

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, January 4, 2017

At 8:31 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, January 4, 2017, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and recognized Council Member Robinson for the invocation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Robinson invited Reverend Liz Parker to offer the invocation and Council Member Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Knox absent.

At 9:10 a.m. The Roll was Called. Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Cohen move to adopt the minutes for 12/13-12/14, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adoption of the minutes for 12/20, 2016 for one week and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Turner stated he would move now to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to start off by saying Happy New Year to everyone and it's good to be back and he also wanted to thank all the Council Members for working with him as they move the City forward; he wanted to note that the Pothole Initiative that he announced on January 4, 2016 as gone extremely well and as of the end of the year and he wanted to give the employees credit for assessing and repairing every potholes defined as 5 feet by 5 feet, 97% of the time and he want to acknowledge and thank Public Works for their diligence.

Mayor Turner further stated that Public Safety is always a priority and a prime concern, back in June there were projections indicating they would experience as many as 346 murders by the end of 2016 and he does not know if they recalled reading that but the projections and the numbers at the time was nearly 5% to 14% above where they were in 2015, by September the murder rate was more than 10% above the number of 2015 and in some of the neighborhoods it seems that shooting and violate crimes were occurring nightly, we are also facing a growing Kush problem in the parks that was scaring parents and young children and the EMS services responded with an aggressive plan to take back our parks and to improve public safety overall

and this involved by providing HPD for an extra \$2 million dollars for overtime and he wanted to thank the Council Members for providing that, the deployment of 175 Officers from their desk jobs to be patrols, 13 more Park Rangers and a new Patrol Division dedicated to the Central Business District and he called the Command Staff to talk about strategy for addressing crime and requested from HPD weekly reports on the numbers especially when it relates to homicides and he also called for help for lowering the rate from the local hip hop Artist, Ministries and even some of the Texans Players came down and visited with him and other Community Leaders, even some of the Council Members stepped up by dedicating a portion of their District Service Funds to help with Police overtime and the TIRZ by providing additional funding for Public Safety and since September they had seen a slowing of homicides and as of today the total for 2016 stands at 302, this compares to 303 from 2015 for murders, we came under from what we have experienced in 2015 when that is especially true when we are at the mid-point of June in 2016 because it seems that we were going to go over from last year and probably be 346 so to come in at 302 speaks volumes and this is especially true when you look at other Cities across the Country that went way beyond from 2015 even San Antonio went above their previous numbers in previously years and at least when at the time it looked like Houston was heading in that direction with their help and their commitment with the money that they all agreed to for overtime and working with HPD, working with community leaders, we were able to stop that spike, so the numbers at the end of the year is 302, he wants to enhance the messaging and Public Safety is number one priority, there is still a lot to do on decreasing all violent crimes which he means all violent crimes but getting a handle on murders is a good start and he personally wanted to thank former Chief Martha Montalvo for the work and the strategies that were put in place under her watch and he wanted to thank Chief Art Acevedo for taking it up and he was looking forward to working with the entire HPD, with Chief Art Acevedo and with the Council Members that are trying to do even more to decrease these numbers as we go forward.

At 9:19 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary call Item 1 the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING regarding a proposal to convey an easement in Keith-Wiess Park for Storm Sewer Outfall related to the Aldine Town Center Project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had reserved time to appear at the Hearing and Director Joe Turner would be making a presentation.

Joe Turner, the Director of Parks and Recreation presented a Power Point presentation and made the following statement:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement on the use of a portion of Keith-Wiess Park for a storm sewer outfall that is needed for development of the new Aldine Town Center.

With me today and assisting us with this project is Assistant City Attorney Ondrea Taylor from the Legal Department.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 requires the City to publish three public notices and to hold a public hearing prior to authorizing the use or taking of park land for non-park purposes.

Notices were published in the Houston Chronicle on December 14, December 21 and December 28, 2016.

The public notices invited members of the public to attend this Public Hearing to comment on the project.

Keith-Wiess Park is a 499-acre park located along Aldine-Westfield Road in City Council District B.

The East Aldine District has requested the use of a 21,207 square foot area of the Park – the equivalent of 0.4868 acres – for expansion of a storm sewer outfall that is needed for the new Aldine Town Center project.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department supports this request because it will provide a public benefit and will open access to the park for residents coming from neighborhoods north of the Park.

The multi-use development project will also include a roadway that could connect to a future park road and paths that could be used to build trail connections to the Park.

The Parks and Recreation Department agrees there is not a feasible and prudent alternative to using the park for this purpose and supports the taking of a portion of the Park for the Project.

The Department will bring to Council a request to approve the use of this section of the Park for this purpose.

Thank you for your attention. I would be glad to answer any questions.

Mayor Turner asked if there were any questions for Director Turner or Ms. Taylor and seeing none, asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak on Item 1 and seeing none, requested a motion to close the Public Hearing regarding a proposal to convey an easement in Keith-Wiess Park for Storm Sewer Outfall related to the Aldine Town Center Project.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing regarding a proposal to convey an easement in Keith-Wiess Park for Storm Sewer Outfall related to the Aldine Town Center Project and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0001 ADOPTED**

At 9:23 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Constant Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 36

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 through 4

- 2. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit area in the 1900 block of Addison south side (between Travis and Lanier) and the 600 block of Allston, west side (at West 6th) - **DISTRICT C**

– **COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0002 ADOPTED**

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for Annual Water System Fee for FY17 \$2,317,354.10 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0003 ADOPTED**
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2017 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY** \$3,603,490.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0004 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK – NUMBER 7

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,304,405.62 and acceptance of work on contract with **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Rehabilitation of Grit Removal System and Odor Control at Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant - 3.44% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0005 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 9

9. **RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court and pay the costs of Court in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Joseph Evans, et al., Cause No. 1075021; for acquisition of Parcel KY15-207; for the Surface Water Transmission Project known as the 54-inch Water Line along Vickery Drive from Aeropark to World Houston Parkway Project- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0006 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 10 and 11

10. **VISIONTRON CORP.** for Stanchions and Crowd Control Equipment for the Houston Airport System - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$505,067.00 – Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0007 ADOPTED**
11. **AMEND MOTION #2016-123, 3/30/16, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$2,000,000.00 to \$2,750,000.00 for Tires and Tubes through the Texas Local Government Cooperative

(BuyBoard) for the Fleet Management Department, **awarded to SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0008 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 23 through 36

- 23. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant application to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Texas Veterans & Family Alliance Grant for the Gulf Coast Region Resiliency and Readiness Project; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the office of Veteran Affairs to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0001 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain City Council meetings- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0002 ADOPTED**
- 26. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **KNOWVINE, INC, d/b/a SIGN-UPS AND BANNERS**, for Administration of an Aviation Pole Banner Program at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, William P. Hobby Airport, and Ellington Airport; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years with two one-year options - \$1,925,000.00 Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0003 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **NORWOOD ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC** for Professional Electric, Gas and Water Regulatory and Technical Utility Consulting Services for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$699,000.00 - General Fund- the City Secretary advised that Item 30 had not been received and if received, would be considered at the end of the Agenda.
- 33. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 48.676 acres of land to **GREENWOOD UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0004 ADOPTED**
- 34. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$435,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **APEX-RBI, INC dba RATNALA & BAHL, INC** for Upper Brays Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0364); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT F - LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0005 ADOPTED**

35. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$745,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF awarding a contract to **D G MEDINA CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Intersection Safety Improvements Work Order#7; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0006 ADOPTED**
36. **ORDINANCE** granting to **RS WASTE SERVICES, INC., dba REST STOP PORTABLE TOILETS**, 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 2017-0007 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,435,433.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for construction services in connection with Wildheather Park for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department - 2.38% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0009 ADOPTED**
2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,007,177.87 and acceptance of work on contract with **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.P.** for Relocation of meters from back lot to front lot, repair of water service lines and ancillary work throughout the City - 9.57% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS and J – LASTER-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0010 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,476,102.25 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Yale Village Area - 1.51% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0011 ADOPTED**
12. **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC** for Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department - \$4,842,826.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund- was

presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Members Martin, Stardig and Le.

13. **GORDON'S SPECIALTIES, INC dba GSI HIGHWAY PRODUCTS** for Guardrail and Bridge Maintenance Materials for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$758,076.25 - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0012 ADOPTED**
14. **SAN LUIS AVIATION CORPORATION** for ESChat Push To Talk Services for Various Departments - \$217,729.08 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Stardig.
15. **NORTH SHORE SUPPLY COMPANY, INC** - \$826,067.29 and **LOGIC SERVICE LLC** - \$54,048.00 for Steel and Construction Materials for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0013 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of platted Eugene Street (commonly known as Dickson Street), located along Lots 7 through 12; vacating and abandoning said parcel to Rock Creek Ranch I, Ltd, Waugh Real Estate Ventures, Ltd, and Houston Waugh, LP, the abutting owners, in consideration of owners' payment of \$300.00 to the City, and the conveyance to the City of a 50-foot- wide right-of-way easement for, and construction of, Leverkusen Street, from Dickson Street north to Feagan Street, a 5- foot-wide right-of-way easement along the southern portion of Feagan Street, from proposed Leverkusen Street east to Waugh Drive, and a variable width sanitary sewer easement along the western and southern portions of the applicants' property, all located within the Mary L. Morse Addition, and Joe Smalley Subdivision, Brunner Addition, out of the John Austin Survey, A-1, Harris County, Texas, and other good and valuable consideration - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H - CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0008 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide utility easement located within Lots 2 through 5, and Lots 27 through 30, Block 2, Addicks Dam Subdivision, situated in the Joel Wheaton Survey, A-828, Houston, Texas; abandoning the easement to 5*Star Hospitality, LLC, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$2,100.00 and conveyance to the City of two 10-foot-wide utility easements, located along the north line of Lot 5 and the south line of Lot 2, both located within the Addicks Dam Subdivision, out of the Joel Wheaton Survey, A-828, and other consideration - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0009 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the sale of 14,165 square-foot right-of-way easement, a 324 square-foot right-of-way easement, and designation of an 18,069 square-foot tract of the existing

Elysian Viaduct as public street right-of-way, all located within South Side Buffalo Bayou Addition, out of the John Austin Two League Grant Survey, A-1, Houston, Harris County, Texas, to the Texas Department of Transportation, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$3,288,459.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0010 ADOPTED**

- 19. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,000,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund; approving and authorizing first amendment to first amended and restated repair agency agreement between the City of Houston and **REBUILDING TOGETHER HOUSTON**, as repair agency, to add the appropriated funds and to extend the time period for repair of storm damaged roofs and performance of minor critical emergency repairs to homes owned by qualified households; approving related amendments to the third amended and restated administrative guidelines for the minor critical emergency home repair program- was presented,

Upon questions by Members of Council, Mayor Turner stated that 206 homes have been completed, 12 are in progress, they are still waiting on responses to about 300, they have made 3 different contacts to 86 homes in District B and no one had called them back, they made 3 different responses about 95 homes in District D and no one had called them back, 6 in District E, 2 in District F, 59 in District H, 35 in District I, 6 in District A, 23 in District K and no one had called them back, if people would call them back, they can do the work and every Council Member will be receiving a personal statement from the Administration and saying that, they are contacting people from your Districts but they are not responding.

After further discussion on Item 19 a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0011 ADOPTED**

At 9:36 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that they would move to the Public Session and requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Joe Slattery, 6355 Allston, 77007, (713)614-6757 appeared and stated that he is here to request approval of a residential parking permit and they have a rather unique situation on their street, between 6th and 7th Street on Allston, on the East side of the street there is the 6th at Yale apartment complex and on the entire side of that street there is no parking and on the West side of the street there are about 22 homes, they have tried parking in front of their homes but have found that there are a lot of residents in that apartment complex that park in front of their homes and walk across the street and then goes to their apartments, they have contacted the management of the apartment complex and was told there is sufficient amount of parking for the residents and the guest and they are asking for a residential parking permit from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Saturday. Council Members Martin, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Members for procedural motions.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. April Momon out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0014 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cisneros moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Jeff Trevino after Ms. Kerry Whitehead and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0015 ADOPTED**

Council Member Travis moved that the rules be suspended for the purposed of adding Mr. Will Greenwood to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0016 ADOPTED**

Ms. Assata Richards, 2517 Francis St., 77004, (814)571-5521 appeared and stated that she is proud to say she is a resident of the Historic 3rd Ward and as the Mayor says it is going to be beautiful 2017 Houston because they are prioritizing and preserving Historical Communities like the 3rd Ward and the vote on Dowling Street to be renamed to Emancipation Avenue is part of those efforts, she is not a home owner but she is an engaged citizen in her neighborhood, she lives in a roadhouse that was built in Freeman's Town, she is a Professor at the University of Houston, she belongs to her Super Neighborhood, she is Vice-Chair of the Emancipation Economy Development Council and this vote today says that everyone matters in the City of Houston whether they own property or not that they have a voice and the voice means something, so the renaming of Dowling to Emancipation Avenue is about to allowing all of the residents to be valued, Houston has the opportunity to be historic, no major City of this size in the neighborhood like 3rd Ward had ever successfully challenged gentrification, they are at a crossroad in this City to be able to provide affordable housing to all citizens of this great City and renaming the street is saying that Houston cares about its neighborhood and it cares about the history and the culture of its neighborhoods and it is making a statement it would do everything it can to preserve the history and the culture is an asset in a major City and she is here standing with the residents in 3rd Ward, the hundreds of residents who signed the petition in support of renaming, who made calls that they want to rename Dowling and that is something to celebrate. Council Member Martin absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Richards.

Ms. Dolores Rodgers, 3919 England Court W, 77021, (713)419-9291 appeared and stated that she is a longtime resident and property owner in 3rd Ward, she grew up right across the street from Emancipation Park and she came to express her support in renaming Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue and she thanks Council for their consideration of this, she is making an appeal from her ancestries and others who came to Texas before it was a State that helped build this park and this City and she is thanking Council and others that support this name change to restore a small measure of fairness to the political process in City Hall and she thanks them for her time and consideration. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Ms. Bianca Mahmoon, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Mr. Chatman Clark Jr., no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Ms. April Momon, 5710 Belneath St., 77033, (832)931-1025 appeared and stated that she is here to speak about concerns, she received a phone call the day after Christmas by one of the Sunnyside residents, someone had shot her house up, they call her Queen Esther she is 92 years old and some guys that got on the street, it got out of control and they started to shoot and her house was shot up, she went to her house and took pictures of the house and she was in the back room sleeping and her granddaughter in the front room and the resident heard the noise and went down and told her grandmother that someone was shooting up her house, she cannot go into details about it and the reason she received the phone call was because she represents a Civic Club and told her that she would come to City Hall and speak with Mayor

Turner and the Council Members about this matter and to see if they can go out to speak with the resident and to see if they can get some connections to help repair the home and displayed pictures of the house after the shooting, she went to Home Depot and spoke to the Assistant Manager and he told her that he would get back with her after the New Year on what program they have that they can help her, she even e-mailed him the pictures of the house and it is really ridiculous; the other concern she has is the Sunnyside Multi-Purpose Center, they have some unclear information about and they would like to know from here to what they have to say about it. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Le, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he intended to go out to Sunnyside soon to discuss the Sunnyside Multi-Purpose Center in detail and what the City is intending to do and to work with the community as they move forward, there is no architect had has hired and been right now people will remain in the Multi-Purpose Center in the next couple of years, he would be out there towards the end of this month and he would be working with their Council Member and be out there to answer any question that the community may have, they want to work together and not force anything on anybody they do not want and he asked what the residents name was and he request that she leave all of the resident information with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance and they would follow up with her.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Momon.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Johnny So to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Le, Gallegos and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0017 ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended add Mr. Joshua Sanders to list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Le, Gallegos and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0018 ADOPTED**

Ms. Kate Engler, 8405 Wednesday Ln., 77074, (713)363-1917 appeared and stated that she is a Navy Seal Recruit through Hillary Clinton and a CIA Recruit, they are using brain injury based mind control on them, she was brought to the Airport along with other victims and was thrown to be thrown under the subways and continued to express her concerns. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, P.O. Box 53993, 77052, (713)987-3854 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to acknowledge Dr. DeLoyd Parker, he is the Executive Director of Shape Center and requested him to stand up to be recognized.

Mr. Lorenzo Butler Sr., 3906 Daphne St., 77021, (281)844-2426 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that they have \$150,000 in Public Service Announcement and cash for the 29th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast made for television on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center and on Martin Luther King's Birthday the Mayor VIP Section at 6:00 p.m. at Advantage BMW and he is requesting Council not only being there but to also give financially as they have done in the past, over a million dollars has been given to this and Scholarships will be awarded and on January 16th the Mayor will be the keynote speaker and history will be made and a mind

is a terrible thing to waste and requested for them to support this. Council Members Davis, Travis, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Butler.

Ms. Debra Rankins, 7977 Safebuy St., 77028, (713)551-3027 appeared and stated that she was back here again to steadily fighting for the property that is in her mother's name, she cannot go any further because she cannot get the lien off of the property so can get it in her name to move forward, she not trying not to pay for the lien, that is where she is with it, they are telling her has to pay for the lien before she can go forward in putting it in her name, her cousins and aunties that are going to help her with the lien asking her for sure if she pays the lien can they get it changed over to her name, she has a court date next month to go for the same thing again and each time she goes they set it off, they have not given her an exact price, the paper they gave her after her mother passed 3 years ago was \$7,000.00 and they gave her that price after she got a lawyer, that was the going rate for the City to clear the property and there was not that much to clear off because she cleared most of it and she is at a loss of the price that they have given her for half the work that had already been done and she is requesting for it to get lowered some so she can move forward and was requesting for them to help to send her to an organization, she is at a loss and she is in 5th Ward. Council Members Davis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the situation with her and this particular issue is that she does have a lawyer, the court date is set for February 1st and unfortunately she is not listed as an heir to this property and advised her to speak with Angelia Hernandez with the Law Firm was willing to speak to her and he believes that she knows her and also advised that and her family get together and speak with Ms. Hernandez to try to work things out.

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. Council Members Davis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Wendemere St., 77088, (832)453-1900 appeared and stated that he had been down here before and he had spoken to the Mayor about how plans are being reviewed with the Health Department and he knows a lot of times he speaks about being from Acres Home and he is from the Acres Home area and he presented to show that he has a degree and that he is a licensed architect so he does not sit under a tree drinking a 40z, he wants to commend Council Member Kubosh because no one how small it is, he will give you attention and extends his hand, he was out to help get a gentleman a BBQ truck, he wanted to get licensed, he did a drawing on it, he went to the Health Department and they rejected it because he did not put the temperature of the meat should be at and that is not part of the drawing, who can he go to get this type of thing stopped because he coming down here for 39 years and he been called a little bit of everything, there should someone other than Mr. Kubosh because he always had extended his hand, he should have to take a class on preparing meals to get a truck permit and he cannot charge the guy that much to keep on going back and forth to get a BBQ truck and get it inspected and passed, that is not part of designing, he thinks that someone should tell the Health Department, Code Enforcement what designing is and he is willing to volunteer for a month to go to help Code Enforcement and the Health Department. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Laster and Edwards absent.

Council Member Kubosh thanked him for his kind words and he stated that his staff could meet with him afterward to help figure out the issue is and how to resolve it and Members of Council questioned Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Turner stated that one of the issue for the Health Department to issue the permit for BBQ trucks, it has to have a temperature gauge and if they do not have a temperature gauge, you will not get a permit and he more than willing to assist but if someone is seeking a permit for example a BBQ truck for preparing and selling meat the Health Department is going to require a temperature gauge for the meat and that was part of the permitting process.

Ms. Katherine Robertson Collins, 5618 Flamingo Dr., 77033, (713)733-3356 appeared and stated the reason she is here is because of heavy trash, she lives in the South part area and normally the third Thursday of every month they have heavy trash pickup, her neighbor had cut a tree as a good gesture to her and the reason he did it was because she help keep his yard clean and there is a vacant lot next to her and people was dumping trash and she keeps that clean, heavy trash came though and there was the Hispanic guys and they were cutting it and she told her that she could not pick it up and she asked the lady why, because she was cleaning the lot next door that were dumping and doing different things and she started not to pick that up and she told the lady that she did not know that he was going to do that because it was a good gesture by her for keeping her yard clean, she was told that she could not pick it up and she asked the lady who can she contact and the lady told her that she was the boss for this truck so after that she called 311 and she asked and they told her that there is nothing can do about it because that lady runs the truck and she also called her Council Member Office but because of the holidays no one answered and the only thing that she wants because she loves South Park because she grew up there and all she wants is the trash to be picked up from her house and that is all she asked, there had been several occasions when that particular crew did not even come through because she almost always at home every Thursdays, she even had to call once or twice for them to send someone back, the lady even told her when tree cutters come though they have to take care of it and she had to tell the lady they were not tree cutters and she has no way of hauling it off and she is requesting for some help. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated for Ms. Collins to speak with Harry Hayes the Director of Solid Waste Management and he will address her concerns.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended to add Mr. Howard Boutte to list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0019 ADOPTED**

Mr. August Murray Jr., 8931 Barton St., 77075, (713)825-2668 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Laster absent.

Ms. Kerry Whitehead, 207 Jessamine St., 77009, (713)703-0002 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that Mayor Turner and some of City Council has have suggested that the City has no ability to take action in the White Oak Music Hall matter as long as White Oak is following the rules and regulations of the City of Houston, she has three points she would like to make in three minutes, they have a 380 agreement that they can act, White Oak had not met the terms of the agreement, what they said they were going to build and what they did are 2 different things, the City of Houston became a partner in this project in when they signed a 380 Economic Development Agreement, Houston Tax Payers including the hundreds of Houston families that are outraged by the noise and the Music Hall is helping to ruin their families lives, she is paying for her own misery, they are back there week after week, the City is not taking ownership of this, the City introduced this, they entered into the 380 and you as the City are using her money and her neighbors money to kick them out of their own

neighborhood out of their own homes and they are sick of this, on December 16, 2015 the Houston City Council approved this deal for the development and a review of the vote showed on the same day it was introduced and without comment; the terms of the 380 had not been met on White Oak and what is even more disturbing is that the City has not held them accountable, the White Oak Developers are supposed to identify private funding sources for the 9.3 million dollars and they are told by the Mayor's Office that they are not in possession of this information, White Oak had tarnished its commitment to the City and it is upsetting because the deal gives the appearances that they are not on the up and up, Article 4 in the hand out that she passed out the 380 Agreement details the developers agreement, White Oak is in violation in Sections A, C, D, E, F, G and H of Article 4; in other words they have not gotten what was promised and to the last point the 380 Agreement discusses an outdoor theater, not a 5 acre concert or arena with amplified music that plays directly into the homes of people that surround the area, the City of Houston had been misled, what is happening is not what the City agree too. Council Member Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Whitehead.

Mayor Turner stated this 380 Agreement was issued and approved in December of 2015, prior to his arrival here on Council and that David Fieldman is representing the Citizen in this lawsuit and he is the person for them to speak to about the Agreement; that he was not aware of the violation from the Agreement and that they would take a look at all of that, the White Oak project was started in 2014 and this 380 was issued in December of 2015 and they are out there and they are asking them to obey by the rules and regulations, they are dealing with a situation where there are two neighbors and they are trying to get the people to co-exist because he does not have the power to make one neighbor leave and the concerns that they are hearing about White Oak are the concerns that they have heard for several months and if they get so many number of violation and citations and the convictions are made by the Municipal Courts then the law is clear that they can act on it.

Members of Council and Mayor Turner discussed at length the White Oak Music Hall and the 380 agreement.

Mr. Jeff Trevino, 315 Embry St., 77009, (713)829-2140 appeared and stated that he does not know what to say after that, he is a neighbor of Kerry Whitehead, he has been up here before, his neighborhood would like to formally request an hour of his time in privacy to go over their concerns and their point of view, they have 3 minutes to speak and it seems to be unfair and not balanced, the developers that he referred to as their neighbors which they are sitting right in front, have had multiple meetings with him and that he has some e-mails here that they got through Open Records Request, they have an e-mail to one of the developers to Council Member Cisneros stating "that something had come up in terms of their deal with the Mayor to keep shows going at the White Oak Lawn, I would love to touch base with you at your earliest convince"; he takes issue with the term neighbor because they are not their neighbors, the three developers that are sitting behind him they do not live in their neighborhood, they are not even in their District, they are coming into their neighborhood and strip mining it and gutting their neighborhood, they are disturbing their neighborhood from peace and quiet at night, he feels really betrayed by their Council Member because when they send their Council Member e-mails who is forwarding their e-mails to the developers and he knows that she is new but did anybody tell her that really not a good idea. Council Members Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he would not have a meeting in private, he has the opportunity in public to voice the concerns and if he make the statement about him have had multiple meeting

with the developers in private, he is going to call Mr. Trevino out on it because that is not true because he had not met with the developer and again that is of concern, if they have a position, they need to state their position but do not make false statements in order to advance his statement it is not necessary; with regard to the e-mail the Mayor asked what does that mean, he very seldom responds to any e-mails and if he is trying to suggest that is an e-mail between that person and him, it is very important if he believes that the White Oak business out there is not a good neighbor then he needs to say that and say that for reasons a, b, and c, whoever is advising him, he needs to go back to that person and tell them that is not helping this position at all and he wanted to tell him that it was very important that he stay with the subject and when he is making personally statement of that kind, he is not helping his position.

Mr. Bissong Bissong, 8002 Bellaire Blvd., 77036, (281)235-3448 appeared and stated that he is here today to tell this Council that last year 2016 was a very bad year for the taxi industry particularly the taxi drivers and this is result of regulations that was brought upon them by Finance Administration, he has two issue to speak about, one, was the wheelchair accessible law that is going to be enforced coming January 12th, Finance Administration came up with this clause, requiring small cab companies is to make wheelchair capable, the small company are going to have to sign contracts with providers that are already in the system and that is going to cause economic hardship to the already economic problems that small companies are already facing and he thinks such laws are coming to place, the small companies should be protected, this is going to create a big problem and they are trying to reach the Finance Administration about this, they give deaf ears to it, so coming to the Mayor to help the small companies, they are dying because for them to comply with this Ordinance, he does not see how this helps the wheelchair community and when they put this on small companies that they should be out of business and not only putting them out of business and they are discouraging small businesses to survive in this City and they want the Mayor to put a stop to this order; the other issue he wanted to speak on is the issue that is going on at George Bush Airport, they received a message that they are going to close down the staging area for the taxi drivers and they did not tell them where they are going to relocate them this is very serious because most of the drivers depend on the Airport Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated he had response before he let the Council Members speak, that he is speaking about an Ordinance about the changes to Chapter 26 that is mandating the accessibility requirements for certain vehicles for hire and that Ordinance was passed in October of 2015, this Ordinance was passed before he even got here and in that Ordinance companies maybe purchased a WAV, a waiver or a contract with a 3rd party of a WAV provider, there are options that they have, now the City had mailed notices regarding the Ordinance and the deadlines, they starting putting notices in December of 2015 and again in December of 2016 providing notices to the cab drivers that these changes are going to start coming into effect; with respect to the line issue, when they spoke to all the cab companies and the drivers about the app that was coming in place and because of the new app there is no need to do staging at the Airport because they all will get a ping when they can go back to the Airport so they do not lose their turn, it is virtual staging now because they are on the app and the drivers will be able to make more money because of the app.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Bissong.

Mr. J.W. Maseh, P.O. Box 742713, 77274, (713)545-4777 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that their purpose of being here today was to express their displeasure with ARA Director Tina Paez who had made it her responsibility to make sure small cab companies and limousine owners miserable since the cab industry monopoly was broken

down in 1998, by making constantly recommending repressive rules to City Council so they can be out of business, for example immediate passage and quickly implementation with failure to comply that may result in their permits, medallions being revoked and as an example is recently passed wheelchair Ordinance which will be implemented on Tuesday 12, 2017 but what the Director failed to mention to them is that the big cab companies she wants them to pair with have gotten extra permits and millions of dollar contracts from Metro for those very same people, they are tired of being threatened constantly and asking the City to suspend the implementation of this unjust wheelchair Ordinance and its clear intent was to prevent their participation in the Super Bowl activities and to restore the monopoly they fought so hard to break down; because of ARA use of the government power to write and recommend repressive rules against taxicab companies and limousine owners, they are prepared to protect their interests, families and thousands of people who depend on them for their survival and therefore they stand ready to provide any relevant information they may need from them. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Robinson and Christie absent.

Mr. Masseh was questioned by Members of Council.

Mr. Howard Boutte, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated that he really sat back and listened to the Council Members responses that were for or against of the proposal that was brought forth concerning the wheelchair accessible vehicles, he does not represent the cab industry but he represent limousine services, he been licensed with the City of Houston since 1995, he is an only single car owner, he does not advertise that he provides limo service and his business cards state that he provides a specialized limo car service, 22 years he had never, never ever been called for wheelchair assistance, he is not against it, he is willing to pay to have a contract with the company but what he is against is Regulatory Affairs telling him once this vehicle is renewed, he has to put a wheelchair accessible vehicle or he cannot put any vehicle on at all, so Mayor he is getting put out of business and other small companies that provide special services, he heard the Mayor saying \$25.00 a year but he personal spoke with Mr. Ricky that is with Lonestar and they invested into these vehicles but their price to him is \$50.00 a month, \$600.00 a year and what he is stating that he had never had a call and if he has to pay \$600.00 a year for something and he is not getting anything out of it. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Boutte and Mayor Turner stated that they would take a look at what the different cab companies are charging because some may be charging a \$25.00 year, some maybe charging \$50.00 to \$95.00 per month and they will take a look at it and he expects people to deal with people fairly and not to take advantage of the situation.

Mr. James Partsh-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, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Mr. Will Greenwood, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated that he is representing 40 Houstonians that came together to make an investment to bring World class live music to Houston, they are White Oak Music Hall, they are happy to share who their investors are, they are proud of the 8 ½ million dollar investment which were sources in checks of \$5,000, 1 million which gave a great asset to the City of Houston, the economic changes that it bring to the Northside and how it has raised its profile to Houston for live music, the Northside location was not chosen arbitrarily, in fact the City of Houston had a study commission for the Northside Management District which these area was targeted, an area to focus near the Light Rail, their 5 acres property was abandoned with vagrant camps along the Bayou, it is bounded

on 3 sides, I45, Harris County Flood Control and the North Main Corridor and they chose this area because they thought they can do a lot of good and they felt like it was good history of entertainment and music in that area and they can help bring up the profile of this neighborhood, they have never had any private meetings with the Mayor and when they opened their venue they were proud of it, they invited Council Member Cisneros, Mayor Turner and other Council Members to come walk it in a very public tour and that was the only time he saw the Mayor in regards to this, they are proud of the 380 Agreement, the agreement brought private money to the Northside which was ignored by developers in the past and in that Agreement there is a portion of what the Neighborhood ask and that was the first of its kind to put in the Neighborhood into the 380 Agreement, they are broadly supported by the neighborhood so when they say the neighborhood up here, that is what is being misrepresented, they have scores, scores of neighbors that appreciate the cultural, the safety, the more lights and the more economic opportunity that is being brought; well when they being accused of neighbors, Jeff Trevino that was up here previously was the very Broker that sold them the land, he sold them the land and then he tried to turn around and broker equality into the deal and when that did not happen he turn around and brought the land across White Oak Music Hall. Council Members Davis, Travis, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Greenwood about who sold them the land and asked if they all have sat down and visited with neighbors out there that have concerns and he also stated what he indicated to the previous speakers and he is going to indicate to him, is that, you all are neighbors out there and it is important to do the best for all to co-exist out there and they are going to look at all the agreements that relates to White Oak, with people in the community and the City to make sure that everyone is in compliance and that White Oak is in compliance and it is very important that all the parties to reach an understanding.

Mr. Johnny So, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated that he is one of the Managing Members at White Oak Music Hall and he wanted to keep this short because he feels like they have exhaust the subject and topic and what he want to accomplished today is the managing of perceptions and he thinks that the attorneys that are suing them had good job at getting the media to create a certain perception on what is transpiring at White Oak Music Hall and there have only been 9 outdoor shows; secondly, everytime they have one of these outdoor shows or just in general itself, they are protrude as greedy developers, they are not greedy developers, they interact with many charities at the Music Hall but they have not publicized that and the perception that they are greedy developers is untrue and there are many neighbors in the neighborhood that activity support them, in terms of meeting with the neighbors they are doing that this afternoon because they have a court order this afternoon to sit with each and try to work this out with their attorney to try to come to a conclusion and this process is in place so the difference is that they are getting sued and when they are getting sued that changes the tone of things, that changes the level of dialogue that they have with the people that are opposing them. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Council Member Knox moved that the rules be suspended to add Mr. Wayne Dolcefeno to list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0020 ADOPTED**

Mr. Joshua Sanders, no address, no phone number, advised that he would pass on his time to speak. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Wayne Dolcefeno, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated he wanted to thanked the Mayor for correcting the record by saying that David Fieldman was not the City Attorney and did not draw up this 380 Agreement and it is sad that when people who have kids, who cannot sleep because of loud rock concerts that come to ask for the City's help, repeatedly for months that get into personal attacks about who the lawyers are or who are the people that are helping people, he agrees with the Mayor that there needs to be a resolution but the relatedly of this that these hard working people that have little kids, they should not have to go to court and spend money and have to have bake sales in the cold to raise money for their legal rights where there is a City Council and a Mayor who grants permits, building permits and which that process had been violated on a number of occasions and he will ask City Council while they are investigating this 380 what does affirmative action call for. Council Members Martin, Kubosh and Christie absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time because it was a New Year and he was entitle to three minute 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 Martin, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mr. Samuel Smith, 16803 Imperial Valley Dr. Apt. No. 86, 77060, (832)652-1876 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone number, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Kubosh 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 12:05 p.m. the Public Session had been completed and Mayor Turner requested a procedural motion to extend the meeting past noon.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to remain in session beyond the scheduled 12:00 p.m. recess to complete the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Boykins, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kubosh and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0021 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to go back to the Consent Agenda.

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS-HOUSTON** to provide up to an additional \$145,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of the project access transportation services program for homeless individuals and families seeking health care and other supportive services- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Christie absent.
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** to provide up to \$118,487.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to provide assistance for the continuing administration and operation of a Resource Center and Mobile Outreach Program- was presented and tagged by Council Members Stardig and Le. Council Member Christie absent.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS INSPIRING COMMUNITIES, INC**, to provide up to \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the administration and operation of the H.E.A.R.T. program, a job training program for developmentally disabled low and moderate income adults- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.

25. ORDINANCE changing the name of Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue – **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented,

Council Member Gallegos stated that he intends to tag this Item today and the reason why, he has serious concern on how this Administration is attempting to move forward with this request, this request indicates that there is a problem with Chapter 41 and in his opinion they are missing an opportunity to develop a processes that is clear, transparent and fair to Chapter 41; Mayor Turner on July 6th announced that he directed the Planning Department to develop a way to accommodate the renaming Dowling Street to Emancipation Street and he asked the Planning Department to lead a public engagement effort and to report back to City Council in the fall of 2016, at the Mayor's direction a report was provided by the Quality of Life Committee on August 24th in which the Planning Department supported changes to Chapter 41 due to the fact there is some problems with Chapter 41 to achieve what the Mayor request they propose 2 things and changing Dowling street is premature and a conflict with the existing process that is outlined currently in the Ordinance of Chapter 41 and the reverses to guide to this process with clear, transparent and fair guidelines, like they were assured that this would happen and he hopes that the Mayor reverses that and what they proposed will come back to City Council for consideration so then they can go ahead to rename Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue.

Mayor Turner stated that if Council Member is opposed to this Item, he can certainly vote no and it is your option to tag, there will not be any changes to Chapter 41 coming any time soon and he wanted to make it very, very clear they are not going to have an open and ended 41 so that anybody can change any street, that can be changed at anytime, this is not going to be the street changing City Council, it's not going to happen and because Council Member Gallegos is not getting what he wants, it is not going to force him to do anything and he just wanted to say this to City Council and be very clear if they are waiting for any additional changes to Chapter 41, they will be waiting for a very long time.

Council Member Boykins stated that since Emancipation is in District D and he was hoping to count on Council Member Gallegos for support on his project and in the game of Politics all they have is their word and he understands Council Member Gallegos passion but this was in District D because they have a bunch of people counting on this project, they did for Memorial Park and with Emancipation they are hoping for the same thing and tagging this is one week delay but they have individuals that took off of work come down to see this move forward but now they have to go back and regroup.

After further discussion, Item 25 was tagged by Council Member Gallegos. Council Members Cohen and Christie absent.

27. ORDINANCE amending the City's Master Classification Ordinance (City of Houston Ordinance No. 90-1292, as most recently amended by City of Houston Ordinance No. 2016-998); to add one new classification; providing a repealer; providing for severability-was presented, all voting

aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0012 ADOPTED**

- 28. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-803 (passed on August 26, 2015) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **BK SERVICE, INC** for Fuel Dispenser Repair and Automated Network Systems Maintenance Services for the Fleet Management Department - \$330,000.00 - Fleet Management Fund-was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0013 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-0687 (passed on August 8, 2012, as amended) to increase the maximum contract amount for the contract between the City of Houston and **REV RTC, INC. D/B/A HALL-MARK RTC (FORMERLY HALL MARK FIRE APPARATUS TEXAS, LLC)** for E-One Fire Truck Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department \$249,750.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0014 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$800,000.00 out of the Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund; awarding contract to **ENFORCEMENT VIDEO, LLC D/B/A WATCHGUARD VIDEO** for In-Car Video Camera Solution for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent.
- 32. ORDINANCE** approving a Change Order by the Department of Public Works & Engineering to include the installation and maintenance of a Replacement Fire Panel to the Scope of work of a contract between the City of Houston and **KOETTER FIRE PROTECTION OF HOUSTON, LLC** for Fire and Security Alarm System Maintenance, Inspections, Testing and Monitoring Services \$405,182.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0015 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 37 and 38

MISCELLANEOUS

- 37. MOTION** to set a date not less than seven days from January 4, 2017, to receive nominations for Positions A, D, G, J and At-Large Positions 2 and 5 for the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a three-year staggered term ending July 1, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0022 ADOPTED**
- 38. MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from January 4, 2017, to receive nominations for Positions One and Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for one-year terms to

expire December 31, 2017 – **Set to Wednesday January 11, 2017-** was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson to set January 11, 2017 to received nominations and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0023 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 39

39. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-0849 (passed on September 9, 2015) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **HOV SERVICES, INC** for Mail Processing Services for Utility Water Bills for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$548,662.50 - Enterprise Fund
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GALLEGOS
This was Item 19 on Agenda of December 20, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0016 ADOPTED**

The City Secretary advised that Item 30 had been received.

30. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **NORWOOD ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC** for Professional Electric, Gas and Water Regulatory and Technical Utility Consulting Services for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$699,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0017 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:58 p.m. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary