

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 9, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Members Ellen Cohen and Davis Martin absent on personal business.

At 1:35 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Christie invited Members of The Center and stated it was founded in 1950 and is one of Houston's largest nonprofit organizations serving people with developmental and intellectual disabilities through innovative programs and compassionate care. The organization offers high quality residential, vocational and day services to its clients and the community, pursuit for those with disabilities is a campaign led by David Baldwin, that consist of a group of cyclists from Houston and around the United States that will embark on a 3,500 mile cross-country event to raise money and awareness for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the campaign will raise \$11 million dollars for The Center and cyclists will stop at similar nonprofit organizations en-route to share best practices, raise awareness and jumpstart a national effort to attract more attention and resources to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the campaign ride will begin June 6, 2016 in Oregon and will conclude August 3, 2016, in Maryland. During the journey, cyclists will pass through Portland, Boise, Yellowstone National Park, Badlands National Park, the Twin Cities, Madison, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh before ending near Washington, D.C. and on August 9, 2016, The Center will be honored for its achievements and accomplishments. The City of Houston commends and appreciates The Center on this auspicious occasion and extends best wishes to all for a successful and rewarding event and therefore, Mayor Turner proclaimed August 9, 2016, as The Center Day Pursuit for Those with disabilities in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that a native Houstonian, Roland Cotton dedicates his time and talents to providing fresh produce for hundreds of citizens within the Houston community. After almost losing his son to a stroke at 38 years old, Roland was motivated to grow nutritious fruits and vegetables that he used to create delicious smoothies. Over time, his son's health improved drastically as he went from taking 17 prescriptions a day, to two prescriptions daily, through a robust, bike-riding and healthy eating lifestyle and his great passion for nutrition poured into the community as he led in building a community garden, a farmers market and backyard gardens and became co-chair of Old Spanish Trail/South Union's GO Neighborhood Health and Wellness Team. Through his involvement in OST/SU, he has provided access to healthy food in communities where grocery stores are scarce, Roland and the wellness team built the Community Garden at the Park at Palm Center that produces vegetables and fruits and is kept up by volunteers and community groups, he also coordinated a farmers market that takes place every second Saturday during the harvesting season and after experiencing difficulty in attracting outside vendors to the farmers market, he and the wellness team started the Urban Gardner Certification program in the Summer 2015 and the program teaches and encourages residents within the community to start their own gardens, and has expanded into monthly Backyard Gardening 101 classes at the community garden center on the third Saturday of each

month, his efforts have engaged residents and organizations like Urban Harvest, Prairie View A&M University, Houston Southeast Management District, City of Houston Health Department and Last Organic Outpost to co-own his vision, as his dedication to healthy living has inspired many and on August 9, 2016, Roland Cotton will be recognized for his tireless work in the community through his gardening and healthy living expertise, the City of Houston commends and congratulates Roland Cotton for his extraordinary efforts, great leadership and passion for improving the health of Houstonians and extends best wishes on continued success and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed August 9, 2016, as Roland Cotton Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis and Kubosh absent.

At 2:04 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Robinson for the invocation and he invited Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis to offer the invocation and Council Member Robinson led the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Travis and Kubosh absent.

At 2:06 p.m. the roll was called. Council Member Travis absent. Council Members Ellen Cohen and Davis Martin absent on personal business.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay adopting of the minutes of August 2 & 3, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Christie. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated before they start with the list of speakers, he wanted to advise the audience of the rules of Council;

Council Member Le stated that wanted to recognize members of his family that were present that threw him a surprise birthday party.

Council Member Boykins stated he wanted to recognize a young group of individuals called Real Life 360 that mowed the yards for seniors and requested them to stand to be recognized.

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

Mayor Turner stated that before he speaks, there was a review on the record on his particular matter that was on the Agenda for tomorrow and Mr. Hellyer stated that he was not speaking on the substance of that item.

Mr. Rob Hellyer, 107 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., 77007, (713)410-2983 appeared and stated that he had been asked to speak for three minutes which he would speak as quickly as possible, he was the Vice Chair of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission filling the Position of Remodeler Builder and he was before them today to speak about the process from application to Commission hearing and on some occasion the appeal process on the perspective of Commissioner and Applicant, as of today he made 8 applications to the HAAC, 6 of which were approved on the first pass, along with the current HAAC Chair, he was long serving on this Commission what about 6 years ago Mayor Parker had appointed him to serve on a Task Force in charge with drafting revisions to Ordinance and changes that resulted in the 90 day waiver and bring some much needed teeth in the Ordinance, last year he Chaired the Committee that was responsible for the revisions of the Ordinance and he now serves on the Steering Committee for the selection of a vendor to prepare the design guide of the Historical Districts and he can say with confidence that he spent more hours than anyone from the meetings and the hearings that have to do with the Houston Preservation Ordinance, he lives in the Heights South in the Historic District and he was a former Board Member of the Heights Association and

the Greater Houston Builders Association, his belief with the HAAC and the Preservation Office should strive to make the process as simple and consistent as possible for the residents of the Historical Districts and at the same time assuring that the projects adhere to the Preservation Ordinance, further that the HAAC make the decisions that were supported by the Ordinance, he feels it's not only their duty to do so but it was simpler for all Commissions, Board, Committees and Council itself and there was room for improvement, he had experienced late postings of reports, did not have enough time to review or prepare; in one cases he had to request one copy of the report because the link on the City website was not working and he received that report less than 2 hours before the appeal hearing, the City recently took 2 weeks to inform them that nearly the entire package had been lost and needed to be resubmitted, all citizens were required to abide by the City Ordinance and he believes it was only right that the City Government had to also abide by the City Ordinance too. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council questioned Mr. Hellyer.

Ms. Dorris Robinson, 1520 Isabella St., 77004, (713)524-0786 appeared and stated the Nigerian proverb tells the world that it takes a whole village to raise the child, the Friends of Emancipation Park are part of that village and on behalf of Friends of Emancipation Park she again comes to them today with a request to allow the Friends of Emancipation Park to continue with participation in the progress and the work of the Park that they had been doing by providing exemplary programs and they were asking that exemplary programs would be put in the language in the documents that they were about to pass when it comes to the Conservancy and the City of Houston in the agreement and she comes today that the Friends of Emancipation Park and the City had come a long way but yet have more to accomplish and in that agreement, they want Members of Council to make sure that they understand the importance that was required because of the work and the founding of that park by the 4 men that put their names down back in 1872, so that the community could always be served and they were trying to stand in that gap to serve the community, therefore they were requesting for a delay and she knows that she had received some phone calls and know things would be happening but she wanted to be assured that when they put their name on it, that one it would be reflective of what Friends of Emancipation Park were asking but also what was reflective in the agreement back in 1919. Council Members Stardig, Laster and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Robinson and Mayor Turner stated he would look at the agreement for a second time because he wants what the community and the neighborhood want, he had the understanding that this whole thing was worked out and he was in a difficult situation on what route to take, so if there was a disagreement and there was no time crunch on this deal, then he would request the item to be delayed so the groups would have more time to speak with each other; Council Member Boykins stated that Members of Emancipation Park Conservancy and Members of Friends of Emancipation Park would meet with him in the back for more further discussion on the agreement.

Mr. Glenn Cheeks, 2703 Briar Glen St., Sugarland, TX, 77479, (713)898-0616 appeared and stated he wanted to thank Members of Council for their consideration today and since a motion had been made already to look into this further he does not wish to waste time because they had made the proper consideration that was necessary to package this together in the right way so they can move forward and what he believes was in any situation when they were forming something and they form it right but when they start out with missing pieces with faulty planning and so forth that it does not work and they want to yield their further time and they would be back another day because they want to be included in the Conservancy in the

agreement with the City of Houston. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated it was going to come back and he wanted to be clear it would return but his hope was that all of them had worked this out and if they cannot work it out, he would but it would be separate and apart and they all need to work it out but it will be back but not today, unless they call them and tell them that they had worked it out by tomorrow morning, he wants them to work it out.

Mr. Pervis Hall, 4426 Mowery, 77047, (281)673-7650 was present but passed to speak at this time. Council Members Stardig, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Keryl Douglas, 3730 Kirby Dr. Suite 1200, 77098, (713)819-9945 was present but passed to speak at this time. Council Members Stardig, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Ramon Manning, 700 Louisiana, Suite 3950, 77002, (713)223-1500 was present but passed to speak at this time. Council Members Stardig, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby. 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Walter Vidal, 141 Casa Grande Dr., 77060, (281)802-8264(**Needs Translator Needed**) appeared and stated that the reason he was present because he lives in Council Member Davis District which he was happy to see him once again and his communication with Council Member Davis Office and Ms. Monica was basically lies and Blah, Blah, Blah and he had requested documents regarding an apartment complex which was very well known that prostitution, trafficking, drug activity and he had called the Police many times and unfortunately Hispanic Police Officers basically had covered up instead of acting on his complaints, he was sorry but he had a really bad feeling about Hispanic Houston Police Officers but he does respect African American Police Officers, so these documents were requested to the City of Houston on several occasions and they had not provided them to him. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Davis questioned Mr. Vidal and Mayor Turner advised him to meet with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Officer to give information and for them to look it over and report back to him.

Mr. Joseph Davalos, 3401 Fannin, 77004, (626)905-0260 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Frank Robertson, 5012A Higgins St., 77033, (832)594-2865 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated while the next speaker was walking to the podium he wanted to wish the City Secretary a Happy Belated Birthday.

Mr. James White, 8900 Glencrest No. 7275, 77061, (832)474-9264 appeared and stated that he had a very positive experience with HPD but then that was over shadowed by a dishearten incident, his 22 year old son and 24 year old daughter-in-law which she was having a mental health crisis that required them to call the paramedics 3 days in the row and each time

she went to the emergency room and was discharged without medication and on the third day he had made an appointment and arranged a psychiatrist for her but unfortunately her crisis state did not allow them to complete the appointment, they had to call the paramedics and Officer DeLeon came out with HPD and was kind and nice, they came to the conclusion that it would be best for her to go to her appointment to the doctors instead of going back to the emergency room; his son and daughter were bus riders and he wanted to commend Officer DeLeon for what he did because he does not have his personal number anymore but Officer DeLeon called him and told him that he would transport his son and daughter-in-law to the appointment and that gave him some good positive feelings about HPD because he had horrible experience with HPD and upon meeting them, her situation deteriorated so bad that the doctor could not see her and therefore the paramedics were called out again, they came out along with 2 other HPD Officers and it was determined with HPD and the paramedics that HPD would transfer her as an EOD, the Officer offered to transport them because they all were bus riders and he was legal blind, he does not drive, the Officer that transported his son and daughter-in-law while in route to the hospital, the Officer began to run his son personal information doing a warrant check, the Officer that he rode with asked him no questions, what his son saw on the computer that there was no record once they got to the hospital, they went on to the back, the Officer again went out to his vehicle to get his laptop and came to the waiting area where his son and daughter-in-law were at and began to do a more thorough search which his son noticed when he passed by the Officer, he saw his name and information on the laptop. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. White and advised him to meet with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance to give them more information about his son, when it took place, where it took place do they can look into it.

Mr. Leroy Bradley, 9315 Spellman, 77031, (281)914-1337 appeared and stated he came to ask the Mayor and Members of Council about putting some teeth in this panhandling out here because it was getting out of hand and extremely bad, he spoke to his AD and was told that he was going to have some type of task force to cut this out because he was all over the Houston everyday, in the Supreme Court they can hold up a sign because of freedom of speech but if they go down South Main and Buffalo Speedway, any time after 4 o'clock, they would see eight to ten people out there walking the streets and begging; he bought another house out on Bellaire West and on Beltway 8 they can see up and down people panhandling when there was a sign saying no panhandling and the only time he seen it enforced was Precinct 7 and one day and he and his wife went collecting rent one day on Almeda North and when they got to Almeda and 610, they had 3 or 4 walking the street and one of them almost exposing themselves, he can understand people being homeless, needing a place to stay but when one of the Police Officers that arrest one of the panhandlers, he had \$700 in cash in his pocket; what he would like to know was when they would have teeth in this. Council Members Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated that this was an issue that was brought up several times around the Council Table and several of them are taking a look at and see what the opinions were, to try to reduce panhandling that was taking place in this City and they were looking at what other Cities were doing, they will come up with some means of addressing this issue very soon.

Ms. Jacquelyn Doakes, 3637 Griggs Rd., 77021, (713)796-2263 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Mr. Ohara Scurlock, 7217 Camway, 77028, (713)631-3020 appeared and stated on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, he made his 3<sup>rd</sup> call to 311 and what he was calling about was there were drums of chemicals that had been dumped across the street from his house which he thought it would be a simple matter, he thought someone would come and pick those drums up in the beginning there were 4 drums and now there were 5, he doesn't think that the drums have the substance in them that was on the label outside of the drum; what he would like to request was that there should be some serious attention given to these drums and to get rid of them because the drums were leaking and running under the vacant house at that location and being a Cancer survivor he was really concerned about and he had called about 10 times to different people, different agencies and nothing had happened; the Fire Department came out last week, they came to the property and they gave him a name and address and that someone would be there to pick the drums up but no one had come to pick the drums up and he had taped her information on the yellow tape that they put across the drum but no one had done anything with it. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Kathleen Engler, 8405 Wednesbury Ln., 77074, (832)795-5240 appeared and stated that she needs to the Mayor get an appeal though so she could get her daughter back, she was recruited by the military to come to Houston, she was targeted by slavery network and she was a victim of human trafficking in Houston, when she arrived in Texas she had no criminal record, she was very pregnant, her war syndrome was from terror which she did in the war on terror and she won, Ms. Engler continued to express her personal experience and issues with her daughter until her to expired. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cisneros and Gallegos absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Sylvester Jones, 4514 Wipprecht St., 77026, 9832)889-9841 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cisneros and Gallegos absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Reginald Moore, 8619 Barronwood Circle East, 77083, (281)495-1869 appeared and stated he was here again speaking about gentrification, housing urban development, affordable home, accountability and Third Ward transparency, he was here a few ago when an article said Third Ward gentrification which it was talking about thousands of lies about hoarding lots and was one of the reason they have gentrification in Third Ward, he was able to speak with the Mayor and this was the second time to speak about gentrification and they were talking about transparency and oversight, he spoke to the Mayor 3 weeks ago on the radio on Magic 102 and they were talking about the thousand lots and he said he was not going to let Third Ward be like Fourth Ward and he did ask him about State Representative Coleman which was one of the Mayor Representative, one of his colleagues and ask if he knew anything about that particular situation with the land assemblage, hoarding lots, they have all these different entities not coming into Third Ward, who does not have the Third Ward in the best attention, why were they doing that, they should had been doing affordable housing years ago, they had unaccountability, they had to pay HUD money back and this was the first year that they did not pay HUD money; he needed to ask Mayor Turner does he know anything about this and he was holding Mayor Turner accountable for this and everytime he comes here to speak about gentrification and about this article of the misappropriation of HUD dollars he does not appear and he believes that the Mayor knows more than he willing to address and no one was holding each other accountable and he did go to Mr. Brown's Office with an audit asking for them to do audit on the misappropriation dollars and they need a Federal investigation. Mayor Turner, Council Member Cisneros absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Carla Wade, 3017 Liberty Rd., 77026, (281)702-1605 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Member Cisneros absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Joseph McElliott, 20927 Kings Clover Court, Humble, TX, 77346, (832)250-8495 appeared and stated he does not know how to follow after those acts and he was present to speak about paid parental leave and he would like to thank the Council Members corporate donors to allow Houstonians to speak at a time like 2 p.m. when they should be at their job or in the case of Houston multiple part time jobs, having to look at their websites, social media, agenda minutes, it was obvious that Members of Council very, very busy using their time to compare policy ideas with other Cities, who knew in the 4<sup>th</sup> largest City 1 and 3 people live in poverty, he would also congratulate Council Member Martin's Chief of Staff on the new baby but he would like to apologize for her former boss Mike Sullivan and her current boss Council Member Martin and like everyone else in their real job she was going to use her vacation and sick time to get a bare minimum of 30 days paid maternity leave, unfortunately she cannot take any paid leave for the next 365 days because the City of Houston does not offer paid parental leave, Dave Martin can give his Chief of Staff employee benefits that most Cities does not have, like the ability to work from home while she writes those thought provoking public policy ideas while making \$88,000 a year; Houston was one of the Cities that does not offer paid parental leave or City Employees, that means Police, Firefighters, City Employees can have a child on Monday and on Tuesday they were being shot at or running around in a building, all though changing diapers can be more dangerous, some may say it not the government role to do anything but he has to ask why isn't City Hall doing anything. Mayor Turner, Council Member Boykins absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Diane Hopson, 8113 Creekbend Dr., 77071, no phone, appeared and stated as a woman of faith and the President of Christian Exchange Incorporated, a person who formerly worked indirectly with the Mayor and invested 9 years in Houston, Harris County and the State of Texas, Global Exchange Christian University, Incorporated was a private nonprofit 501 C 3 Christian University and the only one of its kind in this Nation; she invited Houston, Texas to become the 5<sup>th</sup> City within 4 States to take advantage of their new on-line educational program launched in 2015 to service residents of Houston; DECU offers tuition free scholarships for AA, BA, MA, Master and Doctoral Ministerial Degree to youth, young, adults, families, victims of domestic violence, homeless individuals, veterans, military families, persons with special needs or disabled, persons re-entering into the community after incarceration and this program was also open to anyone who had does meet the above mentioned categories but was interested in receiving an affordable post-secondary ministerial degree; please note she had not come to ask for money because they do not need their money because GECU was a private nonprofit Christian University that does accept tax free donations. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Knox absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, 77050, (281)449-5253 appeared and stated she was present because of Council being absent in the hearing of citizens, she always had been a person who was concerned of others time, she remembered when she sat on screening committees and when they come for a Council Meeting, they do not have people paying attention and the Council Members that are At-Large should always be listening because they were supposed to be representing the same person and one of them has not come off her computer or cell phone in every meeting she had attended, they were playing, they were absent and they do not hear, they run out and get a cheap photo of someone that was homeless or to show that they care and when she comes up to speak only half of the Council is here to listen, e-mails were not responded too, when they sends an e-mail to Council no response, they call

and only get a recording from the Office, would they allow an City Employee to handle their job like this, so they support City Employees using social media, so they support people that were not even looking you in the eye and which she does not think that they do and she believes it was time that they look around. Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. James Partsch- Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Otis Myles, 5606 Yorkwood St., 77016, (713)633-8067 appeared and stated he was trying to get some information who he can call about problems he was having in his neighborhood, he has called 311 and cannot get information from them from the Department who does the work, he had been trying to get the yards cut with the grass that was about three feet tall and not one had cut it since December and that he has pictures to give to his Council Member, he has the project number and when he calls he cannot get any information and he was requesting to know who does he call. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis advised Mr. Myles that Gary Norman that was with Public Works was present and for him to speak to him to get more information.

Ms. Janet Poulos, 4005 Lila St., 77026, (832)785-0168 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

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 Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

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 Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Jacquelyn Doakes, 3637 Griggs Rd., 77021, (713)796-2263 who was now present, appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated she was present to advocate for Senior housing, Senior housing in the Houston area, she was talking about Class A, she had followed concerns with the Fountain View housing project and she had a proposal that was a mixed unit project, it would be for 55 plus Seniors, Veterans and regular income people that pay market rate which that would substantiate the financial part of things, Seniors that were trying to find Class A intercity retirement areas; she got all her quotes from the Houston Chronicle which was on the yellow sheet, she address all of the concerns that she had read about, it would also prevent the housing authority for filing litigations that were not in compliance, it would help the City get the \$18 million dollars and extra federal funds which she believes the City needs, this proposal was not short term, she also had letters that she had written to the Houston Chronicle and this had been a long term search for her, she was an empty nester, she was one of the older baby boomers which thinks she still has life, she does not what to move out to the suburban's just to get in a Class A retirement apartment where she can socialize with her peers. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.



Members of Council questioned Ms. Doakes.

**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 3:43 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Member Laster absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

At 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, 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 present. Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business.

At 9:19 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and started with the Mayor's Report. Council Members Boykins, Le and Edwards absent.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to recognize the City Secretary's birthday.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 31**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 2

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to extend unpaid Leave of absence for **SYLVESTER NOBLE**, Utility Worker, from December 20, 2015 through June 27, 2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Le absent. **MOTION 2016-0378 ADOPTED**

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 3 and 4

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$239,215.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **PROGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL AQUATICS, INC** for Bob Smith and Hermann Park South Plaza Fountains - 3.00% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **MOTION 2016-0379 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,885,303.61 and acceptance of work on contract with **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for E. Coli Compliance - Chlorination Systems for Turkey Creek, Westway and Kingwood West Wastewater Treatment Plants - 2.93% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **MOTION 2016-0380 ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTIONS** - NUMBER 10

10. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination and submission of the expansion of Houston Bike Share's Bicycle Program (Project) for consideration in Houston Galveston Area Council 2015 Transportation Improvement Program call for projects - **DISTRICITS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN D - BOYKINS; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS and K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2016-0026 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 22 through 31

22. **ORDINANCE** relating to the fiscal affairs of the **FIFTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (FIFTH WARD ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0597 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-ONE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2017- 2021 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT H- CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0598 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HARRISBURG ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone **DISTRICTS B – DAVIS; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0599 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** approving Foreign Trade Zone Agreement for the payment of ad valorem taxes between the City of Houston and **DIXIE CULLEN INTERESTS, INC, a Texas Corporation**; authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of non-opposition to the establishment of a Foreign Trade Zone - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0600 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 4.188 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0601 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** granting to **CHENG INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, INC, dba BUDGET WASTE, 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 - **FIRST READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0602 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit area in the Super Neighborhoods of Afton Oaks/River Oaks, Washington Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park and Greenway/Upper Kirby - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G - TRAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0381 ADOPTED**
5. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,549,520.00 for Purchase of Citywide Cisco SMARTnet Maintenance Agreement through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Houston Information Technology Services and the Houston Airport System, awarded to **NWN CORPORATION** - Central Service Revolving and Enterprise Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0382 ADOPTED**
6. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$138,240.00 for Purchase of Wireless Communications Services through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department, awarded to **SPRINT SOLUTIONS, INC** - Parking Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0383 ADOPTED**
7. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$89,541.82 for Purchase of Spare Microwave Radio System Parts for Houston Information Technology Services, awarded to **ALCATEL-LUCENT USA** - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0384 ADOPTED**
8. **NATIONAL BUS SALES AND LEASING, INC** for Purchase of Prisoner Transport Buses through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Police Department - \$308,065.00 - Police Special Services Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0385 ADOPTED**

9. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,491,246.38 for Oracle Licenses and Software Maintenance through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **NEBULOGIC TECHNOLOGIES** - \$784,836.94 and **ORACLE AMERICA, INC** - \$1,706,409.44 - Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0386 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the City of Houston to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to amend the City's Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Grant Agreement and its Section 108 Program to extend, through August 31, 2019, the deadline to disburse the balance of EDI Grant Funds and Section 108 Guaranteed Loan Funds- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis.
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES**, providing up to \$133,883.00 in General Funds to assist in the administration and operation of a Care Hub and Outreach Services Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0603 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$72,711.50 from Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone ("TIRZ") Affordable Housing Fund (2409); approving and authorizing agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** to provide for payment of a portion of costs to fund the position of Special Advisor to the Mayor for Homeless Initiatives and Community Transformation and related consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$72,711.50 in TIRZ Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0604 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON AREA URBAN LEAGUE, INCORPORATED**, to provide up to \$201,022.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the administration and operation of a program for job training and related supportive services - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis.
15. **ORDINANCE** relating to employment terms and conditions of Classified Fire Fighters of the City of Houston; extending the term of the 2011 Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, also known as the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO-CLC, LOCAL UNION 341**, containing provisions relating to promotional testing of Classified Fire Fighters and containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; suspending the operation of certain ordinances; providing for severability- was presented and tagged by Council Members Knox and Travis.
16. **MOTION** accepting report of City Secretary finding Local Option Petition submitted by **HOUSTON HEIGHTS BEVERAGE COALITION** on the issue of legalizing the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 containing sufficient signatures to require the ordering of a Local Option Election - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0387 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** ordering a special election to be held on November 8, 2016, related to the legalization of the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**

**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 16 above-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0605 ADOPTED**

**NOTE:**

In compliance with the Election Code Section 501.033, which requires the petition submitted July 6, 2016 by the Heights Beverage Coalition on the issue of legalizing the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 which contains 300 pages is available by clicking on the following link to review as an exhibit to the minutes of August 9 and 10, 2016 relating to Items 16 and 17: [www.houstontx.gov/citysec/petition.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/citysec/petition.pdf)

18. **ORDINANCE** readopting the **HOUSTON YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM'S STANDARD OF CARE AS CODIFIED AT ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**; containing findings and other provisions related to the subject providing an effective date; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0606 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Joint Operations, Maintenance and Programming Agreement between the City and the **EMANCIPATION PARK CONSERVANCY** for Emancipation Park - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented and tagged by Council Members Boykins and Kubosh.
20. **ORDINANCE** relating to the fiscal affairs of the **GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GULFGATE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0607 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** relating to the fiscal affairs of the **OLD SIXTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (OLD SIXTH WARD ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone **DISTRICT H- CISNERO**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0608 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of the **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 13** and the inclusion of certain lands within the district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0609 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in the **SHARPSTOWN COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, SECTIONS 2 AND 3**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0610 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in the **SPRING MEADOWS**

**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, SECTIONS 1 AND 2**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0611 ADOPTED**

30. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Financing Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0612 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 32

**MISCELLANEOUS**

32. **REVIEW** on the record and make determination relative to the appeal from the decision of the Historic Preservation Appeals Board, on denial of a certificate of appropriateness at 107 E. 9th Street (Heights South), filed by Timothy Kirwin, Attorney, on behalf of property owner Rob Hellyer- was presented and tagged by Council Members Cohen, Laster, Kubosh and Knox.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 33

33. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **LELAND WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LELAND WOODS ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Zone **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**  
This was Item 25 on Agenda of August 3, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0613 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:43 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent.

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

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

