to them and to figure out what it was going to take because the only number they understand was number of grams of weed, they need to develop some programs like they had back in the day. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated that this past Sunday that he had reached out and there were conversations that were taking place as they speak, ever since last week, he fully recognized about the gangs, it was a multiple level approach, there were some people that would come to a town hall meeting, they need back channel communications for some, not everyone can talk to everyone and they were reaching out in all different levels and that was taking place as they speak but everyone was needed and he was open to working with him, with the Council Members and everyone else and he wanted to tell everyone that they were not just sitting up there, that they were engaging with gang members as they speak. Law enforcement was being assembled on Thursday, a press conference was being held tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. and meetings taking place and this City would not be a Chicago and they would be prepared not only for big events but they would prepare this City and keep it safe, that no group or individual would take this City over.

Ms. Melanie Scruggs, no address, (713)337-4192 appeared and stated, she was the Houston Program Director for Texas Campaign for the Environment and was present on behalf about 10,000 members that they have in Houston who write letters, make phone calls and send e-mails in support of recycling and for Zero Waste, many of the supporters were feeling the effects of the low oil prices and the price for recycling material has gone down and suspending the recycling would be the wrong thing to do, some of the landfills had ground water leaking which comes with long term pollution safety cost and recycling can help reduce life cycle cost for example it take 9 times more energy to make an aluminum can from raw material then from recycled materials and they cannot ignore the social cost of landfills and waste. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he had been in conversations with the CEO of Waste Management to rework with the contract if at all possible and what they had agreed to was an additional 2 week extension so that they can talk about this contract, to see if they can rework it, in this short period of time, there was a commitment to recycling and let him see if the two of them can hammer something out that can be workable and they would not be voting on it tomorrow.

Members of Council discussed the recycling concerns with Ms. Scruggs at length.

Ms. Sara Lyons, 5726 Belrose, 77035, (713)933-4694 appeared and stated that she was a native Houstonian and that her family had been in Houston for six generations, she had lived and work all over the City and she could takes great pride, her family had recycled since she was little and she could not describe how happy she was when she saw the big green bin in her yard and she was proud that her three person household, they fill up their recycling bin more than the trash bin and she wishes that Houston would pick up the recycling bin every week rather than the trash bin; she was unclear about the talk about the suspending the recycling program or were they talking about just the contract which she believes it sounds like a little bit of both, she was with all the Council Members that suspending the recycling program was not an option, regardless of cost and cutting recycling would be short sided and she understands that raw material were at a low time low and it was a concern but it would go back up and it was up to Solid Waste Management to manage waste and she was glad this had come to the forefront for the fear of not continuing to recycle in Houston and not go back in the dark age. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le and Green absent.

Mr. Mike Garver, 1901 Lexington, 77098, (713)858-6430 appeared and stated that whole heartily support recycling and he would also pay for it, if he was asked to do so; he represents Texans for Clean Water and Buffalo Bayou Partnership, they have a lot of floating trash in the Bayous that all goes to Galveston Bay or to the Gulf of Mexico and without recycling this would get worse, most of the material that was in the Bayou that comes out of people cars and it was very important that they figure out how to do something about it; Council Member Kubosh spends a lot of time pulling out sinkable and he was worried about floatables which he had the official title trash man of the Bayous and he supports Council Member Kubosh efforts and everything that he wanted to say about recycling had already been said and he does heartily support it. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Robin Blut, 5346 Dumfries Dr., 77096, (713)839-8855 appeared and stated that she had a speech prepared for them but most of the speakers previous to her had eloquently outlined the quality of life and environmental reason for supporting recycling in the City of Houston and she had been very impressed by all of the Council Members and the Mayor comments on how they were going forward to address the issue and she was very pleased to

know that the Mayor has a meeting that was scheduled with Waste Management CEO to address the complexities of the contract because tomorrow would have been the last day that the residents would have curbside recycling services if a vote would have been negative and she does know as many years as being the Director of Keep Houston Beautiful that citizen had long advocated for recycling in Houston and that her agency had implemented the first recycling outline in the City of Houston more than 26 years ago and in one week's time they received over 200,000 phone calls from residents that wanted to learn more about recycling services, she appreciated the nod to recycling to the City of Houston and the investment that the City had made already to support recycling and wishes them the best of luck and if Keep Houston Beautiful can help to let them know. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they were going to do their very best and that they were working on every conceivable angle to balance the budget, to minimize layoffs and to hold on to recycling along with other interests and working with Members of Council, they were going to try to do their very best to balance all those together and no one wants to give up on recycling.

Ms. Anna Holdridge, 2511A Whitney St., 77006, (918)739-8479 appeared and stated she was Houston Program Assistant with the Texas Campaign for the Environment and as they mentioned that Waste Management was one of the largest municipal collection systems in the Southern United States that comprises of over 300,000 Houston homes, services directly with garbage, yard trimming, the Department Director Hayes was excited in 2015 that they finally got the recycling bins curbside to all the Houston homes and he explained then that it saves tax dollars and gave long terms rewards like creating jobs and material conversation and it was perplexing that the fourth largest city still lacks a goal to reduce the waste, the problem was that Houston had a poor rate in recycling and yet a high daily output in trash, large amounts of trash clog drainage ditches and their solution was a zero waste plan for Houston, every other city in Texas had taken steps towards this which she was clearly not alone and that most of them support recycling, just since 2016, she personally had knocked on 1,000 doors of people in Houston and that her office had knocked on 10,000 doors because people love their bins and in 2016 it was time that Houston establish a goal to reduce the waste that starts in protecting the investment already made in the curbside recycling and it ends to the Mayor and Council Members listening to thousands of Houstonians wanting to keep the bins and that this world class city was reducing waste seriously. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Ms. Sandy Spears, 4108 University Blvd., 77005, no phone appeared and stated that she runs 350.org/houston that was a part of an international organization and their mission statement was to educate people about climate change, its current impact and solutions at hand that they need to implement immediately, if they would like more information on this topic they can go to Facebook 350.org/houston and she had her business card and she was also a trained presenter in a national program in educating people on climate change, its impact and solutions and the reason she was talking about climate was because not recycling gives a negative impact on the atmosphere, it can contribute more greenhouse gases for example if they put something in a landfill that contribute to 36 percent methane that was released into the atmosphere and methane was 30 times more potent than carbon monoxide which that was what most people hear about in climate change and that people were saying that they were fast approaching irreversible climate tipping points and that it was being approached right now, there were many things that Members of Council had done and she loves that they have a contract for solar and they also need to keep recycling. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Jim Lester, no address, (281)364-6041 appeared and stated he was the President of the Houston Advance Research Center a small non-profit research hub working on sustainability issues and every time he hears something that they might not be processing along the path of sustainability which he feels he should come down to speak about the issue and on this particular issue he was on the one bin for all Advisory Committee, recycling was great and he believes that recycling contributes to sustainability but ultimately in the future they need to move to what they had heard already which was zero waste in a circularly economy and regular recycling was not going to get them there because in most cases that leads them to down cycling of the products, there were two ways to advance sustainability, one was by trying to change human behavior and the other one was coming up with new technologies and they could probably guess which one he wanted to take because he was a scientist, they had seen the problems with trying to change human behavior that was represented in the Houston area in the recycling rate and he was all in favor trying to advance the technology issues in changing waste into resources and when he was on the committee with the others and they saw the final proposal which they thought that they saw some very promising technology there, he was not an economist, not a business man he was a scientist so he cannot advise them about the economy side but as a Houstonian he was very much in favor in seeing Houston early adopter of new technology to move them in sustainability. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Becky Edmundson, 10934 Cedarhurst, 77096, (713)443-3951 appeared and stated that she was the President of the Westbury Civic Club which was the second largest neighborhood in the City and they fought hard to get the recycling bin which felt like Christmas, when they got them throughout District K, she understands that they have a budget crisis and she had two concerns; one was when talking to Waste Management they should add and educational component and wearing her Houston Clean City Commissioner hat and being the District K representative to Keep Houston Beautiful, she really thinks that they had an opportunity to put an educational piece together to help Houstonian recycle better and she was glad that she heard someone talk about filling up they recycling bin quicker than the trash bin and she thinks it would be better if they had a weekly recycling bin pickup and her other concern was the budget and where they were going to save money which she thinks Council Member Stardig said it best that they spent so much money on the recycling and that they just cannot walk away from it and she also wanted Council to look at it; they had a bridge that need to be replaced on Hillcroft and it had gone through Public Works, Harris County Flood Control to be signed off on just for some repair jobs and the bridge was set to be replaced in 2020, so her question was, she thinks that they spent a lot of money by putting band aids that they were going to rip a band aid off to replace it and she thinks that the City can find ways by spending more up front then spending on just repairs. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mr. Juan Parras, 4622 Rusk St., 77023, 9281)513-7799 appeared and stated he was with the Texas Environmental Injustice Advocacy services and it seems like the majority of City Council was for recycling and the item seems to be a budget item and what he would like to recommend was about the tax breaks that they give to the industries, when the Valero got a \$18 million dollar tax break which he was opposing that which they City did approve and the issue of the tax increment investment zones and that they were using that very religious now which limit increments that actually were going to the general fund and he believes that those were two ideas for them to look at; the another thing that he thinks they should look at was an Environmental Injustice Policy that impacts low income community that had historical been dumped on and a Environmental policy because it takes in to consideration the resources and the policies that take to maintain healthy environment and he thinks that the City of Houston

needs to push for an Environmental Policy which a lot of the citizens here are impacted by the environment and that most of the landfills that were here in Houston were located in low income neighborhoods. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

Mr. Randall Baxley, 4601 Beggs Street, 77009, (713)494-1981 appeared and stated that they had been talking about rolling out different programs in the past, he does not know if Members of Council knew that on their phones they have access to a computer app that was called roll out that was built by the City group that lives in District H and while the gentlemen was rolling out the program he told the gentlemen which he got surprise was because that website was not that great and he thinks that Council Members had gotten his e-mails which there was no point repeating what he said but the one thing he wanted to say was that his first introduction to environmental concerns was the cat in the hat and in that the cat in the hat comes which has a pink bath tub ring and he takes this pink bath tub ring and it just gets spread all over its neighborhood and when he thinks about throwing stuff away and image comes to his mind and he hopes some of them get that image into the mind as they move forward to things like this, that there was a need to bring everyone to the table which they mention that it would not work if every one does not give and there were people in the City that want to give that was part of this initiative that wants to help taking the data off the website and moving it out and the open date policy was there but it was not real and the data does not get out to them. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Ms. Aimee Turney, 4001 N. Shepherd Dr. Suite 213, 77018, (713)784-2923 appeared and stated she was the President of the League of Women Voters of America and they have an advocacy to the Women voters and she would like to tell them of a position that they took in 1972, to support long range Waste Management plan in recycling and new technology in separation of solid waste, in control of air use pollution, regional planning of public educational and citizen participation, when their group take a position they study something for one to two years, they were not an organization that someone can come to have an agenda and they believe that recycling was needed to be continued in the City of Houston and when she came here and was asked to speak as a member, a member pointed out in having this position and they were concerns about the contract not being renewed but when hearing them that she does feel encourage that the contract would be renew but not under the contract that does exist today but she does feel encouraged over that and she was going to give an example today about recycling and that they did not get to print out the voter's guide for this election and this was the first time in 96 years that they had not printed the voter's guide and if any of the Council Members would like to talk to her about the phone calls, e-mails, the letters that she had received that would be like if they decide not to continue the recycling program. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Saleem Malik, 3430 Arromanches Ln. Spring, TX, 77388, (832)729-9495 8647 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mr. Jim Tucker, 507 Welch St., 77006, (930)807-9255 appeared and stated that everything that he wanted to say had already been said and there was no point on repeating about the Management of recycling which he wanted to point different points into the mix that there would be different costs in the sets of resources in the recovery of recycling, it most likely would never pay for itself not for the next 20 years, so it was good to recognize the off cost but they need to recognize the full set cost that was involved including the land views and air qualities together and they were able to reduce their solid waste to one to two cubic feet a week

and if they miss a biweekly section in the green bin they were in trouble and he thinks that they need to start thinking creatively because they just recently prohibited the idling policy on the vehicles and finally let's think about approaching these things creatively, that they do not have to use the same approach that they already have. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Edwards and Christie absent.

Ms. Virginia Gregory, 9806 Westview Dr., 77055, (713)465-5814 appeared and stated in 1999 the TIRZ 17 as established by City Ordinance, including in this Ordinance was an agreement for the protection of the neighborhoods of TIRZ 17 and ever since then the TIRZ had always tried to cancel residential entitlements and protection that was provided in this Ordinance and she had served on the board for over 14 years and that they had voted and agree that Robert Tucker needs to stay and they request that Robert Tucker needs to stay. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mr. Ed Browne, 41 Rolling Wood Dr., 77080, (713)208-2958 appeared and stated that he handed out to Members of Council a packet which was a resolution that they passed last year which Council had seen it already which was very important to them and the second part of the packet a piece of a powerpoint and it explains how water flows down Gensser and how it gets stopped at I10 which back flows into the neighborhoods and he was willing to meet with every Council Member directly if they reach him and in a ten year event over half of the house flooded in the neighborhood. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they were working on it and that they heard on it in the CIPS meeting.

Mr. Bob Tucker, 9787 Westview, 77055, (713)468-5607 appeared and stated he was speaking on a parallel issue about flooding in his area and he was a Member of the Board which he was nominated by his Civics Association which he was going to repeat the whole thing; the City Council and the Mayor at the time gave up for the power of two seats in TIRZ which was done which he believes it part of an agreement and they were not interested to elect a nonselective person. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Cisneros, Green, Edwards and Christie absent,

Ms. Cynthia Neely, 403 Hollow Dr., 77002, (713)562-1483 appeared and stated that before they start the time she was hearing disabled and she was an advocatory, she lives in the TIRZ 17 Memorial which had been impacted by the flooding and the TIRZ 17 had failed to act to the Member of the Board, they had been the neighborhood championed and she was putting great faith in the third administration. Council Member Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Edwards and Christie absent,

Ms. Christina Walsh, 10434 Brinwood Dr., 77043, (832)464-5198 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mr. John Martinez, 15206 via Verde Dr., 77083, (281)495-4241 appeared and stated that he and his wife were long term residents of the Alief area and present to speak about the election and election issue, he was a son of an immigrant and went with his father every time there was an election to vote and they continue to do that, he would like to bring up about Council Member Le living in the Alief area and they want to address it once again, that he was very active in the Cleveland area with his clinic and apparently spent a lot of his time in the Northeast area, they would like to confirm for themselves, that he was more active in the Alief

area and one of the things they would like him to invite them to an open house to assure themselves that he was indeed serving in the Alief area and not some part of the Northeast of town where he works and practices and again they want to make sure that Council Member Le was serving for the Alief area. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Sandra Chargois, 19214 Sears Dr., Humble TX, 77338, (281)948-5971 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Francica Oware, 19200 Space Center Blvd., 77058, (832)358-4072 appeared and stated she was present to speak on behalf of her son and he had been living under a bridge for two years, her son was diagnosed as schizophrenia by Harris County Psychiatry Unit and because of that he refuses to stay home and he had been homeless for the past two years, she had pictures to show, she had contacted the Harris County Psychiatry Unit for another evaluation and they told her that when they have available bed, they would call her and she had called for six months and there were no available beds, her son was wasting away and she was requesting help to see what she needs to do because he would not respond to her in anyway because the first time she had them to pick him up and because of that there was a grudge between him and her, she was seeking for help because as a mon she does not know what else to do and she believes he was close to death and she was concerned about that. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Oware about her son and offered her some ideas for agencies that may help her son.

Ms. Tiana Harris, 6635 Highland Bend Ln., Katy, TX, 77449, (281)881-3442 appeared and stated she was the Co-Founder of Life Support Services, they were a nonprofit that helps to restore families from crisis and through her work she was a reading and arts tutor at Young Elementary School which was in the Sunnyside area, she was overwhelmed how many students that she had been in contact with needs of basic personal hygiene items to clothes to shoes and this was a concern for her, she was present today requesting assistances from Members of Council with these needs, she been working with at risk youth and families and she can say that if these needs were not met those kids would turn into kids that Mr. Monroe spoke about and when they look at gangs which the behavior was bad and the reason why kids join the gangs was because of unmet needs, so in order to counter that initiative, they need to address the root cause and the root cause at this time was the basic needs, if the kid was not eating they would find a way to eat and if mom and dad at home were not providing for the kid that kid would find a way to do what they have to do, the certainty that Mayor Turner did say that things can change but things cannot change until they start with the root cause and she was requesting help and she would leave this with a quote that she lives by "it was easy to build strong children, than to repair broken men". . Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Robinson advised that the Mayor appointed a new liaison to the school system and that she should get in contact with Juliet Stipeche for more ideas to help her with her mission.

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood St., 77016, (713)672-7571 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Rita Arline, 9915 FM 1960 West, No.2303, 77070, (281)970-5211 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. T.W. Anderson, 14410 Warkworth, 77085, (888)996-9177 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Gerald King, 5116 Alba Rd, No. 20, 77018, (832)893-4153 appeared and stated he was here because of a problem that he had noticed with the Police Officers and in their response time from calls from Black citizens, the processing of the paper work as far as crimes that were committed against Black citizens, he had been on both sides of the call and he had experience a situation a few days ago where he was assaulted at Burger King and the time it took for Officers to show up and his paper work was still not at the District Attorney's Office and the attitude of one of the Officers on the call which was a do not care attitude and he believes it needs to be addressed even through it was a national problem and he believes that Houston can make the change because of the diversity that was in the City, he had a neighbor that did not like where he was parked and three police vehicles came to address the matter and he presented the citation and his landlord broke his lease agreement and tried to defraud him out of his deposit and when she called the police it was the same thing and he was requesting that the City would do something about his issues. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Chidi Chuta, 220 Northpoint Dr. No. 1620, 77060, (832)718-5424 appeared and stated he lived in this City for 40 years and he works as a taxi cab driver and he had been driving cars since 1990 and right now the City of Houston hands out 25 medallion and he was one of the applicants for the medallions, the last letter that he had received from the City, that he was qualified to be participant his question was he the only qualified applicant which he said he was not, there were so many qualified applicants and what were the chances that he would be the recipient of all 25 medallions and after thinking about it, his chances to receive all 25 medallions was very slim and he was requesting for a more fair distribution of the medallions. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that he should speak to Mayor's Citizen Assistance and they can help him with some of the issues that he raised.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., 77082, (832)208-1498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Carol Caul, 685 North Post Oak Ln., 77024, (713)680-2500 appeared and stated she was representing Citizen's Transportation Coalition on she was their advocacy chair which she would be speaking about drainage and flooding issues but she was going to abandon her remarks for just a minute to comment on a couple of things, she overheard one of the Council Members talk about the cost of a dentition and she thinks that they should respectfully consider for the Feds to pay some of the cost because it was the Federal Government was the cause in some of the flooding in the TIRZ 17 and she firmly believe that if they caused a problem, they need to be one to fix the problem and one more comment, the gentlemen that spoke about environmental justice he had a great idea and let the TIRZ pay for some of this; she wanted to speak on the Chapter 19 that the City has that deals with developer flooding and she wanted to urge Members of Council to discuss this with Legal, PWE, Planning and especially the unelected TIRZ Boards to make sure they all follow all the requirements of Chapter 19, one of which provides for denial if they purpose a danger life or property due to flooding or erosion damage around the site and the site by the development should have the right to address the impacts that they would suffer. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Myra Banks, 5602 Walnut Point Dr., Kingwood, TX, 77345, (713)249-3288 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. James Partsch- Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Michael Hughes, 5606 Schevers, 77033, (832)372-3338 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Yvette Gbalazeh, no address, (214)792-0379 appeared and stated she was a full time advocacy for legalization for medical cannabis, interesting enough majority of the topics that was spoken today about from Veterans, environment to gangs can be resolved through this topic called cannabis and she wanted to talk about cite and release, with the District Attorney finally decided to speak about this in October, there was a wonderful woman named Kim Ogg that had a great idea to actually enforce the Texas State law and the Texas State Law says, if a person was found with less than 4 ounces of marijuana the officers do have a option to give a ticket and they do not have to take the person to jail and the other thing that the gentlemen was speaking about was the patrol hours being wasted and Officers not having enough response time and they force the cite and release properly, the Officers would have more patrol hours, that why Mothers Against Drunk Driving want this law passed because the Officers time was being wasted on non-violent misdemeanors; so as Veterans were concern, if they had heard of PTSD but a lot of doctors do recommend medical cannabis to Veterans that have PTSD and other illnesses and as far as the environment was concerned when they plant hemp it takes nuclear waste out of the soil when planted and as far as gangs were concern, the reason kids join gangs was because they were thrown into jail and have to survive in there and the reason they were thrown into jail was because of some non-violent class B misdemeanor; for the cite and release law she really would like this to be enforced and that Houston be used as an

example and to show the others Cities. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

City Secretary called Ms. Banks again because she was present but did not hear her name when previously called.

Ms. Myra Banks, 5602 Walnut Point Dr., Kingwood, TX, 77345, (713)249-3288 appeared and stated she was present to simply request that a representative from the Office of the Mayor and Members of Council to join them on Friday at 11:00 a.m., the Lifeway Financial Group was coming to Houston to purchase a former Hospice Hospital and to convert it into a rehab center, and an outreach program because of the drugs that had overwhelmed this City, in all areas and the location was in Council Member Laster's District, it was located at 10110 West Sam Houston Parkway, the investor wanted a small group for the initial meeting, they have the money, they have the funding which was not what they were requesting at the time and what they were requesting was input from the City of Houston because they were Non-Houstonians, the financial backers, the needs assessment from the hospital, to the psychologist, to Counseling sessions the whole nine yards for putting together a drug rehab center here in Houston and in the inner city the drug had taken over and they were trying to close the revolving door, they come in for one to two weeks and three weeks later they were back, it was just a revolving door and they just want to make them whole, to keep them whole and reintroduce them back into society and that was the purpose of the meeting, it was going to be two hours and she would appreciate if someone from City Council would attend that meeting. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Donald Burns, 13021 Donegal, 77047, (713)882-0307 appeared and stated the reason he was present because they have a major problem with a civic club President that like to keep calling the City of Houston to be enforcing his personal agenda and he had lived in his District all of his life, he lived at this corner for 45 years, these attack on people from these civic clubs, these deed restrictions and their little games on who that want to attack were people of other race. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Freeway, No.210, 77022, (832)815-7006 appeared and stated the one million dollars that the Mayor mentioned for the City of Houston; they must fight the power of corruption no matter what the color of skin, religion, political party, they must speak the truth to power and they must turn backs on them when they place their feet in the path of destruction and at this rate with the policies there was a good chance the revolution would be televised. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Note: During the public session 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 5:06 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:36 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, March 2, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ms. Donna Edmundson, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting order and would move to the monthly financial report. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING

THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds- was presented,

Mr. Chris Brown, City Controller and Mr. Kelley Dowe, Director of Finance reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0090 ADOPTED**

At 9:16 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he was continually meeting with various Stakeholders as they move forward in the budget process since they met last time he had met with the TIRZ, all the representatives with labor groups in terms of addressing the pension obligations and as they move forward and share the sacrifice it would minimalized the impact in dealing with in several weeks from now as they prepared to deal with the budget and it was his intent to meet with all the Members of City Council, to keep them in the loop and update and would be meeting with them individual to get ideas on how to address the issue.

Mayor Turner stated that there was some very good news from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department from this week, Houston was to receive \$66.56 million to assist in the disaster recovery efforts following the flooding experience on Memorial Day Weekend and in October of last year, the funds had been directly funded to the City and does not have to be dispensed through other agencies, it would be more streamline and more efficient to families and they would immediately develop a plan for these funds and addition to that amount the Texas Water Board had

awarded Houston \$12 million as the result of flooding problems and this money could assist in raising people homes.

Mayor Turner further stated there was going to be a Press Conference at 12:30 p.m. on the South side and the focus this month was crime; it was March on Crime month and the focus would be on public safety, not just on this month but every month.

At 9:35 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 21

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment of \$834,000.00 to the **HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT** for 2016 groundwater withdrawal permit fees - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0091 ADOPTED**
2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for establishment of a connection charge in the amount of \$1.14 per square foot for properties connecting to the 8-inch water line located along Delano Street from Rusk Street constructed by **HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC - DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0092 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. **A & B ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** for Total Metals Analyses for the Houston Health Department - \$67,200.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0093 ADOPTED**
4. **ALL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC dba ATTAINIT** for Heavy Metal Analyzer through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Multiple Award Schedule for the

Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$190,085.87 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0094 ADOPTED**

5. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$559,358.10 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Automated Refuse Carts for Solid Waste Management Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0146 ADOPTED**
6. **TOTER, LLC** for Automated Refuse Carts through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the City of Tucson, Arizona for the Solid Waste Management Department
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 5 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0095 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 8 through 21

8. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Armada Drive, from Mansfield Road to its terminus; vacating and abandoning the street to Saint Mark's Ministries, abutting owner, in consideration of the payment of \$32,979.00 to the City and other consideration - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0147 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **HOYT ENTERPRISES, INC dba HOYT BREATHING AIR PRODUCTS** for Inspection, Maintenance, Repairs & Testing on Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Various Departments: providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$793,774.00 - General, Enterprise and Storm Water Funds- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Continuation Agreement for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation 2002 Grant between the City of Houston and the **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2002-805, as amended) - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS and K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0148 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Continuation Agreement for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation 2001 Grant between the City of Houston and the **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2001-0656, as amended) - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0149 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **BRIONES CONSULTING & ENGINEERING, LTD** for Water and Wastewater Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0150 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LLOYD, SMITHA & ASSOCIATES, LLC** for Water Facilities Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0151 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,463,681.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RS&H, INC** for West Bellfort Paving and Drainage: Dairy Ashford to S. Kirkwood; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0152 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$806,089.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **NBG CONSTRUCTORS, INC** for Cambridge Bridge Paving and Drainage - completion and corrections of previous construction work; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0153 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the issuance of one or more series of City of Houston, Texas Public Improvement Refunding Bonds as may be further designated, described and provided herein; authorizing the payment and security thereof and certain designated officials to approve the principal amount, interest rates, prices, terms and sale thereof; authorizing such officials to determine the outstanding obligations to be refunded and/or defeased; approving certain other procedures, provisions and agreements related thereto, including authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more purchase contracts, Paying Agent/Registrar Agreements, Escrow Agreements, and other agreements; approving the use of a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing the preparation and distribution of an official statement in connection with such offering; authorizing the engagement of Bond Counsel and Special Disclosure Counsel; making certain findings and other declarations necessary and incidental to the issuance of such refunding bonds; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0154 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2009-0142, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount of the contract between the City and **INTERFAITH MINISTRIES FOR GREATER**

HOUSTON for Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Services to the elderly provided through the Houston Health Department's Harris County Area Agency on Aging- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0155 ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement between Karen Echols, et al v. Ryan Gardiner, et al.; (USDC Civil Action; 4:11-CV-00882) to settle a lawsuit - \$100,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0156 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1100 block of Bingham Street, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0157 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of the 3000 block of Coal Street, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0158 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the 500 block of Finnigan Park Place Court, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0159 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 9300-9400 block of Livernois Road, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0160 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 22

22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Restated Agreement for Recycling Services between the City of Houston, Texas and **WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS, INC**, for the Solid Waste Management Department for Recycling Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 4 Years with two optional one-year renewals - \$18,314,000.00 - General Fund
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KNOX, STARDIG, LASTER, KUBOSH, GREEN, TRAVIS and LE
This was Item 14 on Agenda of February 24, 2016- was presented and tagged by Council Member Boykins. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he had agreed to a two week delay but since there would not be a meeting on March 16, 2016, he would try to work out an agreement in one week and upon questions, Council Member Boykins advised he would not release his tag for discussion.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Davis first

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

Mayor Turner welcomed students from the West Side Special Education High School class and asks them to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner requested that all of Houston Council utilize their own sources to get the word out about the Houston Livestock and Rodeo as the ticket sales were down by 4% and in regards to the Zika virus, Solid Waste would be out again on the Northeast side in District B in the cleanup efforts and then they would be moving on to the next District the following week.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:38 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary