

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, Davis Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 1:44 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Cohen invited Kenneth Allen and members of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to the podium and stated the Memorial Park Golf Course, managed by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, has played a vital role in Houston's recreation scene since 1936 when its 1934 design by John Bredemus, considered the Father of Texas Golf, was built by the Workers Progress Administration. It is widely known as one of the best municipal golf courses in America and the golf course has been played to great acclaim by such national and international stars as Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Johnny Weismuller, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Arnold Palmer, Byron Nelson, Jack Nicklaus and many others; Memorial Park Golf Course has brought prestige to Houston by hosting several nationally recognized tournaments, including the Houston Open and the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's championships and in 1995, Memorial Park Golf Course was reopened after a multi-million dollar renovation carried out under the management of Nancy Reynolds with Houston Parks Board and with the help of professional golfer Dave Marr, Jr., and Houston architect Jay Riviere and on January 24, 2017, Memorial Park Golf Course will be recognized for their most recent recognition as an inductee into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame. The City of Houston commends and congratulates the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and all those involved in establishing the Memorial Park Golf Course and extends best wishes on continued success and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed January 24, 2017, as Memorial Park Golf Course Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Robinson, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Le stated Marie Lee is a longtime community activist with an equally long history of public service; she began her public service career in 1953 as a civilian employee in support of the United States Army material supply effort. Her service efforts improved speed and efficiency of the Army Supply System during the Korean War and During the Vietnam War, she continued her efforts to improve logistic command procedures in shipping requisitioned war material that the Department of Defense still uses today, in 1972, after many years of ensuring that the military men and women received their equipment, parts and materials, Marie Lee transitioned to the Department of Veteran's Benefits, now Veteran's Administration (VA), in the Houston Regional office and during her tenure as an administrative supervisor, she supervised and improved inner-agency communication systems, facilities maintenance programs, dependent services and rehabilitative support services. While at the VA, her efforts resulted in many commendations and awards for outstanding and superior performance and after retiring in 1990, Marie Lee continued to involve herself in many community business and social service activities ranging from organizing toy drives, planting trees, serving in civic organizations and on community development projects in Alief, as the president of Alief Community Association, she continues to work tirelessly to serve the community by organizing the Annual Alief International parade, Annual Honor a Hero Veterans Luncheon, Texas Lunar New Year Festival and holding

a quarterly networking breakfast to encourage and stimulate business development in Alief. In 2008, she started and continues to head the effort to maintain the Alief Cemetery on Bellaire and secured its recognition as a Texas Historic Cemetery and on January 17, 2017, Marie Lee will be recognized for her many years of service to Houston and the Alief community. The City of Houston commends Marie Lee for her contributions to the Alief community and beyond as her tireless dedication and selfless acts are greatly appreciated by many and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed January 17, 2017, as Marie Lee Houston Texas. Council Member Davis, Cisneros, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he went to an event on Sunday out in Northwest Houston and there are several events that are coming on Saturday.

At 1:59 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Laster stated he was offering the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance in place of Council Member Christie who was representing the City of Houston at the funeral of Astronaut Gene Cerman.

At 2:01 p.m. the roll was called. Council Members Martin, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes for 1/10-1/11, 2017 and 1/18, 2017 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 2:02 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Cynthia Neely, 403 Hollow Dr., 77024, (713)562-1483 appeared and stated that she lives in the Memorial City area and she is on the Board of Directors of Residents Against Flooding, first of all she wanted to thank them for getting the loan to help Meyerland and Harris County Flood Control District and that was wonderful but if they and their children had experience the nightmare of swimming through sewage water trying to escape a house that should not flood then they know that this work cannot be done fast enough, many more storms will hit before 2021 but 55% of the people that have flooded, 65% in Harris County are not in a flood map plain and they know that this Administration is not to blame for the Houston flooding issue, that they inherited this situation and others before them had failed and failed to maintain the drainage and failed to build detentions but until they take their crisis head on, they would go down in history as the officials who let this City drown, please call an emergency joint meeting with the Harris County Commissioners, the City Council Members and strategize what more can be done in the fastest way as possible for immediate relief, have a think tank with the Council and Commissioners all in one room; next, meet with Homeowner Flood Advocacy groups do not just send Steven Costello to make a speech, they all heard him multiple times, actually sit down with these groups and hear what they have to say, none of the Council Members had flooded 3 or more times, have they? Council Members Davis and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Neely at length and Mayor Turner stated it was the City, the County and the Harris County Flood Control and that was a collaborative efforts with all of the units that are working on flooding, just today was the announcement that the City subject to Council approval tomorrow to take the initiative and borrow \$ 43 million dollars on a project and he does know that they are working with the TIRZs and they are doing some flooding initiatives and they can always work to do more and they can work on getting the information out but he

knows there is not a person here that is around this horseshoe that does not feel the frustration of Houstonians and others in the region.

Mr. Steven Sacks, 4943 Braesheather, 77096, (713)557-1053 appeared and stated that 4 months ago he stood here in front of them in the importance of passing a Flood Mitigation Grant Contract between the City of Houston and the Texas Water Development Board for elevating 42 homes that are included in the 2015 FMA Grant and they did that on the next day, unfortunately he was back because there had been little or no movement of this project until the flooding last week, their children need this and they need this and there is some of them that are still not able to repair due to the fact were significantly damaged and they cannot obtain permits to repair until they are elevated; water should not be coming into their neighborhood from the Bayou before it overflows; right now many of them paying rent, mortgages, insurance, property taxes and utilities and this is for their flooded homes and for a place they need to live and not for vacation homes, any FEMA assistance had run out many months ago and they are left using their lifesavings or finding other means to come up with the money to have a roof over their heads and food on their table, the approval of documents to move the Grant forward from the Texas Water Development Board was sent on December 27 to the City and just yesterday almost a month later the City of Houston and the folks that were working on the Grant had no idea it was sent and to them a month may not seem a long time but for him it is another month double rent and mortgages, utilities and other expenses that they cannot afford, there is little communications to time lines between the City and the State from where things should be expected and thus no real accountability and lack involvement between the Mayor and the Council Members who are supposed to represent them and make people accountable, the original timeline for the Grant was presented to them by Mark Lathan that the homes would start lifting in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2016 and meanwhile, no one had said any timelines again and they have no idea when they expect anything, they need to take this seriously and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen and At-Large Council Members had failed them, there had been many unanswered calls to their offices, they need to remove the red tape of this process and get the request of qualifications through the procurement this week and out to contracts so they can be vetted, they need short timelines and need to elevate their homes ASAP. Council Members Davis, Martin, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to respond to Mr. Sacks, that he understands his frustration but the Texas Water Development Board just approved the contract this morning and now the second step is to award the contracts for the homes to be raised but the Texas Water Development Board had just approved of it this morning and he would appoint a point person to keep all informed and if that does not happen to call him.

Ms. Eva Loeb, 5001 Holly St., Bellaire, TX, 77401, (713)664-8011 appeared and stated that this is somewhat redundant, Mayor Turner and City Council the flooded residents of Meyerland deserve answers to where is the money and everytime it rains the residents become scared and just waiting to see if their homes would flood once again, can they imagine living like this, her children and grandchildren would like to return to their home and for the past 20 months they have been renting a home and still paying their mortgage each month too and they are struggling to continue to do this and they are included in the 42 homes that are eligible for the Grant for them to get their home elevated, renovating and get into their home and she been calling Choice Morrow every few weeks to get an update on the Grant on December 15<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Morrow told her that the State Water Development Board had to approve the Contract and that should only take a few days and as soon as that happens the bidding process would begin and after the Contractors were approved the 42 families would be invited to meet with the Contractors and decide which company would elevate the homes and yesterday she heard the

Water Board actually approved the Contract on December 27<sup>th</sup> but the City of Houston never received those Contracts, she was shocked since the Contracts should have been approved in only a few days why didn't someone from the City call the State shortly after December 15<sup>th</sup> to inquire about these documents, why didn't the conference call on whereabouts of the Contracts only occurred this week and she is certain the them or a member of their family had been one of these 42 homes, them or someone down here at City Hall would have been calling the State everyday to inquire about these Contracts and now when are the RFQs going to be distributed and finally get a straight answer please, 20 months and no action is just not right, their money is just going down the drain and no one seems to care, Meyerland can be beautiful and livable once again but not until these 42 homes are raised and the entire Braes Bayou flooding situation is corrected, she is pleading with them to act now, she wants them to envision 3 to 4 feet of water in their or their childrens home. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Loeb that they will expedite the Contract and the process and it is true that the money is there but the Texas Water Development Board to get here, it's not the City's money, they had to apply for it to get it, they do have the approval process and with the approval of City Council tomorrow, the City is borrowing \$43 million dollars and that is not necessary of the City responsibility, that is the Feds and that is Harris County Flood Control District and because of the urgency of this matter and because they do not want the project to be delayed any further and they do want certainty, he had asked and asked the Members of City Council to do what they obligated to do and for them to go out and borrow the money for Project Braes, they point to the City of Houston and he knows when people flood it does not matter whether it's the Feds, State, County or the City, flooding is flooding but they are excising the initiative to borrow the money to give to the Harris County Flood Control District while they wait for the Federal dollars to come down and now on the 42 homes expedite the Contracting and he can only apologize for the flooding that had been taken place in the past.

Mr. Johnnie McFarland, 2816 South Bartell Dr., 77054, (281)236-2393 appeared but did not want to speak, he wanted Ms. Denise Joshua Fleming to speak instead.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Ms. Denise Joshua Fleming to speak in place of Mr. Johnnie McFarland and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Laster, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0046 ADOPTED**

Ms. Denise Joshua Fleming, 3933 Charleston St., 77021, (832)888-1208 appeared and stated that she is the Vice-President of Lone Star Golf Association and she is here to oppose the closing of the Municipal Golf Course at Brock Park, it is her understanding on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015, Ordinance Number 2015-865 proposes the repurposing of the Brock Golf Course and the local residents are unaware of these plans, she had spoken with Super Neighborhood 48 Northeast Houston, her concern is that this entire process of repurposing of the Golf Course and the lack of transiency and the message that she brings today one of the in conclusion, the repurposing calls for kayaking, zip lining and all of that and if any of them know that the demographic of that area seriously doubt that they voted for that, however she does think it is a good thing for the neighborhoods that are going up or the neighborhoods that are building East of that, she feels in conclusion the revitalization of Brock Golf Course would provide a healthier center if it was included in the repurposing of these recreation complex, there appears to be a systematic closing of their Municipal Courses, Lone Star had been around since 1946 and they are finding it harder and harder to find courses to play on, they provide services for junior golfers, they provide them with scholarships and with the privatization of the Municipal Courses

they are feeling that they are being pushed out of this process and they feel that Brock was set up to fail and from her understanding it has been on the table back in 2009 that they closed the course and let's face it what does not make dollars does not make sense, she feels that Parks and Recreation Department have not given the right resources to up keep the course to attract the revenue that would be necessary to sustain this course and the clearly get that and she would like to ask that Brock Golf Course be included in whatever plan for this repurposing and golfing is clearly an outdoor sport like all the other outdoor sports that are being proposed for that area. Council Members Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he does appreciate the comments and he does not know where a vote was taken, he is not familiar with that and the statement "that does not make dollars does not make sense" because Brock is not looked at being repurposed for that reason because he does not believe that Parks are established and maintain to make dollars and therefore the recreation of the citizens and when he says the citizens, he means the citizens as a whole and the statement about if they look at the neighborhood and the cultural of the people in the area that they would not vote for this type of repurpose and again he does not remember a vote being taken but to say that the Hispanic and the African Americans would not like zip lining or would not like fishing or would not vote for that, he thinks that is a misstatement because he had gone to several students and several schools and asks those students and those principles, what are some of those things they can do out here in the area, if this were to happen but again this is not concrete, these are options that are out there, he had visited a zip line on the east coast, he visited Parks throughout the State to figure out what would their citizens and what would the kids benefit from, they do not have an amusement park in the area, the kids need something to do in the summer times and Golf is not the only thing and do not get him wrong he likes golf but there are 2 other course north of I10 that belongs to the City of Houston where they can play and he would like to think that they are not taking away but that they are adding something else that the children can benefit from and people in the community.

Mr. Andy Rivera, 6626 Capitol, 77011, (281)460-4692 appeared and stated that he is the President of the Pan America Golf Association of Houston, their organization had been around for over 50 years and his intent on being here today and he does apologize that he is not very familiar with all the proceedings that had transpired on the golf course or the closing on whatever is happening on Brock Park but when he found out about it some of their members asked why is this happening to them, they have a club house that is a couple of blocks of Gus Wortham and for years they were going to Gus Wortham, they were going to Glenbrook and Brock, the closing of Glenbrook for several years and now the closing of Wortham which he understands it will improve but now throwing them out of one more course, they totally oppose that and if there is any way that they can reconsider that and that is all that they ask. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Le, Laster and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Donald Burns, 1302 Donegal Way, 77047, (713)882-0307 appeared and presented information and stated that he was coming down here on regards to a paving project in Shamrock Manor that was voted on back in 85, the first time upon the completion and he asked them to look at page 2 that they would see there is 0 interest in the billing date of the paving and it was in 95 and on the same page there is a rush vote on the same leveling the liens, the same paving liens in 87 and then 5 months later they add the interest to them, what happen to the 10 to 12 years that this property was inherited, he paid \$100,000.00 in inheritance tax and the first person that knew his father was dead was the City of Houston because they issued the death certificate, here on the Legal Department page down about the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph they would see October of 1987 and there was no way that the building and what was said by the Legal

Department back in 1995 and 1996 that was not the facts and he just asking to get a fair deal here, this is 13 pieces of property and dealt with City the Houston with the Deed Restriction that had happened in his neighborhood. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Shelton Modelist, 6103 Airport, 77048, (713)733-6994 appeared and stated with the re-districting his location is now in District of D, they have come down here today to voice their complaint about an illegal alien that has taken occupancy next door to their location, on several occasions he had been personally injured, his property had been damaged because of this persons being at their place, they have called for the police several times, they choose when they want to come out and it is time that this type of behavior stops, on June the 1<sup>st</sup> they were sprayed with wasps spray in the face and his left eye is damaged as the result of this and this happened in the hands of this illegal alien, this guy was deported back in 1991, he is back in the country and he cannot continue to live and suffer injuries because of this person, HPD comes out on the day he was assaulted and they told him to go about with his business, so they are here today to find out what power or what resolution that Council or the Mayor may suggest to help him with this problem and he presented information to only the Mayor and Council Members Boykins and Kubosh. Mayor Turner, Council members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Boykins questioned Mr. Modelist and requested that he speak with the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office for further information.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor, 77022, (310)710-4181 appeared and stated in 1974 the United States Congress passed CDBG for the United States, in 1975 the City of Houston started to take part of that project, the City of Houston also elected to have Commissioners that would be the voice in the community on where that money would go, he was elected as Commissioner for Independent Heights in 1988 and served until 1998 and one of their projects during his time on the Commission was to get a storefront in Independent Heights and that storefront open in 1995, the concept of the storefront was no longer needed in Independent Heights because they have become 2<sup>nd</sup> less in crime next to River Oaks and HPD discovered that they no longer need the property, the Independent Heights storefront was the first only storefront that was brought and purchased by City of Houston and all of the others storefronts are rented out to the City, while with CDBG money, that is to improve the neighborhood and that come to the Independent Heights to improve the neighborhood, it worked as a storefront, the building is still there, the property is still there, the storefront is not needed anymore, Independent Heights does not have a multi-purpose service center, they do not have a Library, they do not have anything like Meyerland has or others have that flood, they are asking if the City would let the 501C3, the Independent Heights rent the storefront building for like a \$1 month or a \$1 a year or whatever the case maybe, they would provide the utilities, provide internet services so the community can use it as a community base building and also giving access to HPD, the Constables said that they would be interested in also using it but this would be their Multiservice Center, he does know that the City does not have the money to put in a Library for that location, they know that the City does not have the money to build a Multiservice Center, let the community operate it as a Multipurpose Center in there and the City facilities would still be able to use, he would like to thank Council Member Cisneros, she put a letter forward asking in that and supporting that project to let the community have it and to let the community use it as a service center, they have not received any CDBG money in the last 20 years in Independent Heights for any project, they go to the meetings every year and Independent Heights is nowhere on the list, can they have this building to at least serve their community. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Branch.

Ms. Natasha Johnson, 725 E.41<sup>st</sup>, 77022, (713)410-7599 appeared and stated that she can come here behind John and say a lot but she is on the same battle also for the storefront, John and herself work very hard in Independent Heights, they know what it needs because they been there, this time he said everything, she just wanted to complement and thanked Council Member Cisneros, she really had stood by them on this and everytime they have called her Office even though they had some problems before but like a lot of them say they just had to work it out and it is working really good. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Travis 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 Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Travis and Christie absent.

Ms. Patricia Mallard, 9726 Guest St., 77078, (713)631-7910 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Travis and Christie absent.

Mr. Bennie Freeman, 4530 Firnat, 7016, (713)254-1984 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Travis and Christie absent.

Mr. Stevens Orozco, 5023 Redwing Brock Trail, Katy, TX, 77449, (281)943-9500 appeared and stated that he is a Member of Truth to Power and he is in a really good mood, he is very passionate person and what he had seen over the weekend was incredible, he was actually in D.C. and he saw that massive crowd and seeing all the marches around the Country and he knows that people are only labeling it as Women's March but it was more than that and he came here to speak up and following through the other discussions when he had been here before, talking about the raise and the right wing extremism which is the domestic kind, also Christian extremism and White extremism, is everything what now in the Cabinet of Donald Trump, the name here that no one would like to speak, he is looking at them all in the eyes so they can understand that what is going on right now, a generation that out numbers them that is raising up because they do not what to talk about what they are talking about, that March was not just a March of solidarity, it was a March of anti-Trump March, he already has used his Executive Power to push through 2 pipelines that people have been fighting and he is going to continue in the immigrant undocumented community is waiting to see what he is going to do and that is why they are coming to Mayor Turner because of the Sanctuary City conversation is not going away and for what he has seen in the court developments, they might be up for reelections this year because they may flip to the 2 year terms and not the 4 year terms but guess what that majority of this generation is looking to take action on a local level because on a National level they do not want to discuss it here but it is here to stay now because people safety and sense of security have not been validated, confirmed or even demonstrated with real action and he is here to tell them that they should expect to see him more and hear him more and from what he had heard people want him to speak up because a lot of them cannot be here because they are at work, this issue is not going away. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Sandra L. Stevens, 5123 Jackson St., 77004, (713)818-6854 appeared and presented information and stated that she serves as President of the Museum Park Neighborhood Association, a community that is boarded by U.S. 59 to their North, 288 to their East, Herman Park to their South and Main Street to their West, Council Member Boykins is very familiar with

the issues that they confront with large scale and high scale development projects in their residential neighborhood, like most of Houston they are experiencing rapid redevelopment which in their case, it has impacted by the major rail transit corridor along Main, Fannin, over the past 3 years their Museum Park Neighborhood has endured the effects of construction of a 25 story residential apartment tower located at 5280 Caroline at Southmore although now almost complete the construction has proven challenging and detrimental in their neighborhood in a number of ways, the inadequate enforcement efforts to ensure adherence to the International Building Code which had been adopted in the City and requires that adjoining public property and private property shall be protected from damages during construction, remodeling and demolition work, a destruction of a palm tree, the esplanade and the streets due to the routine use of heavy construction activities, unauthorized use of the public right of way for heavy construction activities and workers parking throughout the neighborhood and traffic impacts, several of their members will be speaking about these impacts in more detail and during the 3 years of construction violations have been repeatedly reported to the City of Houston by the residents with 311 calls, reports to HPD, letter to Public Works requested enforcement of variety of ordinance, they have met with City Departments but they have found no clear channels to resolve their issue about enforcement issuing and to make sure City Codes are upheld and on behalf of their members they respectfully ask to employ all available mechanisms to hold the developers to be held accountable, this had been an ongoing issue for them in the neighborhood, they extend their thanks to Council Member Boykins for his support and they look forward to the Mayor's assistance as they seek resolution for these issues. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Stevens and Mayor Turner stated that they are going to make sure that everyone follows the rules and guidelines and to follow the guidelines of the permit and he is looking at the overview that all of them had sent and he that he would follow up with Public Works.

Ms. Barbara McGuffey, 1609 Prospect St., 77004, (713)524-2238 appeared and stated that she is a board Member of the Museum Park Neighborhood Association; that the new high rise tower at 5980 Caroline is really out of scale and it looks out of place in their neighborhood, it is between 2 Historical properties, sometimes it takes a negative outcome to motivate all of the community to come together to stop an inappropriate development from happening again, they have found with smaller projects, they have experience with the developers, the developers and their design team that they improve their neighborhood with design that complaint their neighborhood character, they had anticipated that large scale high density developers would work to that same end and be good stewards of the neighborhood but instead they have seen firsthand a developer only concern only with complying with the minimum standards that the City set up with the ordinances and codes, the developer could have chosen to be a good neighbor by volunteering to comply with ordinances but not doing so which resulted in a negative impact on the adjacent property, a 103 year old historic home that is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and had that copies that were being passed around to Members of Council, they welcome appropriate development and they respectfully ask City Council to help to revise existing ordinances including the one the Residential Buffering Ordinance and without it protection they are concerned the broader negative impact of their neighborhood adjacent to the Transit Corridor might suffer and they believe the City can do better and she is present to ask for support. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Ms. Cindy Woods, no address, no phone, appeared and presented and stated that she is a resident of Museum Park Neighborhood and along as a Member of the Board of Museum Park Neighborhood Association, the Museum Park Super Neighborhood on which the Neighborhood Association is a major Stakeholder recently completed a public process in conjunction with Houston-Galveston Council and the Houston Southeast Management District resulting in comprehensive Livable Center Study that includes goals for future development, they ask that the Planning Department to direct developers to their Livable Center Study for guidance in planning projects in Museum Park; in addition they believe new Ordinances will help them accomplish their goals for future development and they have identified the following areas to target; one, development ordinance for neighborhood character standards incorporating their recently completed your Museum Park Livable Center Study; two, redefine the minimum lot size based on height density with appropriate setbacks; three, continue the review of the replat requirements, they applaud the efforts of the Planning Department to improve this process and they hope that their neighborhood can be involved in developing more appropriate standards for their neighborhood and four, develop sidewalks and curb requirements and standards for new development and such Ordinances will guide future development in Museum Park and will give the benefit to dozens of other neighborhoods across Houston with similar issues, they believe this in keeping Mayor Turner's complete communities principles where communities consensus is a priority and they also believe in the City that one size fits all regulations are a serious threat to the City's many neighborhoods like Museum Park, they urge Council to adopt "Plan Urban Districts" with customized regulations. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Ms. Lynn Dahlberg, no address, (713)894-6370 appeared and presented information and stated that she was a Board Member of the Museum Park Neighborhood Association and the construction of the Hines project has cause significant damaged to the public realm in the 5200 to 5300 blocks of Caroline and 1200 to 1300 of Southmore, street surfaces had been severely damaged, no doubt do to the nature of the large construction trucks and waste containers too heavy for the intended purpose to their residential streets, the esplanades on Caroline were used as a construction staging area where heavy construction vehicles that drove over the curbs repeatedly and would park on the esplanades and as a result the concrete curbs are cracked and vegetation is damaged in the esplanades and on both sides of the street, a 50 year old tree that is located on the 5200 block of Caroline esplanade did not survive the damage and had to be removed and no doubt other mature trees in the esplanade had suffered long term damage as well, from early morning to late in the afternoon construction workers take up all free public parking on both sides of Southmore and down Caroline and other side streets but although they recognize that street parking is available to everyone protracted use the limited public parking by construction workers impacts visitors and residents alike additionally vigilant enforcement is required to keep street parking open for parents to pick up their children safety from the school that is across Southmore from the construction project, they respectful ask that better ordinances be adopted with applicable fines in violation that would at the minimum strengthen property protection requirements on projects with heavy construction activities, require offsite parking with a shuttle system for workers on a large scale project, they complement the Parks Department with their help in accessing the damages in the public realm and they look forward for a resolution requiring the developer to restore their public spaces. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mr. John Stevens, 5123 Jackson St., 77004, (832)799-7224 appeared presented information and stated that he is a retired Consultant Engineer and he lives in the Museum Park District and a member of the Neighborhood Association, he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council Members for their many concerns today, when a large scale high density developer decides to

build around close proximity to residential homes and schools, they need these Ordinance to add adequate protection and they request as a minimum that Council would consider requiring environmental impact studies for the projects as part of the permitting process, devise an ordinance that provides an adequate amount of lay down space for the construction staging, for both manpower, the labor parking situation, materials and heavy equipment, the construction for a 3 to 4 story townhome complex is being done well and manageable in the neighborhoods but however a significant impact in this offsite in the construction staging area needs to be sized portion to the project especially when it in close proximity of the residential single family homes, they would also like to see a stricter enforcement of safety during these projects and damage prevention when in close proximity to their homes in the area, recently a midrise developer in Museum Parker authorized a destruction of a 2 story facility without notifying the neighboring school, when the construction began the children where in the yard, the construction debris landed in that yard, the children were brought in very quickly that day and then transferred that day to another school site and School Officials are still wondering why they were not notified so there is something that is absent in that process and yesterday that happened again for a second incident at that same school on the neighboring lot that was facing the traffic corridor there came a land clearing operation just the other side and then again the school was not notified of the construction taking place and so they are seek the Mayor's help and asking that they consider significant fines for violations. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Mr. Stevens.

Ms. Kathleen O'Reilly, 1220 Southmore Blvd., 77004, (713)303-8938 appeared and presented information and stated the she is the President of Museum Park Super Neighborhood and they need the City help and collaboration to make our success possible and they appreciate the help of all of them in the Super Neighbor efforts to date and she is here today on her own behalf, they are here on appropriately scaled development in the right place and the damages that results from over scaled development in the wrong place, this uniquely Houston issue was highlighted during the recent National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference using a photo of their home, the Hines building dominates the architecturally significant low scales building around it all of which will be around for a while and they all know this is allowed due to the City Ordinance and that adjoining properties should be protected from damages during construction and the enforcement of these protections had not been enforced, the photos that Council received illustrate their concern, children playing on a construction site while their dad works on heavy equipment demonstrate the management approach on this project from the beginning, construction activities have damaged and have devalued their property and eliminated the enjoyment of their property for the past 3 years, cranes work overhead, falling objects have been common and heavy construction tools have rained down on their roof, windows, yards, outdoor dining areas and cars, sand had covered her printers and computers and the inside of their house, their yard was damaged by fire, trucks and workers foot trafficking, last week there was an acid wash falling on their yard and home, ongoing operations of these building as it stands essentially condemns their home, the light pollution from the garage and building is obtrusive, the pool deck hovers over their back yard and eliminates any privacy and these are permit conditions, measurements were not implemented by the builder to prevent damage and provide a safe environment nor did the City assist on it and as a private property owner she is left with ligations as her only recourse and she request that the City and the City Council employ all mechanisms as possible until the developer is held accountable. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. O'Reilly and Mayor Turner stated that they are certainly going to hold them responsible for making all the repairs before the permit is closed out and she is pointing out that they need to review if they are going to be neighbors and how they all can be good neighbors and they have heard that on others issues as well and he is looking at the pictures that she brought to them, he looks forward in sitting down with her and a few others to see how the best way to go forward.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana, 77002, (832)923-3425 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Salah Wilson, 810 Bluebonnet Place Circle, 77019, (281)777-4279 appeared and stated that she is speaking about a crisis nursery, Houston Texas does not have a crisis nursery and she had the pleasure at working at one in Philadelphia and in Illinois and she wanted to explain what a crisis nursery is, it provides child abuse prevention services for young children through emergency intervention and respite care, crisis counseling and supportive services to families experiencing extreme stress relating to domestic violence, parenting challenges mental health issues and other services that place children at risk, in return parents stress levels are reduced, parenting skills are increased, children are safe with the family and stability is improved while children are in a safe environment, all services that the crisis nursery provides are free and are offered 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year for the children, parent education classes are offered at various levels and families are frequently referred to community agencies based on the individuals and family needs; just recently there was in the news that a woman that killed her children and a lot of times grandparents are raising grandchildren and they experience a lot stress, the crisis nursery would be free for care givers and the outcomes can reduce child abusing, negate classes that are in Harris County, allow parents to secure employment and she just asking if anyone knows some agencies that be willing to partner with her in this endeavor because this is near and dear to her heart and she really would like to see it open up here in Houston. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen Martin, Le, Cisneros, Laster, Green, Robinson and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. YaAsantewa Tafari, 810 Bluebonnet Place Circle, 77019, (281)77-4279 appeared and stated that today she will be speaking about Martin Luther King Jr and she want to thanked them for letting her speak today; on January 16<sup>th</sup> she went to the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and when she found out that there were 2 parades going on at the same time she felt confused, how could they be celebrating a man that fought for unity and equal rights and they are here now with 2 parades and that shows division within the City and she is asking that they can celebrate Dr. King's legacy by combining both of the parades into one and another thing that concerned her was people were allowed to drive reckless in the parade and she is hoped next year people would not be allowed to do negative things that do not represent Dr. King legacy, lastly ask Mayor Turner did he go to both of the parades. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Tafari that he did not go to both of the parades and that he agrees with her 100% on having 2 parades in the City on the same day at the same time, it does not send the right message and it certainly not consistent with Dr. King's message unity and it is his hope to find a way to just have one and they all can join in together in one parade and they will continue to do what they can to encourage the Organizers of the Parades to come together and maybe sometimes through the mouths of our children that the children can speak wisdom to people that are much older.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Tafari at length.

Ms. Sheila Simeon, 5610 Royal Palms, 77021, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson and Christie absent.

Mr. Bikombi Gite, 5502 Hironde St., 77033, (832)577-2580 appeared and stated that he is against the relocation of the Sunnyside Multi-Service Center to the old landfill, he is for rebuilding at its current location which can be done in phases, he sent out 2 videos to each of the Council Members that details the reason why they should not move it, they can also find it on youtube that says "saying no to moving Sunnyside Multi-Service Center", they also have over 500 signature of people that oppose the move and since the last time addressing City Council, Council Member Boykins has been spreading many alternative facts, he called a last minute meeting on December the 19<sup>th</sup> but they are still able to get over 100 people to attend and those 100 people were against the move however Mr. Boykins would only speak to a small group that he would create that was called the Friends of Sunnyside, the attendees offered to nominate the individuals for the group but Mr. Boykins refused, Mr. Boykins stating that it would take 3 years to build the facility and leaving their Seniors with no place to go and that was another alternative fact Sterling High School, Compass Stadium and the Marriott Downtown took less time and they are larger facilities, he had also stated that he secured the money 2 years ago but have been threatening to send it back if they oppose the move and he is on video threatening Legal action against those that oppose this is a blighted act intimidation and what has he done to justified the move, have they looked at the demographics, the current location is highly populated and the other spot is not, have they looked a foot traffic and accessibility, they current location is a business district of Sunnyside, the proposed site is tucked away in a neighborhood, the current location is surround by businesses the proposed location is not, have they looked at additional cost to the move and per the phase 2 study it says the revenue cap was compromised and needed to be addressed and it also said that methane gas was detected so much so that they had suspend testing and also on the map in the study it does not show any testing done on the park, it only shows it on the landfill and that is a problem and so in closing does the City desperately want to move the center, why not build it in the current location so it can be the economic driver in Sunnyside that it just not for the Seniors but for the entire community. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he will be coming out with their Council Member and any other Council Members to Sunnyside in February to have a conversation in reference to the Multi-Service Center to talk about what the condition is at its current location and to talk about the proposed location and like he said before they will not build on land that had been contaminated and before they come out to the meeting, the land, the proposed site is going to be tested, they are reaching out to people like TSU and others to be part of the testing process and again they will come out and have a conversation with people to go over what is the current location and how much it is going to cost to build at the current site and there is close to \$25 million set aside for a new Multipurpose Center and the cost, lets say they build at the current site, the tear down, the demolitions and all of that would come out of the \$25 million but they will walk through all of that, nothing is in concrete.

Ms. Glenola Hines, 4463 North MacGregor Way, Apt. No.120, 77004, (713)384-1903 appeared and stated that she lives in Beall Village Senior Living Apartments, on Friday about 3 o'clock, she met one of her neighbors that she had never seen before and there was a bunch of confusion but the bottom line is that she is bipolar, she was having paranoia and hallucination

and this woman needs to be monitored, her medication needs to be monitored, she does not have any kind of help, she does not even have a telephone, the living condition is horrible, she needs to be somewhere where she can be monitored because she is in crisis situation, she had spoken to the manager and she was kinda of shocked and she had gone above the managers head to speak with her superior who Cheryl Cotton and then above her head, she had spoken to all these people are with the Texas Interfaith Management and they are aware of this ladies living condition and it not healthy and that is why she is here today because she would like someone to help her. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Hines.

Ms. Deborah Allen, P.O. Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie 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, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Lorenzo Butler Jr., 3906 Daphne St., 77021, (832)880-3733 0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Joe Tristan, 11223 Sagewind Dr., 77089, (713)249-2662 appeared and stated he drove over to City Hall last Wednesday to speak about the Brock Park project that is in planning and mid-planning, he thinks that they can have both items because there is plenty room and if they know about Tom Bass Park, they have a golf course, walking trails, fishing lake, dog park, camping section and playground section for the kids and he believes that this can be done at Brock Park, there is plenty of room to have both entities without sacrificing another and yes he is a golfer, he played 30 rounds at Brock Park Golf Course and is not saying not to build a park, he is just saying there is plenty of room for both. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Alvin Roy, 3606 Cleburne St., 77004, (713)408-6506 appeared with his son and stated that he and his son had a presentation to Mayor Turner and requested the Mayor to come forward and receive it; that little over a year ago he was in Austin Texas and presented him and his son with an Outstanding Texas award and he hope he remembers him say that the next time that they would see them that he would be the Mayor of Houston Texas and they have a way of saying thank you in more than just words and they deeply appreciate what he did for them in Austin Texas, they wanted to present him with this gift that was designed by him and executed by Ezra and it is a small token for the Super Bowl, the tassel represents his graduation from the State Legislature to the Mayor of the City of Houston, they hope that this would do something to lighten his day and that his day is burdened everyday and hopefully he looks at this ball and say "hey I had a good day that day". Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner thanked him for the gift.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo. Rd., 77033, (713)987-3854 appeared and stated that the situation with Metro and that she was assigned to a special agent by the President, she is trying to apply for a job which the Police and they are doing a great job, they are processing the forgery that Metro Police are doing and stating that she is working for them and that is not true, there is a situation with gayness and she is not in that life style and tomorrow she is scheduled to speak at the Metro Board Meeting and she is requesting some legal representation here from the City. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Kubosh, Edwards 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 4:09 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

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 25, 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 Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Items 2 & 3 prior to the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

**MOTION 2017-0047 ADOPTED**

- 2. CONFIRMATION** of the reappointment of **DEAN E. CORGEY** to Position One on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two year term- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0048 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Mr. Dean E. Corgey to the podium, Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked him for his wiliness to serve.

- 3. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **ZAFAR "ZAF" TAHIR** to Position Three to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**, for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2017- was presented, moved by Council member Laster and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council members Stardig, Boykins and Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0049 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Mr. Zafar "Zaf" Tahir to the podium and he expressed his appreciation for the appointment and introduced to Council, Representatives, Friends and Relatives in support of his appointment.

At 9:42 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Public Hearing.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances to extend provisions of the Civility Ordinance to the **GREATER SOUTH POST OAK/WEST BELLFORT AREA - DISTRICT K - GREEN** was presented, the City Secretary advised that Captain Kristine Anthony would make remarks concerning the Public Hearing.

Captain Anthony presented a Power Point Presentation, copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to make this very clear, this is only for the point of discussion and conversation only and it has to tie in with the overall mission that he will outline in February and again this is only for discussion; this Ordinance will be carefully looked at and he had not looked through it in detail, he does not want anyone to assume that this is what is going to be implemented at all and in terms of how they address homelessness, the people under the bridges, the underpasses, that is part of his overall plan and mission which they had been spending a lot of time on and it will be presented in the first part of February and any Ordinance that they put forth would have to be consent with the plan and if is in consent with the plan, he will not advise it, he wanted to put that out there a head of time.

Members of Council discussion and questioned Item 1 and Captain Anthony.

At 10:18 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call for the Public Speakers on Item 1.

Mr. Steven Paletz, 9107 Cliffwood, 77096, (832)951-0799 appeared and stated that he was the Vice President and past President of the Willow Meadow Civic Club and one of the Coordinators of the Greater South Post Oak West Belfort Coalition and he is addressing them on the creation of a civility District covering the South Post, West Belfort area; the success of this petition which regarded signatures from land owners close to the 115 million square foot District that they hope to be created was a tremendous undertaking, they had over 30 volunteers and many of them that are standing here today that they were going door to door and from business to business to be sure that they had the requirements of the petition, their success came from working together toward a common goal, reducing the aggressive panhandling, loitering and drug use that have plagued their community for many years, they are appreciative of Council Member Green and his staff for the support of this effort, this Ordinance was presented to them at a community meeting organized by Council Member Green as the best way of banging on their car windows, cursing and spitting at them when they are insisted in offering help to these people aggressively panhandling on their street, as they learned overtime from reports including Captain Anthony report today these individuals come to collect money on the corner and sometime do drugs and then return to their homes by the end of the day, only to return the next morning and again aggressively panhandling again, it is his hope this Civility District is created as so many petitions were collected and so many worked hard to collect them, it would send a strong message when they work together as a community, goals can be accomplished but they as a community cannot accept the aggressive panhandling that greets them as their families leave to work, take their kids to school and return home at the end of the day, people that used to safe for walking and jogging to their homes to the grocery stores had expressed to him that they do not feel

safe walking or jogging and they understand that this Ordinance will not solve all overnight but it is the first step in getting the enforcement process and raising awareness of this challenge, they look forward in Council to Council adopting the Civility District Ordinance in time. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Paletz.

Ms. Becky Edmondson, 10934 Cedarhurst, 77096, (713)443-3951 appeared and stated that she is the President of the Westbury Civic Club and Co-President of Westbury Super Neighborhood and she has a couple of things to say before she starts on the Public Hearing, she has to thank Mayor Turner and Council for their local Drainage Project in Westbury and their commitment in finding solutions for the flooding for those of them that are on Brays Bayou, Westbury needs about \$100 million dollars in CIP Projects to fix their drainage issues but they do not have that kind of money to give them, so Mayor Turner came up with the idea of local drainage; the petition that they made on the Civility Ordinance they cannot solve this problem its bigger than their \$100 million dollar drainage problem but what they are looking for and been working for on these over 2 years and looking back in their newsletters and they been looking for solutions as the problems have gotten worse, District K in the large degree is a very residential neighborhood, they do not have a lot of economic development in their neighbors, they do not have businesses that are coming in and restaurants that are coming in and anything that negatively impacts their corridors, really affects the heart of their neighborhoods and to her this is a quality of life issue and thankful for this Public Hearing and they really hope that their grass roots efforts, they have been working hard on these problems, they are echoing Mayor Turner's sentiment, the Greater South Post Oak West Bellfort Coalition presented a one page document, a PSA, that they have put in their newsletter more than once, they are really working on a campaign to stop the aggressive panhandling because if they do not make \$60.00 an hour, they are going to move on, they are not just saying that they need this done, they are working on a must broader solution and this is just one more tool, they work closely with HPD, people are angry, people are going to the bathroom more on the sidewalks behind their businesses. Council Member Boykins absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Edmondson.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone else that was present that would like to speak on Item 1 and seeing none, he requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances to extend provisions of the Civility Ordinance to the **GREATER SOUTH POST OAK/WEST BELLFORT AREA** and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0050 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis for a point of personal privilege and Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to recognize a few guests that they have in the audience and request them to stand up, they are from the United States Department of Justice and he thanked them for visiting the City of Houston.

At 10:34 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that they will move to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner invited Steve Costello to the podium and as they know they had a press conference with Harris County and specifically with Judge Emmett and announcing the City of Houston plan to

expedite Project Brays which the completion is 2021 but a lot of uncertainty, the people that were on Project Braes, White Oak and Hunting which is the total cost of 130 million dollars and Project Brays is the only one that was approved for Federal funding and the engineering work is completed and the total cost to complete Project Brays is \$43 million dollars and he requested Mr. Costello Austin to go to the Texas Water and Development Board about securing advance funding from them and that was the green light on that end and Item 15 is for Council approval to borrow the money from the Texas Water Development Board for the \$43 million dollar and in return they give it to the Harris County Flood Control District so they can proceed with those projects, so when the Federal dollars come in on this project that had been approved then they would pay the City of Houston back, it provides certainty of the concerns that they are not moving fast enough and people do not want to hear the verbiage, they want to see something happening, this is an unprecedented step because when it comes to the Bayous and dealing and works in the Bayous that is the responsibility of the Harris County Flood Control District, the Cor of Engineers and the Feds and he wanted to be very clear on that because the City gets beat up on that all the time but it they are living in the City and he is asking for the City to do something that is unprecedented and he wanted that to be very clear, the City is doing something that is unrepresented and the City is assuming the total responsibility on this loan and if it is not paid back it will be on the City but they are borrowing the money to advance it to the Harris County Flood Control District so the work can start now and we will get paid back when the Feds give the money to the Harris County Flood Control District; with regards to the Flooding Project as it relates to project Brays that is all they can do and they also took initiatives to do those storm water action projects to try to move and clear out the drainage in those projects right now to help and he is not a big fan on borrowing money but to expedite the process to get Project Brays and to get it completed to remove hundreds of homes out of the flood plain that is what they are trying to do and he wanted to give kudos to Mr. Costello in spending a lot of time on focusing on these issue and he been working on tirelessly and he wanted to thanked him for utilizing his expertise, his relationships with others to bring them to this point and he wanted to thank him for it.

Mr. Steve Costello stated that he wanted to give Council Members the background on how this developed because he was playing attorney when he went to Flood Control and asked them for City help and he knew what the answer was going to be and he knew what the answer was going to be and they said yes because if the City can help them with additional funding on some of their projects that would be great and then he went to the Mayor and he knew what the answer from the Mayor was going to be and he asked the Mayor if he wanted to participate in something like this which Mayor Turner stated "yes" and Mr. Costello explained the step by step of the project of the Bayous and borrowing the money for funding the projects.

Member of Council questioned Mayor Turner and Mr. Costello.

Mayor Turner stated that the Super Bowl was coming and the City of Houston is ready and he wanted to thank in advance in Law Enforcement in all different levels and to ensure people that been working together for the last 2 years, they will see a lot of Law Enforcement out but there will be a lot that they are going to see, this is going to be an exciting time and he wanted to encourage all Houstonians and visitors to get out and see the City as a whole and they are looking forward in welcoming New England and all the fans from the Patriots and Atlanta and all the fans from the Falcons to the City of Houston.

Mayor Turner recognized Jerry Adams, the new Procurement Office.

Council Member Knox moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 15 out of order and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **MOTION 2017-0051 ADOPTED**

- 15. RESOLUTION** authorizing submission of a loan application to the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM)**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0001 ADOPTED**

At 11:17 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 7 through 31**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 7 through 9

- 7. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$7,467,134.47 and acceptance of work on contract with **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for East Water Purification Plant: Replacement of Filter Media at Plants 1, 2 and 3 and Rehabilitation of Pilot Plant - 4.99% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Green and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0052 ADOPTED**
- 9. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$8,754,114.09 and acceptance of work on contract with **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Rehabilitation of Distribution Pumps, Motors, Valves, Piping and Pump Station Buildings at Various Facilities - Package A - 1.65% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN and F – LE**- was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Green and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0053 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 11 and 14

- 11. METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC** for Spartan Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options \$1,475,555.31 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0054 ADOPTED**
- 14. C.I. ACTUATION** for Removing, Disposing, Furnishing, and Installing ten (10) Electric Actuators for the Department of Public Work & Engineering - \$77,067.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye,

nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0055 ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTIONS** - NUMBER 16

**16. RESOLUTION** designating the duplex houses located at **1318 and 1320 Robin Street** in the Freedmen's Town Section of the Fourth Ward and within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0002 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 21 through 31

**21. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 6 to Parking Operations and Management Concession Agreement between the City of Houston and **NEW SOUTH PARKING - TEXAS** for the Houston Airport System; amending Ordinance 2015-995 to increase the maximum contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0043 ADOPTED**

**22. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,479,022.00 out of HAS-FAA Grants Fund and 520,978.00 out of the HAS Airports Improvement Fund and awarding construction contract to **ISI CONTRACTING, INC** for Roadway Reconstruction at Ellington Airport/Houston (Project No. 632); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies and engineering testing services relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0044 ADOPTED**

**24. MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 9.022 acres commonly known as **2701 Foote Street**, Houston, Harris County, Texas; supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the request of Pinto East End, LLC - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0045 ADOPTED**

**25. MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 0.3444 acres commonly known as **2620 South Shepherd Drive**, Houston, Harris County, Texas; supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the request of the Shops at Shepherd, Ltd. **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0046 ADOPTED**

**26. MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 12.3622 acres commonly known as **6307 Toledo Street**, Houston, Harris County, Texas; supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the request of Northwest Pipe Company

**DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0047 ADOPTED**

27. **ORDINANCE** amending Exhibit "A" of City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-53 to correct an error in identifying the number of authorized lieutenant positions in the Houston Police Department; substituting the amended exhibit as the current Police Department Classified Personnel Ordinance- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0048 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Berry Bayou Detention Basin C506-02 Addition Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to one parcel of land required for the project and situated in the Juan Sutton Survey, Abstract No. 751, in Harris County, Texas, said parcel of land being located along the southwesterly line of Shoppe Road, northeast of State Highway 3, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchase and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to the one parcel of land required for the project - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0049 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Developer Participation Contract 30 Percent Reimbursement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE** for the Martin Luther King Boulevard Extension - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0050 ADOPTED**

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

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

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Chief Development Officer for approval of payment to the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP** for premium corporate membership at the managing partner level for calendar year 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0056 ADOPTED**
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Mayor's Office for approval of Calendar Year 2017 submittals consisting of 1) a proposed scope of services, 2) a Board of Directors list, and 3) a proposed budget for: **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE, THE HOUSTON MUSEUM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, MILLER THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD, INC,** and **THEATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT, INC** in accordance with the contract for the Support, Advancement and Promotion of the Arts- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson and

tagged by Council Members Green and Martin. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent.

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,327,001.92 and acceptance of work on contract with **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Oak Park Area - 2.94% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **MOTION 2017-0057 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,594,276.21 and acceptance of work on contract with **ALSAY INCORPORATED** for Rehabilitation of Water Wells at Various Locations - 8.29% under the original contract - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN; F - LE and J – LASTER**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0058 ADOPTED**
10. **AMBU, INC** for Medical Supplies for the Houston Fire Department.- 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,002,571.55 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0059 ADOPTED**
12. **INFORMATION BUILDERS, INC** for Software License Maintenance and Support for the Houston Police Department - \$132,024.80 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0060 ADOPTED**
13. **PENCCO, INC** for Inorganic Metal Salt Coagulant (Ferric Sulfate) for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 5 Years - \$10,880,500.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0061 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to establishing fees for services relating to the provision of information in response to subpoenas- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0051 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** to provide up to \$227,530.00 in Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds for the operation of the Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance Intermediary Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0052 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating up to \$50,000.00 in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Funds; approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY** to provide up to \$50,000 in TIRZ Funds, \$223,045 in Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds and \$526,955 in Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for the administration and operation of the Rapid Rehousing

Case Management Intermediary Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0053 ADOPTED**

- 20. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas and **ROCKET MAN AVIATION, LLC**, for certain premises at Ellington Airport - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0054 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City and **HARRIS COUNTY** through Harris County Public Health for the purpose of improving mosquito control and monitoring capacity in Harris County/Houston area; providing a maximum contract amount - \$299,992.00 Grant Fund- was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0055 ADOPTED**
- 28. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,941,012.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund for construction costs for the Joint Processing Center pursuant to an agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY**, authorized by Ordinance No. 2015-0896- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0056 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RS&H, INC** for West Bellfort Paving and Drainage: S. Wilcrest to US 59 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0152) - **DISTRICT F – LE**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0057 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 32 and 33

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 32. MOTION** to set a date not less than seven days from February 1, 2017, to receive nominations for Positions 18 and 20 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the three-year term that will end January 1, 2020- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis to set February 1, 2017 to receive nominations and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent. **MOTION 2017-0062 ADOPTED**
- 33. MOTION** to set a date not less than seven days from January 25, 2017, to receive nominations for Position 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, for a three year term- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis to set February 1, 2017 to receive nominations and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting

aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0063 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 34 through 38

- 34. RECEIVE** nominations for At-Large Position 2 for the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a three-year staggered term ending July 1, 2019  
**DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-29, 1/11/17**

This was Item 21 on Agenda of January 11, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Robinson nominated Sonia Soto to the At-Large Position 2 for the Public Safety Advisory Committee and presented her resume.

Council Member Green moved to close nominations for At-Large Position 2 for the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0064 ADOPTED**

- 35. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **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  
**DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-36, 1/11/17**

This was Item 27 on Agenda of January 11, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0065 ADOPTED**

- 36. RESOLUTION** authorizing the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to submit an application for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant to fund the Houston Parks Adventure Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 6 on Agenda of January 18, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0003 ADOPTED**

- 37. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an amended and restated Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **HY FS LLC, joined by AHG-C HARDY RESIDENTIAL, LP**, to provide a Performance-Based Loan of an additional \$4,700,000.00 of Federal Community Block Grant Disaster Relief Program - Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Funds to assist with construction of a 350 unit Mixed-Income Apartment Development, including 179 affordable units, located in Houston, Texas, near 1550 Leona Street - **DISTRICT H - CISNEROS**  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS**

This was Item 10 on Agenda of January 18, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Cisneros moved to delay Item 37 for one week and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0066 ADOPTED**

**38. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS CORPORATION** for Vehicle Movement Area Transponders and Support Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$723,684.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - BOYKINS, E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS**  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

This was Item 13 on Agenda of January 18, 2017- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Kubosh absent.  
**ORDINANCE 2017-0058 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:09 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary