

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 18, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member David Robinson absent on city business and Council Member Mike Knox absent on personal business.

At 1:44 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that recent data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicates that in the U.S., only 63 percent of workers or their spouses are currently saving for retirement and that the actual amount of retirement savings of workers lags far behind the amount needed to adequately fund their retirement and Americans are living longer and the cost of retirement is increasing. The financial literacy is an important factor in U.S. workers' understanding of the need to save for retirement, saving for retirement is a key component to overall financial health and security during retirement years and the importance of financial literacy in planning for retirement must be advocated and Retirement Security Week will be observed October 16-22, 2016, by co-hosting the Financial Retirement Employees Educational (F.R.E.E.) event. The City of Houston salutes and commends the organizers and participants of Retirement Security Week and extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding observance and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 16-22, 2016, as Retirement Security Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Davis stated that the demand for a literate, prepared workforce is increasing in our city as we grow and attract more business, yet the burden of illiteracy plagues many of our citizens and prevents them from participating fully in all of the opportunities Houston has to offer and literacy providers strengthen our workforce by providing vital programming for adults through literacy centers and providers around Houston. They provide adult basic education to English as a second language, classes for GED preparation and much more, literacy volunteers and instructors throughout the city offer critical support in improving the lives of Houstonians through education. Increasing the quantity and quality of literacy programs gives all Houstonians the opportunity to reach their full potential, creating a stronger workforce and healthier Houston economy and during the month of October, in observance of Literacy Awareness Month, literacy providers and members of the Mayor's Coalition for Literacy will dedicate themselves to increasing information for literacy awareness so that all citizens will understand the vital importance of literacy. An informed and educated citizenry is essential to the functioning of a modern democratic society and the City of Houston commends literacy providers and members of the Mayor's Coalition for Literacy for encouraging and promoting literacy awareness for Houstonians and extends best wishes for a rewarding observance and therefore Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October, as Literacy Awareness Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Travis and Gallegos absent.

At 1:57 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Stardig for the invocation and the Pledge and she invited Ricardo Barns and Reverend Melissa Mayer to offer the invocation

and Council Member Stardig led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Boykins advised that they just lost Constable Ruben Davis.

At 2:02 p.m. the roll was called. Council Member David Robinson absent on city business and Council Member Mike Knox absent on personal business. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Green moved to adopt the minutes for October 4-5, 2016 and October 11-12, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Travis absent.

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

Mr. Anthony Collier, 6834 Carothers St., 77028, (832)869-7312 appeared and stated that he had some questions about the Police Oversight Board that was on the Agenda, he was curious about the qualifications to be on the Board and how the selection process works, he also wanted to know what the community involvement was in choosing the Board and he understands that the way the process is now, was created as an executive order from the previous Administration and was there anyway they can change the process to make it a little more independent to allow more community input involvement, he wanted to know how the Mayor found these individuals. Council Member Travis absent.

Mayor Turner answered Mr. Collier's questions and Council Member Stardig questioned Mr. Collier.

Mr. Jesse Givens, 234 Oak Dr., Humble, TX, 77346, no phone, appeared and stated he was present in support of the Mayor's request for the confirmation of Planning Commissioner appointments and re-appointments, the Commissioners on the list in addition to the re-appointments have taken great care of their duties, they are dedicated to the work that they do and they have a great understanding of the issue at play; he is a Professional Planner and he was in support of these recommendations and requested that City Council confirm the Mayor's request. Council Members Stardig and Travis absent.

Mr. Clark Martinson, 7655 Betty Jane Ln., 77006, (281)824-6808 appeared and stated as an Executive Director of the Energy Corridor District that oversee programs for Public Safety and Beautification, Health and Wellness, Business and Transportation; a little story, he moved to Houston in 1984 with my college 1932 bicycle and his new one and he worked Downtown has Planner and he would ride to work and today he often rides his bike from Westview from his home in Spring Branch to the Energy Corridor and he would like to see the Master Plan for the Bike Plan approved by the City and he believes that our City has a chance to actually reach the gold standard by the League of American Bicyclists, Mayor Bob Lanier launched the current Bike Plan that added bicycle infrastructure that was really out of the 1990s toolbox and today, the new plan that they see in front of them was coming from the progression that they had since then and hope that they support the Bicycle Master Plan. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Martinson.

Mr. Jake Kushner, 3143 Fairhope St., 77025, (832)688-5209 appeared and stated he serves as the Chief of the Pediatrics-Diabetes and Endocrinology at the Baylor College of

Medicine at Texas Children Hospital, he is Associate Professor and he was here to urge Council to support the Houston Bike Master Plan, he rides his bike daily on Braeswood Bayou and they purchased their house specifically so that he can ride to work and it has been amazing resource and in his role as Chief of the Pediatrics-Diabetes and Endocrinology he sees everyday the unmet needs that is related to the lack of safe options to ride and the children of this City are not able to safely exercise and they are put in danger if they try to ride their bikes on the City streets and he also has seen firsthand the lack of safe ways to get to work, a dear friend of his was killed last year while riding to a Memorial ride for a friend of his who was also killed on his bicycle, he believes that Houston can do much more and we can ultimately attract the best and the brightest to the Texas Medical Center and make a difference on behalf of our City, people want to be able to ride their bike safely and they cannot do so, this plan is comprehensive and it can make an enormous difference for our City and it could reduce the cost Chronic Illness, Obesity and Diabetes as a personal cost, a cost to the families, employers and ultimately the Government and that cost will be born over the coming decades but we have the opportunity to turn the tide off of Obesity and really make a difference and remember that Houston was one of the largest Cities in the Country in terms of the rates of childhood obesity, it is a big deal. Council Member Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Kushner.

Mr. Ivan Fuentes, 5520 Kiam St., 77007, (713)885-3341 appeared and stated he is the Communication Manager for Bike Houston and he also is here to speak about the Bike Plan and he was pleased with Council reaction and their response to everyone else talking before him and he was hoping when this comes to a vote that they will vote yes; all major cities in the United States have it and we have not had one in 22 years and the bike plan will be a great way for Houston to be safer, more comfortable and make cycling more appealing in the City, he had been in the cycling community for a few years and leading social rights and encouraging more people to get on their bikes and he finds when they ride in the city more and more, people will fall in love with the City again, more and more, this benefits everyone; they have sent 500 letters to their Offices in support of the Bike Plan and read a few quotes from the letters and the cycling community is throwing a big pep rally in front of City Hall and he invited them to come out and it is going to be between 12:30-1:30 p.m. and it supposed to be a celebration to show support for the Bike Plan. Council Members Davis and Cisneros absent.

Council Members questioned Mr. Fuentes at length.

Mayor Turner stated that the Bike Plan will go from like about 220 bike lanes in terms of infrastructure to about 800, over a 10 year period and the cost he thinks will be anywhere from \$100 million dollars or more over a 10 year period and they will look for all available dollars to do that and that they certainly want to make sure that there are safe lanes and practical, it's not only needs to be in the Loop but also outside the Loop and the Bike Plan before them will come before City Council and their input will be solicited before it comes before them.

Mr. Alejandro Perez, 8304 Melrose St., 77022, (713)894-2978 appeared and stated that he was a resident of the North Line Commons area, today he ask for their support in a careful and thought out, research on Houston Bike Plan and Chapter 33 to be voted and a vote yes to spark the curiosity in their neighborhoods and people that are visiting to experience the great feature that Houston outdoors have to offer while on a bike and to do that they need to make the bike path as comfortable as possible; as a kid when he learned how to ride his bike he would go all day riding afterschool riding with neighbors and wandering around until his heart was content, he would head home as soon as the street lights came on which he did as many times

his parents would worry if he was on a bike, it was small neighborhood and he felt safe but now Houston is much bigger traffic has grown since he was a kid, he been riding for 4 years and he uses his bike to save gas, go to school, go to work and ride leisurely and he has had drivers act aggressively towards him when riding his bike on the street and he had been fortunate not to get hurt from any of the incidents, he likes riding at night and his parents still worry but he still likes the scenery and the amenities that the City offers. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis, Cisneros and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. James Lee, 2019 Marshall St., 77006, (821)889-7967 appeared and stated that he heard in the news last week about the proposal to limit the amount of information distributed to the public for the speakers list, this was an issue that interested him and he had spoken before Council before and he wonder why their information was shown publicly and for anyone that was present for that meeting and also through archiving online, he think their privacy is very important but at the same time he does think it necessary to have the information available of where these people are coming from to speak before Council, so if there is any effort to change the way public speakers are listed, perhaps there could be a list of City and State and zip codes rather than the entire address, phone number and again he thinks this is common sense and it's a good idea and something that should be taken up. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Cisneros absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Lee.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that the sign up and the speakers list is dictated by Chapter 2, Section 2, Rule 8 of the Council rules and in order to change that, they would have to have a Code of Ordinance change which they can do and if someone does not want to give their address and phone number when they call in to be put on the list, they can refuse and it may be a matter that should go to Committee.

Mr. Mack Fowler, 712 Main St., 77002, (713)882-5940 appeared and displayed a map to Members of Council and stated that he was Board Chair of New Hope Housing and he is not here to ask them for anything, he is here to thank them, last Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, New Hope Housing broke ground at Reed Road which is a 137 Unit apartment complex that are one, two and three bedrooms in the Northwest corner of Reed Road and 288 and this project which is on New Hope Housing land that is about 8 acres and it adjoins about 42 acres that are being developed by both the Star of Hope who is moving their Women and Children Center from Downtown down to this location and the Buckner Foundation and they are going to be part of a huge complex in South Houston, this is a phenomenal leading project where they are building a campus, where single moms can get a hold of Star of Hope when they are in trouble which they would be transported to the facility, they go through the Star of Hope program and graduate and then they would be tributary to their building, now they are a fair housing project and they think most of their clients are going to be from the Star of Hope, he wanted to thank Congressman Al Green who attended the ground breaking and Council Member Boykins who sponsored this project. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Martin and Travis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Fowler at length.

Council Member Kubosh stated he wanted to take a point of personal privilege to introduce his intern that was present, Darren Irving and he is a graduate from the University of California at Berkeley and currently working to get his Masters in Sports Administration and he is a native Houstonian.

Ms. Joy Horak-Brown, 1117 Texas Ave., 77002, (713)882-5940 appeared and displayed a map and stated that she is the CEO of New Hope Housing and she wanted to draw attention to the Home Campaign and Reed is a part of that sweeping campaign that is here in the City that had grander National attention for its effectiveness and to remind them once they finish talking about the sweeping campaign, the funding's and the data and what they are really talking about is people and about their lives; if someone is a single mother with a couple of children and they are no longer living in their car or no longer living on their girlfriends sofa which is not comfortable or appropriate for them and their children and they are no longer staying with an abusive partner because they have nowhere else to go but instead they are at the New Hope Housing and it is a beautiful place that offers serenity and clarity, so they can start thinking clearly and to build a foundation to go forward with their life, it is a safe place to live, there is a private street, they have a community center where they have no cost for afterschool care, summer programming, tutoring for their children and they do not have to worry on where they are until they get home from work, there is also a 2 acre park, a chapel and they are close to a bus stop, so they have an entire community that has wrapped its arms around them. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Kubosh.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Brown.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to congratulate Ms. Brown and there was no doubt that it will mean a great deal to the people who will be part of it and living in there and he looks forward to coming to visit.

Ms. Sharon Denson, 12265 Fondren Rd., No.323, 77035, (832)983-3669 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Roland Curry, 5911 Bent Bough Ln., 77088, (832)977-9305 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Margaret Torres, 209 Everton St., No.1, 77003, (832)573-7334 appeared and stated that if she had her cheerleader uniform from High School, she would be cheering all of them on because they do an excellent job and so does the Police Department, she has a personal experience with a Metro Policeman from 2 weeks ago and she called the Metro Police comment line and stated that she made a mistake, she should have gotten the badge number, the license plate number of the Metro Police Unit that just left her house because she has a roommate who was previously homeless and she rescued him out of homelessness because she knows what it like to be homeless and she was homeless for 10 years and in 2008 she stopped being homeless and if the Council Members want to know about her story because she been on television before and the title of the documentary "Once Homeless Woman, Now Helping Others", that is her mission in life because the Lord helped her out of homelessness and she promised that she would help others, her roommate is a formally homeless person and now over 2 years he had a roof over his head but he still hangs out with homeless people and he smokes Kush and when he smokes Kush, he looks like a mentally ill person and people call the Police and the Police take him to the Sobering Center and he previous ended up at the emergency room and this time the Police did not take him to the Sobering Center because when they saw him and gently started talking to him, he told them that he had a homeless momma

and told them her name and gave them her number and then they came to her house and knocked on her door and they asked her if they knew the man and she yes this is her roommate and ask if they bring home because he is high on Kush and they told her that he was drunk and she told the Metro Police, no he is high on Kush but that was ok because she would take care of him. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Torres.

Mr. Humphrey Ibeabuchi, 3455 FM 1960 Rd. West, No.1405, (832)504-7173 appeared and stated he was here about a month ago because of the problem that he had at the Airport Supervisors and he spoke with City Council Members and the Mayor had assigned someone to look into his case and then a hearing Officer came from the City of Houston to listen to the case because they gave him suspension indefinitely and then when the Hearing Officer looked at the case, they revised it and he presented a letter and before then, he was gone for 2 months, he has 2 kids that were under 10 years old and a mother that is 96 years old and they all depend on him and after this case was revised, he called the Supervisor and asked him how are they going to give his trips back because he did not volunteer to go on a 2 month vacation and the Supervisor told him that "he went to the Mayor's Office to report the first time and he was not getting the trip back and if he did not like that he needed to go back to the Mayor's Office" and that was why he was here today; he had been here for 26 years, he is glad that he is here because a lot of working places, they act like they are dictators and that is what they have at the Airport, the Supervisors, when they hear something they do not want to hear both sides of the story and if they have a problem with a worker from the Airport over there being a driver, they do not want to hear from the driver, they do what they do and give indefinite suspension and like he said he came here last time and the Mayor said that he would get someone to look into his case and that case was revised and then he went to court for the ticket that they gave him and presented another letter with the charge and he even does not have money to pay them and the Judge gave him 12 months to pay and he is not getting any kind of check, he is handicap, he wants to work and get a check, he pays his taxes and he became a citizen 16 years ago, he has no criminal recorded and all he is asking from the Mayor and City Council to help him and talk to this guy so he can get his trips back because he did not volunteer this and it is not easy to be out of work for 2 months. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Ibeabuchi and requested that he to speak with Ms. Laura Cunningham that is with the ARA Department.

Mr. Ronald Williams, 14411 Twin Twist Ct., Missouri City, TX, 77489, (713)870-5687 appeared and stated that he was a citizen of Houston since 1983, he was recently mugged, robbed at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Hillcroft, the original District Attorney told him that there was not enough evidence, he was missing his cell phone, his car keys, the woman that jumped into his car when they stole all these items out of his car and she said she got into his car by accident which he does not know how that could happen, they did not do any lie dictators like they were supposed to do, it was only 2 women, he called them hood rat 1 and hood rat 2; he was a 63 year old guy that was an ex-veteran and recently recovering from Cancer and he was 2 stop lights away from his house in Missouri City and lived in that house for 30 years, it is paid off, the car was also fully paid for and getting mugged 2 blocks away from his house, he has a problem with that and they told him that there was not enough evidence, and was told he was the aggressor because he was following someone that was throwing items out of his car and eventually fighting in the street and he did not want to fight 2 women in the middle of the

street and he stated that he would appreciate it and gave his court cases number and gave the phone number to the District Attorney and he would appreciate if they would look into it. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Green absent.

Mr. Christopher Bolden, 5714 Panay Park Dr., 77048, (832)474-1095 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Debbie Moran, 5615 Grape St., 77096, (713)774-0924 appeared and presented information and stated that this is number 5 and gave them 2 years of information on why the choice of LED street lighting that they were putting in was not the best choice and today she would not talk about that too much and the problem was the glare and if you are short and driving on Braeswood, the West Loop and Hillcroft was increasingly getting difficult, she sees white glare while she is driving at night and since the last time she spoke to them, they have 3 new street lights on her block that also included one in front of her house, even though she been trying to get it tested for warmer lighting and today there was a truck out there installing a shield but what she came today to speak about was that now all the information was out there in the press, there was a lighting conference in California that happened last month and there was a rash of new press about cities which are now looking again at the LED street lighting and she wanted them to know that cities are changing their minds especially large cities that included Los Angeles and New York City and she just called Los Angeles today to verify, she been told at the conference and received e-mails that they were changing to 3,000k which is like a halogen color light for major streets and 2700K in all residential areas and they wish they would have done that in the outset and if they had to do it all over again they would do it that way, she called today to the Lighting Department and it was confirmed that all lighting would be warmer from now on and they pointed to her the website which showed the changes in their light choices and the new ones where in bold face, she had not spoken to New York City but the Wall Street Journal says that they are moving to warmer lighting and all these cities have received about 2 years of complaints and we are overdue about 2 ½ years at this point and she comes here to see what is going on because she does not get a lot of feedback and when she does send e-mails, she sees that some are marking as red and usually when she speaks to them she gets encouragement but what she sees is different and what she see is more white lights coming up and what she sees are the letters that are sent to the City to people that complain which says to "yes", they are testing warm light but sometime in the future and the meantime they are putting up white lights. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Moran.

Mr. Johnny Taylor, 3262 Westheimer Rd., No.341, 77098, (404)829-3066 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Jeff Trevino, 315 Embry St., 77009, (713)829-2140 appeared and presented information and stated he lives on the Southside of the Bayou from the White Oak Music Hall and he moved into the area in April of 2014, he had met the developers and the guys in the previous year in 2013, he is a Real Estate Agent and he represented a seller that was selling a property and they sold it to the guys at White Oak Music Hall and when he moved there he was supportive, excited to see this new development coming to the neighborhood, when he met with the guys from White Oak Music Hall, they told him that they did a lot of studies on the sound and that they hired the right amount of people and it was going to be a great fit to the

neighborhood, couple of years go by and this past April, they were supposed to open in the Spring of 2015 and that did not happen and this April they had their first show and it was not a good scene for their neighborhood and he immediately contacted the owners and told them that he needed to speak with them, he had from social media and they thought the neighborhood there being crack pots, people being nuts that were against the Music Hall until he experience it for himself, he met with the two guys and asked them if they were open to ideas and suggestions and they told him that they would listen to him and his suggestions and he gave them a list of suggestions of what they might want to do, technology that is out there where they can install sound meters and if the sound was too loud it could be e-mailed back to them and they can turn the volume down and he also told them that they were making the neighborhood mad and that they might want to offer the neighborhood in and discuss things with the neighborhood, have a website were the neighbors could give feedback, they are building what is called the Raven Tower which 40% of the sidewalks are cut out, so the sound escapes, he went over the list with them and they were kind enough to listen. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Members questioned Mr. Trevino.

Mr. Derek Gunter, 7315 Banyan, 77028, (832)888-5435 appeared and stated he was present on behalf of the Houston Gardens Trinity Gardens neighborhood and presented a proposed project budget for the neighborhood which allocates money for a lot of things like speed bumps, increase Police presents and Solid Waste and he has a concern about, this proposal was for 2015 and he has been in the area all his life but he been in this area for about 9 years and there is a budget here for speed bumps for about \$50,000 and another one for over grown lots which is about \$100,000 and cleaning ditches for another \$100,000; there is an area when you are coming from 610 over the bridge where they put a retention pond and it been over grown for years and they are trying to figure out who is responsible for it because they cannot even see the sidewalks, he built a house in that area and his ditch had not been cleaned since he been there and he wondering where is the money that supposed to be for this area for the weed cutting, the ditches being cleaned and the speed bumps, he has 18 wheelers that come down his street and they are flying and he would like to figure out what he needs to do to figure what's going on with the speed bumps or where does he need to go and he also wants to know who is supposed to cut those areas that are over grown. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Members questioned Mr. Gunter.

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 Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Ms. Olevia Randle, 6023 Beldart St., 77033, (713)733-2348 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Leonard Pringle, 339 Coach Lamp Ln., 77060, (281)448-8459 appeared and stated that he was born in Houston and not a lot of people can say that and it was 86 years old, he went to school for 12 years and he walked and rode a bicycle and it was a wonderful experience, the subject that he is here on was about the drainage charge, with their water bill and each month they have a drainage charge and he remember many years back that something appeared on the ballot where people get to vote for a drainage situation and he does not believe a lot of people did know that there was going to be a drainage charge with that

drainage situation and people that lived here for a long time know that drainage is very important here and the question now is with the drainage charge what is it for. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council questioned Mr. Pringle.

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen St., 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated that on Item 7 under property, the City Attorney was asking the City Council to approve \$140,000 on 1,000 square feet on West Alabama and the appraised value is about \$90.00 per foot and the City Attorney decided that they need to spend an extra \$50,000 to the individual that owns the property, County property is \$6.8 million and appraised value would be \$9.1 million and the City Attorney is asking them to appraise this property for \$11,400,000.00 million which we do not have that type of money and they are not supposed to be doing deals like this and he does not know who authorized the City Attorney to bring this to Council and this was a property that they were trying to fix the drainage for his businesses. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Laura Ruppert, 2035 Harvard St., 77008, (832)264-0169 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

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. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

**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 3:56 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2016, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

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, October 19, 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, 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. Council Member David Robinson absent on city business and Council Members Larry Green and Mike Knox absent on personal business.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to considered Items 1 and 2 out of order and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Gallegos and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0502 ADOPTED**

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**, for terms to expire June 30, 2018;

Position Two - **MEERA D. VICTOR**, appointment  
 Position Four - **SUSAN ALLEMAN**, reappointment  
 Position Six - **FERNANDO L. BRAVE**, reappointment  
 Position Eight - **LYDIA MARES**, appointment  
 Position Ten - **MEGAN R. SIGLER**, appointment  
 Position Twelve - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, reappointment  
 Position Eighteen - **PAUL R. NELSON**, reappointment  
 Position Twenty - **ANTOINE BRYANT**, reappointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0503 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner and Members of Council Members congratulated the members of the Planning Commission.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **INDEPENDENT POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**:

Name	Panel	Term Ending
Marvin J. Hamilton	Chair	1/31/2019
Ray B. Shackelford	A5	1/31/2019
Christian Dashaun Menefee	A2	For an unexpired term ending 7/16/2017
Andrea Schmauss	AA	1/31/2019
Rodrigo Alberto Cañedo	B2	For an unexpired term ending 7/16/2017
Laurie A. Robinson	B3	For an unexpired term ending 1/31/2018
Juan A. Sorto	C2	For an unexpired term ending 7/16/2017
Brendon D. Singh	Chair	For an unexpired term ending 10/26/2017
Don Harris	D2	For an unexpired term ending 7/16/2017
Kristin J. Anderson	D3	For an unexpired term ending 1/31/2018
Shelley L. Kennedy	D5	For an unexpired term ending 1/31/2018
Stelena Hooper Evans	DA	For an unexpired term ending 7/16/2017

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0504 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited the members to the podium and stated there is no question in the times in which we are living in right now in the City and across the country that they are going to play in a very important role and he thinks that they recognize the importance of their role, they will be reviewing, assessing, holding everyone accountable in terms of Police oversight and asked them to take their roles very seriously.

At 9:40 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that this report would mainly focus on Public Safety initiatives and he invited Chief Montalvo to the podium and wanted to say that number one job for them is to maintain the Safety of the City because this is a huge City geographically and that we are a diverse City and that every community wants and needs to be safe and they have to expend resources all over the City and in some areas there will be more of a challenge than others and he wanted to say that the number of Police Officers in the City is more than it has been in a while, they have given HPD \$2 million dollars more for overtime to have more coverage in the City of Houston, they have taken some Police Officers from their desk onto the streets to add to the number that was out there.

Chief Montalvo introduced members of HPD of those that were present representing the different districts and presented a report relative to crime statistics.

Mayor Turner further stated on their District Service Fund and particular projects especially how it relates to Public Works and requested Dale Ruddick to go back to see what was remaining on various accounts and to give all of them an idea as to the timeline of these projects and they would be visited by each one of the Council Members and he wanted to know when the projects will commence and be completed.

Mayor Turner stated that lastly in order of the pensions, when it relates to the pension issue, his Finance Team is going to be presenting it to the committee tomorrow and they would be going over what they will be presenting in the next week and will be voting on October 26, 2016.

At 10:46 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 25**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 3

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTH POST OAK ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**;

Position Three - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2016

Position Four - **PAUL E. JEFFERSON**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

Position Five - **TANDELYN ATKINSON WEAVER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017-

Was presented, the City Secretary advised that Item 3 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 5

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$3,829,553.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for construction services in connection with TIGER Project #4 Buffalo Bayou Path for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department - 9.54% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0505 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** – NUMBERS 10 through 25

10. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2016D, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0784 ADOPTED**
  
11. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide utility easement and a 10-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, within Lots 4 through 13, Tracts 19, 19A and 19B, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to Kirby Court Corporation, Walaby Realty Partners, Ltd., Catherine Wiley Lippincott, Thomas Merritt Lippincott, Austin Trust Company, as trustee under the William T. Dickey Generation-Skipping Trust, the Lynn Dickey Wiseheart Generation-Skipping Trust, the Catherine Wiley Lippincott Generation-Skipping Trust, the Thomas Lippincott Generation-Skipping Trust, the William Mathew Dickey Generation-Skipping Trust, and the Laura Lynn Dickey Generation-Skipping Trust all created under the Will of William M. Dickey, owners, in consideration of the conveyance to the City of Houston, Texas, of a 20-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, located within Tracts 16, 16A and 19C by Kirby Court Corporation, all located within Blocks 29 and 30, College Heights Addition; and payment to the City of \$43,325.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0785 ADOPTED**
  
14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **CENTRAL HELICOPTER SERVICE, INC**, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0786 ADOPTED**
  
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing amendment to the agreement between the City of Houston and **AT&T CORP** for Fiber Metro Ethernet Network Connectivity to 44 Houston Public Library and Houston Area Library Automated Network Sites- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0787 ADOPTED**
  
19. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 2.532 acres of land to **DOWDELL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0788 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 40.102 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 134B**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0789 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 37.4952 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 89** for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0790 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 3.1377 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 110**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0791 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 231.3383 acres of land to **NEWPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0792 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$11,809,341.40 out of Water Authorities Capital Contribution Fund NETL and \$7,972,958.60 out of PWE-NETL Construction Fund; and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC** for Design of the Northeast Transmission Line (Approved by Ordinance Nos. 2015-1073, 2015-1074, 2015-1075, 2015-1076, 2015-1077 & 2015-1078); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water Authorities Capital Contribution Fund NETL and the PWE- NETL Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and E – MARTIN**- was presented, the City Secretary advised that Item 24 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.
25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$7,122,896.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LLC dba IPR SOUTH CENTRAL LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining, Pipe Bursting and Cured-In-Place Pipe Methods; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW 4257-155)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0793 ADOPTED**

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Mayor's Office of Governmental Relations for adoption of the City of Houston Legislative Principles for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0506 ADOPTED**

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,981,073.72 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Large Diameter Waterline Valve Replacement Project 6.26% under the original contract amount (WA11162) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; E - MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0507 ADOPTED**
  
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to purchase as agreed in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Timmons Place, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, et al, Cause No. 1071142, for acquisition of Parcel of AY15-069 for **WEST ALABAMA STREET PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT (Weslayan - Buffalo Speedway) - DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.  
  
**NOTE:** Council Member Kubosh later released his tag on Item 7.
  
8. **CHASTANG ENTERPRISES, INC d/b/a CHASTANG'S BAYOU CITY AUTOCAR - \$5,324,982.04, TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT, INC dba HEIL OF TEXAS - \$2,579,472.00 and MCNEILUS FINANCIAL, INC d/b/a MCNEILUS TRUCK AND MANUFACTURING CO. - \$802,459.00** for Garbage and Recycling Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Solid Waste Management Department - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0508 ADOPTED**
  
9. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 40, CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, by adding an area within the Historic Near Northside as a designated area covered by such article- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0794 ADOPTED**
  
12. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-1313 relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain city council meetings- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0795 ADOPTED**
  
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Parking Easement and Agreement for provision of Handicap Parking between **FINGER-FSC CRAWFORD, LTD.** and the City of Houston, Texas **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0796 ADOPTED**
  
15. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-512 to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY** to support the Mayor's Coalition for Literacy for the Houston Public Library Department - \$335,000.00 General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0797 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Development and Construction Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas and **HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON** for Improvements around the Clayton Library located at Caroline Street - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0798 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to Contract 4600010724 between the City of Houston and **XEROX CORPORATION** to increase the maximum contract amount and extend the contract term for Supply, Management and Support Services of Multi-Function Office Machines for Various Departments (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-238, as amended) \$760,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0799 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh and Council Member Kubosh released his tag on Item 7.

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to purchase as agreed in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Timmons Place, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, et al, Cause No. 1071142, for acquisition of Parcel of AY15-069 for **WEST ALABAMA STREET PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT (Weslayan - Buffalo Speedway) - DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, Council Member Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2016-0509 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 26 through 29

26. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION**, to extend the contract term for the continuing administration and operation of a job training program  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS**  
This was Item 11 on Agenda of October 12, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2016-0800 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$22,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as additional appropriation and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to two contracts between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON AVIATION ALLIANCE**, a Joint Venture, and **PARSONS & H. J. RUSSELL IAH TEAM**, A Joint Venture, for Professional Program Management Support Services for the Houston Airport System (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-314) (Project No. 800)  
**DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS**  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOYKINS**  
This was Item 19 on Agenda of October 12, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2016-0801 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the 2000 block of Harvard 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 C - COHEN**  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON**  
This was Item 24 on Agenda of October 12, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0802 ADOPTED**

29. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$810,776.71 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program - 16.17% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS F - LE; G - TRAVIS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN-DELAYED BY MOTION #2016-501, 10/12/16**  
This was Item 34 on Agenda of October 12, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0510 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

