

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 24, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 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, 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 Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Larry Green absent.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that they would start with the presentations. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox, Robinson and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Christie stated that Alliance for Multicultural Community Services is a nonprofit corporation founded by the Association of Cambodian, Ethiopian, Laotian and Vietnamese Refugee Community Organizations in July 1985, nearly 31 years ago and since its inception, Alliance for Multicultural Community Services has managed to transform the lives of countless refugees, aspiring to help people achieve independence and success as they acclimatize to their new lives here in the United States; in October 1991, the Alliance for Multicultural Community Services became a Resettlement Agency affiliated with the Ethiopian Community Development Council which has a cooperative agreement with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement. In November 2004, it ranked among the top 25 charitable nonprofit organizations in the greater Houston area by the Houston Business Journal, and it became one of the largest resettlement agencies in Texas in September 2009 and on May 24, 2016, the Alliance for Multicultural Community Services will be honored for their commitment to refugees. The City of Houston commends Alliance for Multicultural Community Services and its employees on this auspicious occasion and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed May 24, 2016 as Alliance for Multicultural Community Services Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Knox, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that Crime Stoppers was founded 35 years ago by Houston business leaders, the mission of Crime Stoppers was to solve and prevent crime in Houston in partnership with citizens, media and the criminal justice system, the organization's success story is a result of its strong partnerships and collaborations between all those who love Houston including its citizens, media, law enforcement, corporate and philanthropic communities; Crime Stoppers has served many different parts of our community and most notably, Crime Stoppers Tip Line Program has worked with law enforcement to solve over 33,000 felony crimes and apprehend over 25,000 felony fugitives and for nearly two decades, Aramco Services Company has supported Crime Stoppers' mission as the safety part of the annual Houston's Heroes Awards Luncheon and Crime Stoppers and Aramco are deeply honored to celebrate women and community partners for their incredible support and significant contributions to the collective public safety; the Annual Houston's Heroes Awards Luncheon benefits all Crime Stoppers programs that work to solve and prevent crime in the Houston area such as Tip Line Program, Safe School Program and Safe Community Program; on May 19, 2016, the 2016 Houston Heroes award recipients will be recognized for their outstanding contributions and the City of Houston commends and appreciates all the honoree recipients, Crime Stoppers members and the Aramco Services Company and extends best wishes for a successful event and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed May 19, 2016 as Crime Stoppers Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Davis stated each day; countless Houstonians are served by public employees who provide a wide range of services. With a sense of pride in our great city, municipal employees at every level are committed to maintaining a superior standard of customer service and improving the quality of life in Houston and the efficiency with which an institution as complex as the Strategic Procurement Division of the Finance Department operates is due to the work of its capable employees, particularly those who have acquired expertise and valuable skills through many years of experience; Calvin D. Wells is one such skilled individual, having served this city and its citizens with dedication, diligence and professionalism since May 5, 1998 and after more than 18 years of service, Calvin D. Wells has chosen to begin his well-earned retirement on May 30, 2016. In recognition and appreciation of his dedication and loyal service, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Calvin D. Wells on this milestone occasion and extends best wishes for a long and happy retirement and Mayor Turner congratulated and urged all citizens to join him in thanking him for the service he has rendered to the City of Houston for so many years. Council Members Stardig, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

Council Member Davis invited students from A.B. Anderson School from Acres Home to the podium and the students took pictures with Mayor Turner and Council Member Davis then the students sang a song for Mayor Turner and presented gifts to Mayor Turner and Council Member Davis.

At 2:16 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis for the invocation and the pledge of alliance. Council Members Stardig and Gallegos absent.

At 2:17 the roll was called. Council Members Stardig and Gallegos absent. Council Member Green absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt previous minutes and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0243 ADOPTED**

Council Member Christie moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Jeffery Hoyer, Mr. Forrest Cook and Pastor Robert McGee out of order and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0244 ADOPTED**

Council Member Le moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. M.J. Kahn out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0245 ADOPTED**

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

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated that she watched the last couple of weeks in the media about the tow trucking company that spends a lot of time on 288 where she lives in her community and she had a question today to the Mayor which she knows that he was not here when this contract was awarded, she understands that and her point was this, that all the employees had to pass a background check and what she wanted to know was how a contractor who was going to be dealing with the public and get

the contract and not have a background check, that was a predatory opportunity, when this guy got the contract he was on probation. Council Member Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Bell.

Mr. Lorenzo Gonzalez, 8 Spanish Bay Court, Manvel, TX, 77578, (832)282-4215 appeared and stated in 1982 he invested his savings and life to established a small business in Houston, the USA Auto Collision Center and his wife and children sacrificed a lot for his dream, his children bought clothes from Good Will and they walked to the Safe Way to buy groceries that they needed because the one vehicle they had was used by him to go to work to his business, about several years ago they found out that his father had cancer which he had to leave to take care of he and his mother in McAllen, Texas and when his father passed away he stayed to continue to take care of his mother; he was surprised by all the allegations against his son and it pains him to see this happening and that all his money and business would be taken over night, he cannot comment about the allegations about his son but his heart aches to see him in this position and he understand the desire to take quick action and he requested that Members of Council would consider one of the options to allow him to take back over his business and he was remove his son as an officer and employee, he does not have a criminal record nor any other reason to prohibit him from maintaining his licenses and operating his business with integrity; in February 1983 Mayor Bob Lanier, the City and the Members of Council honored him with a proclamation for contributions to the City and should he be punished and his life hard earned retirement funds be taken away for something that he did not do.

Mr. Jeffrey Hoye, 2101 Crawford St. No.211, 77002, (713)204-4616 appeared and stated he was the Board President of Capital Idea of Houston a workforce agency in Houston and they were present today to give a report of the results of a \$250,000 grant for construction training from the City of Houston that went into effect little over one year ago and as Members of Council can see by the hand out that was provided, they were pleased to report by working with the community colleges and their training partners, they had trained 187 individuals, 33 who have already graduated and been placed in jobs, 87 would be graduating this month and who were currently working with their Placement Specialist by polishing up their resumes and job interviewing skills and another 62 who were still enrolled in training courses, as Board President he would like to thank Members of Council and recognize the staff of Capital Idea for a job well done and deserves a congratulations in overseeing the recruitment, the training and the job placement of these 187 participants and the work was on going; this grant was an investment to their community, this grant was used efficiently and productively, thus benefiting the whole community as a whole and the best examples he can give of this success was the average hourly wage of the 33 participants employed so far after completing their training in job placement was 81 per cent higher than the average wage prior to their employment in this training program and they now have the skills they will carry for the rest of their life; this grant, this investment in Capital Idea Houston was transforming to them and their families and to speak about this transformation benefit was Forest Cook who would be following him, he graduated with a certificate as a Heating and Ventilation Tech. Council Members Stardig, Cohen Kubosh and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Hoye.

Mr. Forrest Cook, 2101 Crawford St. No.211, 77002, (713)204-4616 appeared and stated he was present today to give testament to Capital Idea as well as the investment that Members of Council put in, he did 11 years in prison and when he came home he was going through different social services because he wanted to make a change in his life and by going

through these different services, he was told by someone about Capital Idea which he took the necessary steps to get in the program and about to graduate and they will help him find a job for \$18.00 to \$20.00 an hour and he really wanted to say that the money, the funds, the investment that Members of Council made was really working and means a lot to him and he wanted to give praise and thanked them for their investment in the program as well as himself and future participants that would be involved in the program. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Edwards and Christie absent.

Pastor Robert McGee, 2600 Holman St., 77004, (713)854-3876 appeared and stated he was the Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in the 3rd Ward, first he wanted to thank Members of Council for giving them a proclamation for 40 years of organizing in the State of Texas and ask those with them to stand up that were a part of Capital Idea and TMO, they already heard that they were requesting \$250,000 and he did not need to get that anymore and reviewed a spiritual reading and everyone was happy because they responded in a positive way in what was being asked, so they see the numbers that they have and he will make sure the Mr. Boykins would get the information that he needs as it relates to their program and they trust and hope that the City Council would act wisely in the terms of their request. Council Members Stardig and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Capital Idea was excellent program and it was highly productive, this year was requiring a lot of tough, difficult decisions, though it may not be including in this one and next year if things continue to look better, it was a program that need to be funded and they had to make tough calls when they were facing \$160 million dollar short, a lot of things we left on the shoulder of the road and hopefully when they circle back around hopefully 2018 would be better than the 2017 budget.

Mr. M.J. Khan, 3110 Eastside St., 77098, (713)398-4829 appeared and stated that he was present today to condemn the recent display of ignorance and bigotry of one of City Employees, Mr. Trebor Gordon was at a Republican Party Meeting and made some bigoted comments to stop a republican who happen to be a Muslim to serve as a Chair and he was proud of the republican party in Harris County, especially those men and women of good will who rejected the bigoted statement and appointed Mr. Le as the Chair, they live in a City which was known around the world as having the best interfaith inter community interharmony, interracial relationships and this kind of bigoted comment destroys that which everyone stands against and he appreciate and he also wanted to tell everyone that Council Member Mike Knox was a friend of his and known Council Member Knox for a long time and with him not giving an explanation, he knew that the comments by Mr. Gordon were in no way reflection of the statement of Council Member Knox that he served on this Body for six years and he knows how important and honorable and how responsible these position were; the reason the City of Houston had the best image was because of the leadership of those that had sat in these positions from past and present, hopefully the leadership in the future and not just the political leadership but also the civic, faith and business leadership in this City and he would like to request that Members of Council to let the community know what was their position and how would they handle this situation and he does know how he would handle it. Council Member Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Khan at length.

Council Member Knox stated that they already spoke about this yesterday but he would reiterate, they already had begun the process with Mr. Gordon, they were counseling with him, he already had enrolled in a sensitive training classes to help rebuild his reputation in this office

and this staff and his comments were not the policy of his office, nor were they reflective of his opinion on any issue related to this particular matter and sometimes people make errors of judgement, they make mistakes, they can be intolerant and cast them aside or they can make the more difficult choice and try to correct and train and it was with his hope Mr. Gordon would respond to their training and discussion and hopefully he would change his position about these world views.

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 407 Cordell St., 77009, (832)758-8640 appeared and stated he wanted to commend Council Member Cisneros on her efforts, he seen her day after day talking to people and attending meetings; he was a resident of fighting District I and he came to speak on the need of a HERO Ordinance on the two year anniversary of the passage of the original Ordinance on May 28th, 11 to 6 vote in 2014 and the Ordinance would have banned discrimination on race, gender, age and this process begun a year earlier with meetings, discussions and no one seemed to have a problem with that but rallied opponents of the Ordinance that it allows transgender people using the public bathroom and Houston Pastors organized a petition drive, calling a repealing of this Ordinance and the group turn in pages after pages with more than 31,000 signatures but after the City Legal Department checked for errors then City Attorney David Feildmen declared the petition was invalid for technical reasons and the same day petitioners filed lawsuit challenging that number and after much back and forth the HEROS Ordinance was overturned by the court, the issue was delicate, this potential for much polarization in his home town and he was present today, requesting Members of Council to step up, they need a HERO Ordinance as they remain one of the top ten that does not have some type of HERO Ordinance in this Country that does not have a local Equal Rights Ordinance on the books, Houston loss of HERO Ordinance begun a trend discrimination ordinance and just like the State of North Caroline, their State Attorney General promised to get some type Legislation to get passed in the next Legislative Session, these types of activities infuses those who deal in fear and ignorance with a sense of empowerment and this pro-discrimination movement, locally and nationally and was going to use this as a wedge issue for a vital November Elections. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Joseph Hill, 1613 West 23rd St., 77008, (210)621-5708 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Donald Burns, 12021 Donegal, 77047, (713)882-0307 appeared and stated that a couple of weeks ago, he had brought a pamphlet of a lawsuit and a letter that was refused by the City Attorney and that cover of it had a copy of the letter that was refused and also a brochure for a Safety Skid business that he had bought in 1991, he had been in and out of prison probably about three or four years and it's been 31 years done on sentence but that was what he was doing at 3900 Swingle Road and he was a successful business man and he had not done anything; the pictures that they took and using for the lawsuit was not even on his property and no one wants to ask these people, who was doing the investigation for these people and it was a four corner and what he means these same deed restrictions that never existed were taking people's property, he have met with lawyer after lawyer and all he was requesting was to ask was why he was sued, he should not have to come down here this many times, all he was asking was one answer why; six in a half years sitting over here in litigation and dismissed on one prosecution, he had paid his debt to society and all he was asking was an answer, should there be an answer, this was like 2016 Main down there, they cut five minutes of video and charge him with assault, a successful homeowner and that was \$10,000 dollars that he spent there he was not a millionaire and he had pity for the men and women who were subject to this conduct. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Roberto McCarthy, 15050 Coppergrove Blvd., 77095, (281)235-6490 appeared and stated that he had all intension in voting for Mayor Turner but he did not get the chance to get out there and vote, he was a taxi driver for the City of Houston and on the last meeting he was present, he heard a lot of comments of fairness and equal opportunity to UBER as well as taxi drivers, taxi fare meter starts at \$2.80 that was established by the City of Houston and not the drivers, UBER came in with a flex fare with the charge up to 80 cents or more if they ride in a suburban or a town car, he does not see that as an equal opportunity for them because it undercuts them by \$2.00 and that put a strain on the business of the taxi drivers; notice in the State of Alaska that UBER was kicked out of Alaska for the simple fact that they could define whether they were drivers or employees or independent contractors and Alaska saw that as a misrepresentative of the drivers so therefore they had to pay Alaska \$75,000 dollars because the drivers were employees and they had to give benefits to them, can the City of Houston demand the same for UBER as well and another thing was, why were they allowing a big corporations as they came in and just attack their small business in the industry of taxi drivers and many of them depend on that money to put their children in community colleges and some of them spend several hours at a time on the airport and he was just requesting that if it could be reconsidered if UBER was to remain in the City if they abide by all the requirements that the taxi drivers go through and to make it more competitive as well as fairness to raise fare to \$2.80 or to no less than \$2.65 which that was what the City of Houston had established for the taxi drivers and they have more speakers and they have a great plan that was put together to assure the City that taxi drivers can come together. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Raymond Ito, 2923 Quail Hawk Dr., 77014, (832)613-1978 appeared and stated that they have an initiative called the Houston Drivers Economic Recovery Council and when the Mayor came into office he said in 100 days he was going to fill all of the pot holes which they had seen some difference which he wanted to commend Mayor Turner and his team for that, as a drive that saved them money because their cars do not break down and they do not have accidents; for the past couple of weeks they had heard from different drivers, about different issues and to him was that everything that was said was correct, they know there was a direct relations between what happens to the City of Houston to what the drivers make on a daily bases and they have to wait hours before they can make \$50.00 to \$60.00 dollars, because of what was happening to the oil and gas industry, so the questions was how do they turn this around which it means that the City was under distress on some levels, these were challenging times for the City but they as taxi drivers have come to look at the situation, there was something they can do also to help turn situations around, on a daily basis they make some money from little trips, they can give \$1.50 on any trips that was over \$25.00 dollars to the City and any trip that was above \$101.00 they could give 10% of that to the City to help because they do not want some of their essential services to be cut and they believe that there was something as taxi drivers can do to help turn the economy for this City around and they were in close proximity to successful business people from all over the world that come to the City of Houston and they believe it was their duty to inject positivity into the process. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Brian Kelly, 4640 Main St., 77002, (928)530-0543 appeared and stated he was U.S Veteran and he had an idea that he would like to proposed to Members of Council, he hoped to create a strong work force by give equal opportunity to help citizens provide for themselves and their family, most prisons or jail facilities were stressed beyond capacity and this issue could be resolved by giving better opportunity for passed criminal records, giving them alterative opportunities to support themselves and their families legally, one of the many reasons that

people become repeat offenders because of the disadvantages of the job market due to less than positive decisions in their past resulting in incarceration, the issue was that time does not end when they finish their time, in too many case he had witness people making an effort in getting some form of employment, filling out application after application only to be turn down because of their past, what if there were a way to combine a bond in an insurance situation by providing employers a monetary reassurance that these people would not be liability for those hard earned businesses and having the people with priors pay an insurance premium, it would work something like automobile insurance and if something does occur their premium would go up and would go up for each occurrence that would come up and that the insurances would be available to the businesses to cover for any damages, basically the holder of this insurance would sign an agreement that they would understand that if they had been proven that they violated any of their guidelines there would be consequences such as warning, raising of monthly premium or terminations and if any damages were to occur to the businesses and the insurance would be compensated and he understand that not everyone falls into this category and he knows that there were some people would not change their lives but there were individuals who wanted to support their families and have realized the only way was to be lawfully employed and he knows this was just a basic idea and there were a lot more things that need to be sort out by lawyers, legislature and financial institutions and he hope this was something that would be beneficial to Texas and maybe adopted Nationwide. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Barry Jackson, 15607 Briar Spring Court, Missouri City, TX, 77489, (281)948-1935 appeared and stated he owns Bliss Flavors Catering; it put two of his daughters through college; of the HPD incident number is 0529734-16 that was issued 10 days ago even though all this started this past August after coming home for his daughters graduation, after Bliss Flavors Catering received fraud, forgery calls for pursuit of services, processed the card into it which was the request of the people and when services were delivered to a location in Houston which one did take place and it was \$4,400.00 dollars, the cards were stopped, charges and reversed by course of the bank, accounts were cancelled all of these was to hurt his business; in August the Police Station he went to refused to call him a victim, that he was not the one using the card and to say he was not the card holder and at the same moment he pulled out his cell phone and he just received an e-mail, several texts messages as he was driving to the Police Station which he tried to show them, they got irritated with him and requested him to leave the building, this leads to his question, were there resources in the City of Houston available to him to solve and expose this attack against his business; the seconded thing it was a totally different subject, it was a request that he had that he had some help with the media. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised for him to speak to Sergeant Anthony that was standing in the back and he could answer some of his questions.

Ms. Victoria Parker, 13350 Perry Rd. No.329, 77070, (281)469-1022 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. C.C. Hughes, P.O. Box 262973, 77207, (832)654-3871 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Tishuan Scott, 10413 Kelburn Dr., 77016, 9832)453-9730 appeared and stated that he came in today because he has two issues and one of them was an issue was with Centerpoint Energy which his neighbors tree fell into his power line, so he called Centerpoint because a cord was hanging, he left and went to Worksource to do job searches and when he returned home and the power to his house was cut down, the cord was coiled and leaning on his back fence, it was there for about six months and he been without power for nine months now, they were installing all new energy fixtures throughout the entire neighborhood and an employee of Centerpoint was in his neighbors backyard which he was asked who put the wire in the back and he told the Centerpoint employee that one of their guys did it and Centerpoint employee stated that it was a live wire and if his dogs would have bitten it they would have gotten electrocuted and would have died, what happen was that his meter was not knocked from his house, they cut the entire thing when all they had to do was go to Home Depot and purchased 49 cent U Hook but instead that exacerbated the issue and became a \$5,000 issue which he cannot afford, he contacted Centerpoint several times and spoke to Jeremy Hauls and he transferred him to his supervisor, which he called twice for her and he returned calls from a guy named Brandon who was supposed to get him to another supervisor which that never happened, there were four times that he had requested to a supervisor and his calls were never returned and Jeremy Cutler who did come out said that was an improper way of doing that which he did remove the cord and that was where he was today at this point no one from Centerpoint had returned his called and was not told anything and he had been nine months without power; the second issue was prejudice by the Police which he lives off of Homestead Road and he inherited his grandfather house. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Davis questioned Mr. Scott on his issue with HPD and asked him to explain his issues.

Mr. Johnny Taylor, 3262 Wetheimer, Suite 341, 77098, (832)756-4607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. James Joseph, 4206 Lyons Ave., 77020, (713)515-1364 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Risheem Eli, 8411 Storm Creek Court, 77088, (713)377-1155 appeared and stated that he was here again to speak and go over some information that he presented couple of months ago, he went to another City and got approval and licensing to practice to help and support the U. S Vets, what he was requesting was if they have a Turn-Around Houston Program, can they have something for the Vets that support in getting back into the workforce, so that was the question today; they had done countless work, they had done research, they partnered with Non-Profits in Houston along with reaching out to the State, getting a license and documentation to be able to get a practice, all they were asking for was support of the City, he

had been in contact with Carl Salazar which he been great, he also a business that participated in the Turn-Around Houston Program which he hired two people and they were in a pending case in terms of getting more support from the City of Houston, he was asking the question of how they can move forward with this, he had documentation that show other cities have written letters to be able to support him, he was native Houstonian and he does not understand why he cannot get any support in the City he resides in or for the Vets. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council question Mr. Eli.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr, Apt. No.703, 77082, (832)208-1490 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Demetria Smith, 15155 Richmond Ave., 77082, (832)883-7509 1490 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Joann Gobert, 3727 Idaho St., 77021, no phone, 1490 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln. 77005, no phone, 1490 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Arturo Gutierrez, 219 Posey, 77009, (713)703-8413 appeared and presented information and stated that a week ago today, a 11 years old boy decided to stay late and participate in a science club, he was brutally murdered just steps from his home in broad daylight, just hours ago he was laid to rest nearby at Hollywood Cemetery, his thoughts and prayers goes out to his family and friends, as a Council Member told him which he was going to paraphrase here "I hope the brutal murder of this child would lead to solutions that would make our neighborhood better"; he was present today for just that reason, not to cast blame but to find a solution to their neighborhood which brings him to this which he passed out a couple of presentations to Members of Council and stated that not to long they his neighborhood had tolerated illegal things that took place at this apartments from prostitution, drug dealing, drug use, gun shots, mean dogs, junkies and the list goes on, this was a daily occurrence for the surrounding families and what they have to deal with, over a past couple of years these type of activity had progressively gotten worse and the cycle of illegal activity continues and these apartments have gotten a reputation for themselves and has had a negative impact on the neighborhood, stories of heroin addicts with needles in plain view in daylight which he wish he could say that it was a lie but unfortunately this was a common occurrence; stories of tenants walking onto people property high and staring at them from just steps from their door was also a common occurrence, there was a tenant that breeds dogs to cause harm, to chase or bite neighbors and have other neighbors that fear to even walk surrounding these apartments; these public streets and park and on the first page Council would see where the park was, also see where the school was at, where behavior for illegal activity and had been taken over by bad

people, these apartments breed illegal activity that over flows to the park and the surrounding areas and what he was requesting from City Council was just a small stone, a stone to throw towards a massive ocean that would hopefully cause waves throughout the neighborhood, solution to make the neighborhood better, asking for guideness that the neighborhood, the civic club can do to have these apartment declared nuisance or condemned. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Gutierrez.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Frwy. No. 210, 77022, (832)815-7006 appeared and presented information to Members of Council relative to housing opportunities and stated that they really attacked his business, he was 10 years behind and the millions maybe billions dollars that he was short of money and expressed his opinion about remarks by Dick Cheney, terrorism and same sex marriages. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Ronald Whitfield, 7522 LaSalette St., 77021, (832)882-5696 appeared and stated he was present on business with the City and today he turns 50 years old which they have three Congressmen that also was having birthdays, the purpose today was that he was going on a food and water strike for 40 days and 40 nights, these body have Unconstitutional policy permitting him from protesting and to petition the Government and he was requesting that Members of Council as a body as well as individually to make that permit of Constitutional permit to go away, whether they do it out of their pockets or as a body and he going to down here and the F.B.I will be down here protecting him on Title 18 of U.S.C Section 241 under conspiracy and 242 for his rights, they do not need the City of Houston and the F.B.I fighting because the F.B.I would protect him and again he requesting the Unconstitutional Permit go away because the City of Houston want to charge him close to \$2,000 dollars to protest the corruption in the legal system that was why the poor cannot get anywhere and he continued to express his personal opinion. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, 77050, (281)449-5232 appeared and stated that she did not miss voting for the Mayor because she had ten days to vote and she been here before about this, there was only one pool that was dedicated to the disabled and for those who were several disable, only one in the City of Houston and those of them who were not fortunate to have a relative who has had legs amputated or paralyzed do not know the trouble to get someone out of bed or out of the wheelchair and down to the Civic Multipurpose Service Center and this pool represents everyone from every section of this City, it's not just for District B, it services everyone, to have a pool shut down because they give overtime to the staff it was ridiculous, they can have them do every extra things when they want and they get ready to and because they do not want them to go over the 40 hours, who were they hurting, they were hurting the pool patriots then the people that actually work for them, it needs to change and this was not her first time being here and she was going to make note of the people that she slams their signs in her yard and she sends out e-mails to everyone to go out to vote, she even drive people to voting poll and something needs to be done so they can extend the maximum amount of time to those who were in the most need of it, the next thing she wanted to speak about that the life guards there had not been commended and gone above and beyond their duty, there was a flood last year which she believe Members of Council did not know about it and they no one commended the life guards but gave them extra duties and they did it willingly to help served the people that were disabled. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Murray.

Mr. Philip Salerno, no address, no phone, appeared and stated he lives in District C and he was volunteer of the Houston High Speed Rail Watch which was a local group in the community and they organized about a year in half ago to study and monitor of the actions of the Texas Central Railway and the development of the High Speed Rail Project, it was important to know that their group was not necessary against the High Speed Rail while they do have concerns about the overall plan but they were excited about this potential of this massive transportation project could have on the way people travel to and from City of Houston, the original plans would have a series of negative impact on laws, established neighborhoods in the Inwood area and Super Neighborhood 5, 12, 22 and 51, Independents Heights and other communities, these communities were experimenting an explosive amount of growth; while they heard that the High Speed Rail requires a massive imposing infrastructure to be erected in neighborhoods along the proposed routes, their residents became alarmed, the residents felt stopping the rail at the 610, 290 Inter Loop would be a perfect compromise to DCR plan, individual traveling on the High Speed Rail would access to the Galleria, Uptown and Downtown amongst others and when they presented their first draft of the analyses last August and the 610, 290 exchange was recommended as the variable opposition and residents along that rail line were happy; however they heard recently that the City of Houston would like the High Speed Rail to go to Downtown and this was something that their group and neighborhoods had been against since the beginning, they understand there was a huge connectivity issue that need to be studied, they had spoken to the Transportation Agency within Houston to hear their ideas on ways to help the connectivity and they believe there were ways to come together, all groups to come up with smart transportation solutions that would preserve the neighborhoods, they believe there could be a positive outcome that all involved but this cannot happen without all the Transportation Agency working together and without the Neighborhoods having a seat at the table. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to assure that this study was to determine the feasibility of taking it Downtown without any impact on the neighborhoods and from his personal opinion that the northwest stop was an excellent stop and he was opposed to the original proposal because it was going to cut across neighborhoods from Oak Forest to Independent Heights and people wanted to take another second look at a route to Downtown that would not have an impact on neighborhoods and if that was possible they want to take a look at it and if it cannot be done the Northwest Transit station is the most variable opposition.

Ms. Julie Grothues, no address, (832)687-3864 appeared and stated that she was the President Inwood Forest Community Improvement Association, she lives in District A and she was a Member of the Houston High Speed Rail Watch, their group was a not in our backyard type of coalition, they had spent countless hours in the last 18 months in meetings, researching information about the development of plans and talking with different Transportation Agencies at Federal State and Local level, to learn more about this project that may affect their neighborhoods and the entire City, part of the reason for their research was to find a win, win solutions to see how this project would work for everyone, they believe they have a good understanding of what this project is about and potential of what can and cannot do for this City, here was what they learned, first and foremost, there seems to be a misunderstanding about what this project is and what type of transportation it would provide, high speed rail was not a communal rail, it sole purpose was long distance connectivity, it was not design for urban core and the high speed rail from Houston to Dallas would have two stops between the Bryan College Station or Grand Parkway or the Beltway, the TCR Representatives told them once the line comes into the Houston area, it would be elevated and this elevation was needed because

high speed rails were enclosed, pedestrians cannot walk or drive over the high speed rail lines, traffic has to go over or under the high speed rail line, the supports for the line would be concrete and 36 feet high and with everything combined they were looking at a structure that was over 54 feet tall, side by side lines, one going into town and one going out of town, they do not share tracks; TCR states that this was a privately funded project and according to the Federal Railroad Administration stated that the study states traveling into Downtown would be too costly and have a negative impact of surrounding communities and they were also told the only way the high speed rail would work in going into Downtown was to place it underground, the Houston to Dallas High Speed Rail Line was an exciting and a new type of way for transportation and Houston would be the first to have it. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Grothues.

Ms. Alicia Nuzzie, 1510 Wakefield, 77018, (713)446-5906 appeared and stated she was Vice President of the Northwest Super Neighborhood Council, she lives in District C, a resident of Oak Forest and a Member of the High Speed Rail Watch, on behalf of their coalition, she wanted to thank Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and Council Member Stardig because they were the first people to send letters to the FRA when they first heard about this project, the Houston Dallas High Speed Rail Project, those early routes would have been detrimental to their neighborhood; also wanted to thank Council Members Kubosh and Christie because during the election they answered all the questions they had about the rail line and they stated that the terminus should be outside the loop rather than going into Downtown and Council Member Knox stated that the neighborhoods should be included in the process; they know that the City was doing an RFQ study for the ability into going Downtown and they respect that, she thinks the biggest concern that they have was when she spoke to Planning Department, they did not say that they were not going through neighborhoods, they talk about how they were examining corridors, they were still going to look at the UP line or the I-10 corridor and that was part of the reason they were coming today because nowhere in the RFQ says that there would be examination of corridors that do not impact communities and nowhere in the RFQ even in the Steering Committee, all that they had listed it does not say anything about having neighborhoods at the table and she does not understand because they had done so much work on this project to educate, she was in constant communication with the Federal Railroad Administration, she just spoke with them yesterday to find out about the draft EIS that was going to come out in September and October about what they were looking at and that was why they have the information these stops that were being examine, this was the information that they were getting, they were having to go separately to each agencies to find solutions; they were wondering why they cannot just put a high speed rail line task force together and why can they not just get all these people together to take a look at this study into Downtown, they should be sharing information and neighborhood should know what's being proposed and maybe offer solution so they can get people around the City, they want to be part of the process, they think win, win solution for everyone that was involved, she thinks there should be a lot more knowledge that should be shared. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Nuzzie.

Ms. Tami Merrick, 1100 Louisiana Suite No. 1, 77002, (713)871-8484 appeared and stated that everybody stole her thunder before she got to the podium, she was resident of District H, she was registered Architect, Avenue Community Development Corporation Board Member, a representative for Super Neighborhood 22 and she specialized in transportation, she

worked on the train in trench study which was now obsolete do to Urban Development, she attended the HSR presentation at Reliant Stadium and was the person that realized the proposed route took 100 by 150 feet out of the communities, she was one of the core organizers for Rail Watch, she embraced supporting rail but all studies should consider, the use of out dated maps, current developments were common occurrence with their agencies and all agencies default back to 100 year old corridors that were narrow and now were quiet zones in their neighborhood, at a recent Super Neighborhood 22 meeting a person suggested for commuter rail down I-10, routing down Houston Avenue and dissecting First Ward, the route dissects First Ward, intersects two frat trains and the community would not support it, TxDot had no idea about proposing the I-10 route for commuter rail, she had mentioned it at a meeting with TxDot, agencies do not perform field work, photographs of the surrounding or do not ask Stakeholder input, TxDot, Metro, Gulf Coast Rail and Harris County all have projects in progress, working independently, the public was tired of taking a reactive position of agencies proposing routing, she was opposed to the RFP because she did not feel that it would not take any different approach than what they had already seen, HSR had already calculated writer ship and she was wondering why they were not looking at connection to the airport, this was a rail that was not built yet and she does not understand why TxDot does not think about rail from going out to the 45 expansion, rather than the HOV and she knows that decision was coming down soon and she thinks there was one opportunity for a route. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Merrick.

Ms. Vernelle Taylor, 3207 Hinton Blvd., 77022, (713)861-9062 appeared and a gentleman came with her, Council Members allowed the gentleman to speak for her because of her health and mental issues if he needed to and presented a written statement and stated that she came here to request Mayor Turner and Members of Council to help with the situation that she was having which was a living situation that she was in and the Mayor's workers pulled her outside to tell her that she does not need to speak to the Mayor because they cannot help her with her situation about the program was shut down, she sat here all this time and listen to everyone else and when it comes to her turn, she cannot tell them her situation, she been living in Houston for 58 years, she was a Houstonian, she lives in Independence Heights and Studewood, the house that she lives in was very old, the City condemned the house in 2007, this program came around, she applied for the program, they accepted her into it because her house was damaged in every storm, the roof was sunken in, she would like everyone on Council to come to her house and come inside, there was mold and mildew growing on her walls which it looks like hair, it was making her sick, the house wood was so rotten at the bottom that animals come inside, there was raw sewage inside and running through her house, the plumbers cannot get under there to fix the pipes because the house was so low that no one can get underneath there, she felt fortunate that she accepted into this program thinking, finally her house was going to be repaired, they were supposed to go through all situations and she told them from the beginning that she might have a loan, they went through everything, they check her taxes and told her that everything was ok and she went through the process of signing all the papers, pick out the floor plan, cabinets, paint, everything and now they tell her that the program had been shut down, that there was no help for her, no hope for her and they sent her to the City Attorney, they searched for the lien holders, the lady had died, they searched for errors and could not find any, they were going to put it in the newspaper for 90 days and if no one had come forward they would proceed, then they told her 60 days, then he told her when the statute of limitation would run out they would proceed to fix her house and they say the program was shut down and then she asked if she could apply for the next program and they responded to her they do not do it like that and they do not know if they would have another

program and requested to be put at the top of the list. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Taylor, he really did not want to speak about her particular case in public but the problem was that there were some bankruptcy that was filed but that lien was still on the property and statute of limitation would not expire until September, she walked off in the middle of Mayor Turner speaking to her and the gentleman approached the podium and Mayor Turner continued questioned him about her situation.

Council Member Knox requested to have Mr. Ali Hasanali to speak after Mr. Kapur.

Mr. Ramesh Kapur, 3427 Ashfton Park Dr., 77082, (281)455-7998 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated he was present to speak about the flaws in the parking citations and he needs much needed help, he was a 75 year old citizen that was handicapped, he had heart surgery and he has a very tough time driving cars; he went to court yesterday for some unrelated matter that does not involve handicap, while he was inside to do business and when he came out his car was booted, right in the Court House, he called the number and he was told that he would have to pay \$1200.00 dollars and that was the only way they can take the stuff out; On November 6, 2015 he was at Walmart, he parked the car in a handicap parking space and the handicap parking sticker was on the dash board, the Police Officer did not give any citation and a Walmart employee had the right to write citation who park there car in assigned handicap parking space and when he came out he saw a citation on his windshield all though he had the handicap parking sticker on the dash, he then went inside to speak to the Police Officer of the employee that gave him the ticket which the employee apologized and said he did not see the sticker so he had to go back to the City and show his sticker and that would be taken care of; three or four days later he went to the parking place and he showed the Office his information. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Member Kubosh questioned Mr. Kapur.

Mr. Ali Hasanali, 3210 Louisiana St. No. 2308, 77006, (713)498-0050 appeared and stated he was a young Muslim Lawyer who grew up in this wonderful Country for his whole life, both as an Attorney and Muslim Houstonian, he had seen his fair share of discrimination in both his professional and personal life, however, to see it represented a while as tolerated with in the staff of Council Member Knox reveals a great deal on how lightly he seemed to take this plight of those who were marginalized and discrimination against, his mother told him that you were a reflection of the company you it; the Washington Post and the Houston Chronicle had investigated Trebor Gordon, his Community Outreach Director holds deep convictions on his views against Muslims and it does not take major news outlet to show his views, his Facebook page was clear enough, it spews hate against Muslims and many even within these halls, found it to be asinine and maybe even comical at times, however, he was not laughing and the ten of thousands of Muslim that he represent were not laughing; Council Member Knox, himself stated that citizen of Houston can expect fair representation from him, how can his people expect fair representation when his Director of Community Outreach was a well-known Islamophe, his Facebook had since been deleted, his Tweeter had been deleted, he cannot erase a man true character by a click of a button or a simple scolding and he stated he can say things on their own time, have their own beliefs so based on his knowledge Council Member Knox, Mr. Gordon may clock out by 5:00 from City Hall, this was permissible to him, this behavior had been consented for five months, this was not a onetime thing, was he blind or ignorant to claim he knew nothing, there had not been any apology or remorse from him or Mr. Gordon, his

employment should have been terminated; if Council Member Knox represents Houston At-Large then he would replace his Community Outreach Director who seek to unite all ethnicity and religion in Houston not one that was devisees, everyone was watching and he would not be here if this was not being taken seriously and he would like to know why Council Member Knox continues to pay and harbor a known racist on his staff. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards absent.

Council Member Knox stated that he does take this seriously and let him also say among the things they have to do being human beings was to help people understand the world around them in better ways, he was not going to dismiss him but he had replaced him of his Director of Outreach, he was now on Special Projects, he was going to be closely supervised be him for the upcoming months until he was satisfied or until he can represent his office, it would be easy and honestly would be more political correct to fire him, he does not believe in intolerance to cure other intolerance and what he believes to give him an opportunity to correct their position and take on that difficult task and help him understand the world around him in a better way and if he does not respond, he would not be working for him and his activity he cannot support or endorse and he can promise that this would not happen again from his office.

Mr. Ameer Abuhlimeh, 201 Travis, 77002, (713)291-8292 appeared and present information to Members of Council and stated he was the Director of the Islamic Da'Wah Center and he wanted to thank the Mayor for coming to the Center on April 16, 2016 and participating in the opening of the Library of Islamic Knowledge and the reason he was present because last Saturday a Hate and Armed rally was organized by a group called Heart of Texas, the event was titled "Stop Islamization of Texas" and the rally took place on Saturday May 21, 2016 and luckily passed safely without any escalation or conflict, the group that was protesting were protesting the very Library that he cut the ribbon for and they were arguing about the money used to build the Library was a received from public money and he was present to straighten the record and the money that was used to build the Library was a private foundation and not public funds, which was primarily donated by a foundation that was established by Mr. Hakeem Olajuwon but he was present today to truly express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the City of Houston and to the Houston Police Department for their tireless effort and professionalism in safely managing all participants in the rally and the immaculate preparation and execution of police force lead to the positive outcome of not only safeguarding citizens right to protest which the respect but also protecting their community members, their neighbors, and their own properties in Houston Downtown, it was important that they recognized those individuals who lead the effort: Sergeant Mark Shoffner-Dignitary/Public Assembly Unit, Sergeant Mark Myrkowski; Special Response Division and they were truly gratefully for their efforts in truly making that event pass without any confrontation or conflict. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Abuhlimeh.

Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Mr. Stevens Orozco, 5023 Redwing brook Trail, Katy, TX, 77449, (281)943-9500 appeared and stated he was a full time student at Southern University and also a full time activist and organizer, member of Truth to Power and he was present to stand with the Muslim Community because of the comments that were made by the staffer of Council Member Knox but unfortunately he left and the Mayor stepped out, he wanted to have a political conversation because it seems that it was a tone death argument going on in a lot of the halls and the Council Meetings and other offices, he understands that they have cameras and they put a

photo op opportunity in a moment to address an issue but when the cameras get turned off, then they have social media that continues these conversations, the same social media that was used by that staffer that continues to speak about his message and the biggest message that was coming out especially in election year, that they have the Presidential Election that has now created the argument that the Republican Party was the party of Triumph and he understands there were more local and state and national dynamic for everything, that is the problem with the education system, the setup of the media because a lot of people do not know much of their local politics so, when it comes to the argument of what a party represents, the Republican Party was represent by Donald Triumph and the Democratic Party was represent by Hillary Clinton; so when you have the R, the red color they going to have problems with race and then with the D, blue color they going to have a problem with corruption, the gentlemen that just left from the Center which was interesting that he came to give praises to HPD because he was at that rally and he cannot give the pats on the back to HPD because there was an incident where people from the white supremacy side would step onto the street and spitting and speaking their hateful language to the point where one of the guys from that side came across the street to their side remind that this was announced that it was going to be an armed protest, so his questions was why was there no Police Officer there when that guy came onto their side and he had to pull a Police Officer to go and make sure that guy kept walking. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, P.O. Box 53993, 77052, 9713)987-3854 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Sammie Jones, 3325 Airport Blvd., 77051, (281)836-4816 appeared and stated that he was arrested in March 20, 2016, his bedroom was ram sacked, his property was thrown all over the floor, his bed that he use to sleep on was turn upside down, he has a number of items that were missing and right in front of him, the arresting Officer which he cannot get a clear name on told his niece to pack his stuff up and put it on the porch and at the same time he was taking his house keys and kept it in his possession, the case was dismissed and that following day his house key was not in the property that was given back to him, he went to the Police Station, asked about the Officer, asked about his keys; when he looked at the whole situation, they illegally evicted him, they put his stuff on the front porch, he had things missing out of his property, the Officer kept his house key, the supervisor would not command the Office to give his house key back, he went through a \$200.00 loss for having the entire house keys replaced and he would like to have that money back and he also had a broken window and that was the only way he could get into his house to get someone over there unlock the doors; he recently had judicial process which he testified that this Officer behavior was being examined by the City of Houston through the Mayor's Office. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised him to speak with Sergeant Anthony that was in the back and he would be able to help him.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, P.O. Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis,

Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Jason Flatt, 17011 Spruce Run Dr., Spring, TX, 77379, (281)787-0044 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time 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 Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards 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 5:19 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:32 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, May 11, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:13 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting order and recognized Council Member Cohen. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Green and Edwards. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for considering Items 42 and 43 after Item 1 and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0246 ADOPTED**

HEARING - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017- was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had signed up to appear at the meeting, Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on this Public Hearing on the City Budget and seeing none, requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing on the City Budget and was seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0247 ADOPTED**

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET MATTERS

42. **ORDINANCE** related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017, including provisions for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing certain transfers; re-designating a cash reserve in the Fund Balance; amending Ordinance 2014-602, as amended, to rename Houston Civic Events Special Revenue Fund to Tourism Promotion Special Revenue Fund and restating the purposes thereof; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability- was presented,

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to make a few comments before they process in matters to the City Budget, first he wanted to thank Members of Council from the very beginning before they do anything, it had been a collaborative process since March and today it was not his Budget, it their Budget; when they started this in the beginning of January, The Budget short fall was \$126,000,000.00, that was when they started and with sales taxes and property taxes decline, the appraisals on commercial properties decline it quickly jumped to a \$160,000,000.00 short fall which was the largest short fall since the great depression and in January he an issued Executive Order which they had implemented, which calls for streamlining the Departments, eliminating some inefficiencies; then they recognized cost saving methods even for 2016, so positions that were vacant, they chose not to hire or restricted the hiring and as a result of that, they reduced the cost for about \$18.5 million dollars; then they talked about shared sacrifice in order to move forward and for example they talk about the TIRZ, he had meetings with the TIRZ, people in his Administration had meeting with the TIRZ and asked them to take a look at the increased costs in the geographical areas and the reimbursement to the City in the increase cost in their area and there were support letters from all of the TIRZ, in supporting the arrangements that made with them and as a result they were reimbursing the City \$19 million dollars in the increase cost in their geographical area; along with the City Department and the Executive Order, they made some adjustments in streamlining their operations and roughly \$25 million dollars will be coming from the Departments in the terms of cost reduction from the Department and that was including in this budget as well and from the General Fund a reduction of a little over \$8 million dollars and the District Fund was \$1 million dollars, was now \$750,000.00 which works for everyone; the budget that was before them even with the mandatory cost factors was \$82 million dollars less than the 2016 budget and he wanted to emphasize that and he wanted them to look at the recurring and nonrecurring factors were and page 21 would explain that and that this was a fiscally conservative reasonable and pragmatic budget, they maintain a Fund Balance of 9.2, 9.3 per cent, there were \$55 million dollars of recurring revenues with the TIRZ and the Department reduction, they do this all by providing more Police Officers and instead of 4 cadet classes there were 5 in this budget, it maintains their commitment to the Solid Waste Sponsorship Program, it memorializes their representation to each one of credit rating services which was included in this budget and he wanted them to take note that Fitch did not down grade the City of Houston and Fitch did not down grade the City because they were very comfortable with this proposed budget and he hope that they vote for this budget and do it in a very overwhelming fashion, it would send a very strong message that they focused on the financial situation of the City and that they were moving forward and this was before them and again thank everyone.

Mayor Turner stated that he would call on the District Council Members then the At-Large to submit their proposed Amendments.

Members of Council submitted Amendments to the City Budget which some of the Council Members submitted proposed amends which they had withdrawn and copies of withdrawn Amendments are available in the Office of the City Secretary.

Council Member Stardig submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budget of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“The Houston Fire Department’s Work Demands Analysis shall be complete and ready to present at the July 12,2016 Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee. The presentation shall highlight any areas for cost savings or areas that will add costs to the Houston Fire Department’s budget as a result of the analysis’ recommendation.”

Council Member Stardig moved to amend the motion to provide that the analysis be complete and ready to present at the August 2,2016, Public Safety & homeland Security and seconded by Council Member Cohen,

After discussion, vote was called on the motion to amend, all voting aye, nays none, motion to amend carried; vote on the main motion as amended, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0248 AS AMENDED.**

Council Member Stardig submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budget of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“The City of Houston shall explore the possibility of either establishing or subscribing to an online database for neighborhood deed restrictions. The database may be stand alone or may use the GIS system as a platform. The database shall include all subdivisions (which may or may not have deed restrictions) and contact information for each subdivision. Within six months, the findings shall be presented to the Regulations and Neighborhood Affairs Committee.”

Council Member Stardig moved to amend the motion assuming no added cost, the City of Houston shall explore the possibility of wither establishing or subscribing to an online database for neighborhoods deed restrictions and seconded by Council Member Kubosh,

Vote on motion to amend, all voting aye, nays none motion to amend carried; vote on the main motion as amended, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0249 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Council Member Davis submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“This amendment allocates \$5,500,000.00 from the Intergovernmental Revenue-Maetro (GL Account 422150) to the Council District Service Project Fund (No. 1000/5500 Commit Item 550002) in the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for a total of \$8,250,000.00 Funding: Intergovernmental Revenue- Metro(GL Account 422150)”,

After discussion a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0250 ADOPTED**

Council Member Le submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“By December 31st, 2016, HPD shall report to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee the results of their ongoing restricting. The report will include any changes that were made based on recommendations from the 2014 Work Demand Analysis.”; all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0251 ADOPTED**

Council Member Travis submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“Reduce General Fund Departmental Expenditures across- the- board by 1.5 percent to generate \$30 million in savings.”

After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Cohen moved to call the question on the motion by Council Member Travis and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0252 ADOPTED**

Council Member Travis voting aye, balance voting no. **MOTION 2016-0253 FAILED**

Council Member Gallegos submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“The Public Works Department may explore the possibility of expanding services provided under the “Privately Funded Sidewalk Repair” and “Safe Sidewalk” programs to include curb, gutter and culvert repairs. Funding may come from within their existing departmental budget and/or from any additional revenue source(s) identified by the Administration. An update shall be presented to the Regulation and Regulation and Neighborhood Affairs Committee within 120 days of the approval of the amendment.”

After discussion a vote was called on the amendment, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0254 ADOPTED**

Council Member Laster presented the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

Shopping Cart Collection Amendment:

I move that during FY17, the Solid Waste Department, the Office of the Mayor, the Legal Department and any other department or agency of the City, designated by the Office of the Mayor be authorized and instructed to:

- 1) Assuming there is no added cost to the budget , the administration shall develop and implement a program or plan provide for the systematic pickup or collection, housing or retention, release and return, or recycling of shopping carts from public property;

- 2) Provide for the drafting of a new ordinance or amendments to Code of Ordinance, if necessary to create such a program: and,
 - 3) Present an update of such activities to the Regulation and Neighborhood Affairs Committee within 120 days of the approval of the amendment.
- All voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0255 ADOPTED**

Council Member Laster presented the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

Clean It or Green It Budget Amendment:

I move that during FY17 the Mayor's Office of Economic or agency designated by the Office of the Mayor be authorized to:

- 1) Develop and implement a program, or plan, that would create the "Clean it or Green It Land bank" for the purposes of collecting, receiving, organizing and preparing tracts of land that are suitable for combined use in flood control mitigation and recreational greenspace purposes:
- 2) Establish regulations, guidelines, and procedures for the operation and management of the Land Bank, including, if appropriate, providing financial incentives or tax credits or abatements for said program; and providing for the drafting of new or amendments to the Code of Ordinances as may be necessary

After discussion, a vote was called on the amendment, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0256 ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

"Authorize a maximum of \$110,000 as matching funds to retrieve cars from Houston's bayous. Funding source from HPD's budget will be determined by the administration to match, one-to-one, funds secured from Harris County for this purpose."

After discussion, a vote was called on the amendment, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2016-0257 ADOPTED**

Council Member Edwards submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

"Ensure that in connection with the Fiscal Year 2017 review of the Financial Policies adopted by City Council, as further amended in June 2015, modifications to the Local Economic Development Policies referenced in Section L10 of the Financial Policies include consideration of the following: Any existing economic development agreement relating to tax abatements, Chapter 380 Agreement and TEZ endorsements that have been approved by City Council shall also be subject to annual analysis and evaluation that includes the following: (1) the projected economic value to the City (at the time of execution of the agreement) through the respective projects completion; (2) any alterations to the projected economic value to the City, (3) economic benefits since the execution of the respective agreements; and (4) an analysis of the positive and negative impacts (economic and otherwise) on the community and immediately surrounding communities."

After discussion, a vote was called on the amendment, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0258 ADOPTED**

Council Member Edwards submitted the following written motion to amend the proposed ordinance related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City and approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 to provide the following:

“Establish an Innovation and Technology Task Force to make recommendation to the Mayor and City Council regarding ways to attract and retain technology startups and related businesses to Houston. The Task Force should also present a set of “best practiced” relating to similar effort in other cities to the Mayor and City Council, as well. As the City works to increase economic development activity, the Mayor and City Council must seek to creatively harness emerging technologies that not only diversify Houston’s economy, but also that established Houston as a hub for innovation. The duty of the Innovation and Technology Task Force will be consider methods and means to further cultivate a diverse economic portfolio extending beyond Houston’s existing resources, which would result in an ecosystem that will sustain technology and innovation growth and encourage robust investment form the private sector. The Task Force will recommend policy and program changes as well as analyze best practices stemming from other cities. The Task Force shall report its findings to the City’s Chief Development Officer who, along with the Task Force Chair, will present such findings to the Mayor and City Council. The Task Force shall consist of nine members appointed by the Mayor.”

After discussion, a vote was called on the amendment, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0259 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that those were all the Amendments in front of him and now they were on Item 42 as Amended, Mayor Turner asked if there was any more discussion and requested a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

Mayor Turner 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 Knox voting- aye
Council Member Boykins voting- aye	Council Member Robinson voting- aye
Council Member Martin voting- aye	Council Member Kubosh voting- aye
Council Member Le voting- aye	Council Member Edwards voting- aye
Council Member Travis voting- aye	Council Member Christie voting- aye
Council Member Cisneros voting- aye	

ORDINANCE 2016-0374 ADOPTED

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend that rules to remain in session beyond the schedule 12 noon recess and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0260 ADOPTED**

43. **ORDINANCE** ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2017 that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in Fiscal Year 2016; setting an effective date

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 42 above- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0375 ADOPTED**

Mr. Kelly Dowe was invited to the podium with all of the Finance Department Staff that worked on the Budget for an expression of appreciation and stated that Dinah Prejean was retiring and would no longer be available to coordinate the Monthly Financial Report and matters related to the budget and she would be missed.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 5 through 43

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 5 and 7

5. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.00 for Auto Parts for Light Duty Vehicles through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Education Service Center Region 19 Allied States Cooperative for the Fleet Management Department, awarded to **IEH AUTO PARTS HOLDING, LLC dba AUTO PLUS AUTO PARTS** - 4 Months with one three-year option and two one-year options to extend - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0261 ADOPTED**
7. **FLIGHT SAFETY INTERNATIONAL, INC** for Purchase of Bell Helicopter Flight and Maintenance Training Services for the Houston Police Department - \$129,940.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0262 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 8 through 43

9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to agreement for Routine HIV Screening Services between the City of Houston and **MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0376 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** terminating a Local State of Disaster for the City of Houston, making certain findings related thereto- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0377 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-0897 (Passed by City Council on October 10, 2012) to increase the maximum contract amount for Contract No. 4600011832 between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**; and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the same Contract No. 4600011832 relating to the Joint Radio Maintenance Facility located at 2318 Greens Road, Houston, Texas to add provisions and guidelines for shared services and approve an ordinance to authorize spending in the amount of \$50,000 for the cost of operation and maintenance of the Joint Radio Maintenance Facility - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0378 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$23,785.15 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Capital Equipment for the Houston Fire Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0379 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment 1 to an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **STATE OF TEXAS through the Texas Department of Transportation** for the Hunting Bayou Gaps Transportation Enhancement Project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0380 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** approving supplemental Operating and Maintenance Agreement between the Buffalo Bayou Partnership and the City of Houston, Texas - **DISTRICTS H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0381 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$170,000.00 out of Airport Improvement Fund; approving and authorizing agreement for exchange of real property interests wherein **REVISTA, INC** conveys tracts of land containing 8.24 acres to the City of Houston, Texas, in exchange for 35.00 acres of land, including all improvements thereon, adjacent to George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City secretary advised that Item 18 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Compromise, Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **REVISTA, INC** pertaining to Tree Removal at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 18 above- the City secretary advised that Item 19 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **PROLOGIS, Purchaser**, to sell surplus land near George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston pursuant to bid sale- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0382 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,070,300.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PRO SOUND, INC** for Public Address System Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$362,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0383 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2013-0972 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement for Cost Allocation Plan Services between the City and **MGT OF AMERICA, INC** - \$59,740.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0384 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,958,266.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **DNB ENTERPRISES, INC** for Remediation, Removal, and Installation of Underground Storage Tanks at 100 Japhet Street; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for construction of the project, material testing, project management and

construction oversight, salary recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0385 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$66,720.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund to contract between the City of Houston and **TDINDUSTRIES, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0858) to Furnish and Install a Chiller at the Collier Neighborhood Library - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0386 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$928,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$55,000.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, \$79,000.00 out of Parks Special Fund, \$100,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund and \$55,000.00 out of Park Special Revenue Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Landscape Architectural Task Order Contracting Program for FY2016 for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0403)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0387 ADOPTED**

29. **ORDINANCE** awarding construction contract to **HORIZON INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC** for PWE McKinney Relocation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by PWE Combined Utility System General Purpose Fund **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0388 ADOPTED**

30. **ORDINANCE** re-allocating \$631,493.66 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund from the Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program; awarding construction contract to **E CONTRACTORS USA, LLC** for 1906 Cochran Renovations; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0389 ADOPTED**

31. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of land to **WALLER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0390 ADOPTED**

32. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 9300 block of Saddle Lane, 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0391 ADOPTED**

33. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the 1700 block of Spur Lane, 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0392 ADOPTED**

34. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of the 3000-3100 block of Vintage 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0393 ADOPTED**
35. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$288,580.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Repair of Slope Failure at the I-10 Main Canal Siphon Supplying Raw Water to the City of Houston and Operated by the Coastal Water Authority (As approved by Ordinance No. 1995-676) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0394 ADOPTED**
36. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$10,915,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORPORATION** for East Water Purification Plant - Chemical Feed Systems Improvements Bid Package 2 - Plant 1 and 2 Improvements; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0395 ADOPTED**
37. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$14,905,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HARPER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LLC.** for 60-inch water line along Monroe and Rockhill from Airport to Glen Valley; 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, construction management, Construction Phase Engineering Services, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0396 ADOPTED**
38. **ORDINANCE** granting to **CACTUS DISPOSAL OF NORTH TEXAS, LP, dba CACTUS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, a Texas Limited Partnership**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **FIRST READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0397 ADOPTED FIRST READING IN FULL**
39. **ORDINANCE** granting to **LONESTAR ECOLOGY, LLC, A Delaware 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 **FIRST READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0398 ADOPTED FIRST READING IN FULL**
40. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-367, passed first reading May 11, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **3 E'S TRUCKING, a Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial

properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING**
ORDINANCE No. 2016-368, passed second reading May 11, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0367 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

41. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-0368, passed first reading May 11, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **HOT'Z POWER WASH, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions – **SECOND READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0368 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$523,040.60 and acceptance of work on contract with **ISI CONTRACTING, INC** for Construction Services of Traffic Control Devices for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program - .0047% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; D - BOYKINS; F - LE; G - TRAVIS and J – LASTER**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0263 ADOPTED**
3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department to APPOINT two independent appraisers to determine the fair market value of ±1.737 acres of land located out of South Side of Buffalo Bayou Addition located between Texas Avenue, Hamilton Street, Capitol Avenue, and Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0264 ADOPTED**
4. **THE METHODIST HOSPITAL dba HOUSTON METHODIST** for Human Cadaver Based Simulation Training for the Houston Fire Department - \$86,186.67 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2016-0265 ADOPTED**
6. **PRIORITY HEALTHCARE DISTRIBUTION, INC dba CURASCRIPT SD SPECIALTY DISTRIBUTION** for Nexplanon® Etonogestrel Implants for the Houston Health Department 36 Months with two one-year options - \$473,200.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Members Kubosh, Stardig and Le.
8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating and transferring \$400,000.00 out of Contractor's Responsibility Fund into the Health Special Revenue Fund for the provision of services under the Care Houston

Program for the Houston Health Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0399 ADOPTED

10. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2013-0017 (Passed by City Council on January 9, 2013) to increase the maximum contract amount to an agreement between the City of Houston and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY SERVICES, INC** to provide Natural Gas to the City of Houston \$10,000,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0400 ADOPTED
11. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2014-0008 to increase the maximum contract amount for agreement for Professional Auditing Services between the City and **MCCONNELL & JONES LLP / BANKS, FINLEY, WHITE & CO.**, a Joint Venture Partnership known as **M&J/BFW TEAM**, for Special Services - \$800,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0401 ADOPTED
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing amended and restated Managed Care Dental Agreement (DHMO PLAN) between the City and **ALPHA DENTAL PROGRAMS, INC**, and the amended and restated Group Dental Indemnity Agreement (DPO PLAN) between the City and **DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, for City employees, retirees, deferred retirees, survivors and certain dependents, effective May 1, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0402 ADOPTED
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 7 to Construction Management At Risk Agreement between the City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Terminal D Phase 5 Construction Services at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 500N; Contract No. 4600010038) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.
NOTE: Council Member Green released his tag later in the meeting and the Ordinance was passed.
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$721,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund to In-House Renovation Revolving Fund to address Facility Condition Assessment Priority 1 & 2 Deficiencies during FY2016 for the Houston Fire Department - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0403 ADOPTED
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$300,000.00 out of General Government Consolidated Construction Fund, \$528,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, \$65,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$207,000.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and \$65,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund as an additional appropriation to the Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program for FY2016 (Approved by Ordinance Number 2013-1093)- was presented, all voting, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0404 ADOPTED

MISCELLANEOUS

44. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** for the designation of a Green Corridor for a portion of Yale Street - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**
HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 8, 2016 - 9:00 A.M.- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen to set a Public Hearing Date for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0266 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 45 through 52

45. **APPROVE** payment and spending authority for Emergency Elevators and Escalators Maintenance and Repair Services through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with **KONE, INC** for Various Departments Enterprise and Other Funds
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER
This was Item 9 on Agenda of May 11, 2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0267 ADOPTED**
46. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45, ARTICLE XV, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Speed Control Program - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**
This was Item 13 on Agenda of May 11, 2016- was presented, after discussion Council Member Stardig moved to delay Item 46 to the end of the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0268 ADOPTED**
47. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-151) between the City of Houston and **GTE MOBILNET OF SOUTH TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS)** to provide a Facilities Access License for installation of In-Building Equipment in connection with the existing Wireless Communications Equipment and Services for the Houston Information Technology Services Department
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER
This was Item 17 on Agenda of May 11, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0405 ADOPTED**
48. **MOTION** by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 49 below:
The following section is added to the beginning of Section IV(B), Method of Payment :
- (1) Payment for Prior Services**
On or before August 10, 2016, the City shall pay 50% of the Original Allocation for Prior Services. On or before November 9, 2016, the City shall pay the remaining balance of 50% of the Original Allocation for Prior Services.
- The following number and heading is added to the beginning of the second paragraph of Section IV (B), Method of Payment:**
- (2) Payment for Services Under this Agreement**

The following section is added after the end of section “(2) Payment for Services Under this Agreement” of Section IV (B), Method of Payment:

(3) Credits

Contractor agrees to allow the City to deduct a total of \$57,602.00 from all future invoices beginning on the date the City pays for Prior Services in full as outlined in Article IV (G) or \$4,380,045.53, whichever occurs first.

The first sentence in Section IV (F) (2), Limit of Appropriation, is amended to read as follows:

(2) In order to comply with Article II, Sections 19 and 19a of the City's Charter and Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, the City has appropriated and allocated the sum of ~~\$4,405,929.53~~ **\$4,380,045.53** to pay money due under this Agreement (the “Original Allocation”).

Section IV (G), Prior Services, is amended to read as follows:

G. Prior Services

Contractor represents that:

From July 1, 2015 to the date hereof, Contractor performed services and provided Devices (“Prior Services”) similar to those set out in this Agreement, in order to address urgent, unexpected issues related to the matters described herein, for which the Contractor was originally engaged under Purchase Orders at the City's request.

The City accepted Prior Services but funds available under the Purchase Orders were not sufficient to pay for the Prior Services and were not available under any other contract in existence during that time; and fees for the Prior Services, based on the terms and conditions of the Purchase Order, do not exceed ~~\$4,405,929.53~~ **\$4,380,045.53**.

As an inducement to entering into this Agreement and continuing to provide defibrillator maintenance services and automated external and public access defibrillators, the City and Contractor desire to compromise and settle all claims Contractor may have arising out of the City's alleged failure to pay Contractor for the Prior Services (the “Claims”). Therefore, the City shall pay and Contractor shall accept payment for all Prior Services in an amount not to exceed ~~\$4,405,929.53~~ **\$4,380,045.53**, which sum is included in the amount of this Agreement, and Contractor agrees to accept such payment to settle the Claims against the City. Payment of Prior Services hereunder by the City is an inducement and requirement for the Contractor's agreement to provide services under this Agreement. Contractor hereby releases and discharges the City from all claims of any nature Contractor might make, now or in the future, arising out of the City's alleged failure to pay Contractor for the Prior Services.

Section 10 in Exhibit “A”, Scope of Services, is amended to read as follows:

10.0 Warranty Periods

The LIFEPAK 1000 device includes a standard limited 5 year warranty. The LIFEPAK 15 has a one-year limited warranty **and thereafter an extended warranty for an additional 4 months expiring at 11:59 p.m. CST on May 31, 2017, which extended warranty Contractor shall provide to the City at no cost to the City, representing a value of approximately \$46,833.** The LIFEPAK CR PLUS is covered by an eight-year limited warranty and LIFEPAK EXPRESS has a five-year limited warranty.

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVIS- was presented, Council Member Martin, Le and Travis voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2016-0269 ADOPTED**

49. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,405,929.53 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund; awarding contract to **PHYSIO-CONTROL, INC** for Defibrillator and Defibrillator Maintenance Services for Various Departments

DELAYED BY MOTION #2015-241, 5/11/2016

This was Item 29 on Agenda of May 11, 2016

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 48 above-

Was presented, Council Members Martin, Le, Travis and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye.

ORDINANCE 2016-0406 ADOPTED AS AMENDED

50. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston, Texas, to terminate without cause the current SafeClear Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Agreement, Contract No. C76536, with **USAACC, INC, dba USA AUTO COLLISION CENTER**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, BOYKINS and KUBOSH

This was Item 31 on Agenda of May 11, 2016-

was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0407 ADOPTED**

51. **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston, Texas, to terminate without cause the current Police Private Storage Lot Agreement, Contract No. C75129, with the Vehicle Storage Facility known as "**STAN'S WRECKER, INC**", situated at 3551 Almeda Genoa, Houston, Texas - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, KUBOSH and BOYKINS**

This was Item 32 on Agenda of May 11, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

RESOLUTION 2016-0018 ADOPTED

52. **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston, Texas, to terminate without cause the current Police-Authorized Tow Service Agreement, Contract No. C75884, with **USA AUTO COLLISION CENTER**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, BOYKINS and KUBOSH

This was Item 33 on Agenda of May 11, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

RESOLUTION 2016-0019 ADOPTED

Mayor Turner stated that Council would go back to Item 46.

46. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45, ARTICLE XV, DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Speed Control Program - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 13 on Agenda of May 11, 2016- was presented and Council Member Stardig moved to amend Section 45-394 Section (c) of Item 46 as follows:

On the request by affective residents and property owners within the ½ mile proposed devices, the Director shall hold a public meeting to consider implementation of a device,

Seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0270 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner called a vote of Item 46 as amended, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0408 ADOPTED**

Council Member Green removed his tag of Item 21.

21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 7 to Construction Management At Risk Agreement between the City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Terminal D Phase 5 Construction Services at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 500N; Contract No. 4600010038) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0409 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 12:58 p.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.
NO QUORUM

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary