

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Dave Martin out of the city on city business. Council Member Jerry Davis absent due to being ill. Council Member Larry Green absent on vacation.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Knox stated that Lidya K. Osachy has been a proud Houstonian for 39 years, and a naturalized citizen of the United States since 1984, born and educated in Moscow, her families quest for religious freedom landed them in Houston where she continued her education, first at Rice University and later at the University of Houston achieving a graduate degree and today, she is the Founding Executive Director of the Holocaust Museum Houston and the CEO of the ESCAPE Family Resource Center, which educates families in crisis to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to build skills in parents and children to ensure a safe and nurturing family life and under Lidya K. Osachy's 17 years of leadership, ESCAPE has increased their number of programs, clients, program sites, community collaborations, and curricula and programs. She has also mentored and coached hundreds of emerging leaders in the Houston community and beyond, facilitated interreligious dialogues in commemoration of the Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, and launched Holocaust education in all Catholic schools of Houston-Galveston in collaboration with Archbishop Fiorenza and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and sits on several boards and has a lengthy list of achievements, Texas Non-Profit Council and the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee of the Texas Health and she is also an American Leadership Forum Fellow, a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, a certified mediator with the Dispute Resolution Center and an advanced certified Birkman International consultant, she is the proud mother of three children and two granddaughters and on March 7, 2017, Lidya K. Osachy will be recognized for her overall embodies resilience and determination which has led to her success and the City of Houston commends and congratulates Lidya K. Osachy on this momentous occasion as she is truly an inspiration, proving that our triumphs can overpower our tribulations, therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 7, 2017, as Lidya K. Osadchey Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that every March during American Red Cross Month, citizens across the United States take time to recognize and thank our everyday heroes, those who volunteer their time to reach out to people in need and the American Red Cross heroes perform many roles, such as helping victims recover from disasters, brightening the days of military families and veterans, driving the elderly and chronically ill to critical medical appointments and teaching life-saving CPR and AED classes; our community depends on the American Red Cross employees and volunteers who continue to offer their assistance and comfort to those in need, giving their time and various donations despite challenging economic times and in March 2017, the American Red Cross will celebrate American Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and thank our heroes – those who volunteer, take life-saving courses or provide financial

donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and the City of Houston commends American Red Cross employees and volunteers for their dedication to our city as their work has bettered the lives of many Houstonians during disastrous times and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 2017 as Red Cross Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Travis absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that Priscilla T. Graham is an American Documentary Photo Evangelist, Author and Speaker who specializes in Historical Photo Book of Buildings, settlements, neighborhoods and places that have been forgot in history and her passion is story telling through the lens of the camera, capturing timeless moments of life and after her military service in Texas and graduating from Texas Southern University, she attended a Juvenile Justice Conference in Austin Texas which she was inspired greatly by Congresswoman Shelia Jackson-Lee that was speaking there, she was compelled to practice more rewarding and personally satisfying servant leadership and became the Social Media Manager for Freeman's Town Preservation Coalition and took many pictures during the effort to save the brick streets and because of that she was able to release her book called the 150 Years Standing Strong, a collection of Church histories, places and people that illustrated their origin and connection with Historic Freedman's Town in the Historical 4th Ward and she will be honored for her outstanding contributions to our community and the City of Houston commends Priscilla T. Graham for her commitment for educating and inspiring the community through her book and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 7, 2017 as Priscilla T. Graham Day in Houston, Texas.

Council Member Robinson stated that Houston suffers from a very high rate of debilitating obesity and the chronic diseases it causes. Research shows that the best way to embrace a healthier lifestyle is to boost consumption of fresh vegetables, the Recipe for Success Foundation is dedicated to improving the health of Houstonians by changing the way we understand, appreciate and eat our food. The Recipe for Success Foundation created the VegOut! Challenge to encourage Houstonians to eat more vegetables, thousands of Houstonians, including the Mayor and City Council, took the VegOut! Challenge in March 2016 and throughout the month of March 2017, Houstonians are once again invited to take part in the VegOut! Challenge with Recipe for Success by eating 30 different vegetables within 30 days and the Recipe for Success Foundation strives to motivate every single Houstonian to take the VegOut! Challenge in March 2017 and the City of Houston commends the Recipe for Success Foundation for inspiring Houstonians to eat healthy every day through their VegOut! Challenge in March and their many other healthy eating initiatives and advocacy taking place throughout the city, including the Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education™ program in schools, Hope Farms™, Farmers MarKIDS and RecipeHouse and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 2017 as VegOut! with Recipe for Success Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Boykins and Knox absent.

At 2:23 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Boykins absent.

At 2:24 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Green absent. Council Member Dave Martin out of the city on city business. Council Member Jerry Davis absent due to being ill. Council Member Larry Green absent on vacation.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adoption of the minutes of the last 2 meetings and to approve the minutes of 2/28-3/1, 2017 seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion, Council Member Kubosh move that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Jane West, Mr. Michael Huffmaster and Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Gallegos absent.
MOTION 2017-0133 ADOPTED

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cisneros for a procedural motion, Council Member Cisneros moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to hear Mr. John Branch out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2017-0132 ADOPTED**

At 2:27 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock St., 77007, (832)721-9080 appeared and stated that she was present to speak on to the Chapter 33 Amendments and the Master Bicycle Plan and they been coming here with concerns on the way it was drafted and the way the Amendments to Chapter 33 had been drafted and they are largely here today in support of the Plan and in support of the changes to Chapter 33 and they had 3 major issues that they were concerned about and will speak on one of the issues and the following speakers after her will speak on the others; their biggest issue was the Public Engagement that the maps on the Plan would be regulatory and that would be like blue prints to a house and since then the maps have been amended and there are suggests where the bike lanes are going to go but would not be built without additional and substantive Public engagement, the District Council Members and the Neighborhoods, it is important that the Super Neighborhoods and Neighborhoods, the Civic Clubs and the Stakeholders get to have a say on how the Bike Plan is implemented. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. West at length.

Mr. Michael Huffmaster, 1202 Cove Creek Ln., 77042, (281)734-8172 appeared and stated that he stands to represent the Super Neighborhood Alliance and he would like to add a provision of an Ordinance for Public Engagement and they would like to see a timeline and that movement toward law to move forward and they think that is important because it puts in place a law and not policy, the finance issues with the respect to the Bike Plan are of concern, there are many issue in the future that will have to be dealt with preservations in the Plan in Chapter 33 to do so and he has a concern against a diversion of Rebuild Houston Funds into the construction of the Bike Lanes, they took the Bayou Green Way initiative in the City of Houston pass a 100 million dollar bond vote and that with another 100 million dollars and the citizen approved that and they suggest the finance for the Bike Facilities to be taken on a similar basis and not to take from the General Fund and certainly not the Drainage Fund. Mayor Turner, Council Members Travis, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Huffmaster.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated that she came while that the Super Neighborhoods is supporting the Bike Plan she was present to speak about the Public Safety issue, the current bike connector that they are building is just another line in a road connecting the bike lane to traffic and the Bike Plan as they look at it currently on the street paths that they are talking about, 90% of them like what they are currently like a bus lane and buses do alleviate congestion and it is not safe to have a bus and bike lane in the same path, this is supposed to be like high comfort and safety and that is not what she is seeing and if they look at what it would take to build the lanes she was like the previous speaker, she

was a cheerleader for Bayou Greenway but now barely a year later if they have not stopped it in 2016, they want to put it on the streets, public safety is very important and when they look at the cost on what they wanted before, they would not be able to afford it, not when they are asking the citizens to release the rev cap, she gave the reasons why this would work because the math does not add up and she is asking them to please look at it. Mayor Turner, Council Members Travis and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Bell.

Ms. Regina Garcia, 2425 University Blvd., 77005, no phone, appeared and stated that she is Chair of Bike Houston, she rides her bike everyday and she thinks that they need to come up with a way for families to go outside and enjoy this beautiful city and that is what this Bike Plan is going to do and this is a big change in culture for this city. Mayor Turner, Council Members Travis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Catherine Villarreal, 300 North Post Oak Ln., 77024, (713)942-8500 appeared and stated that she is the Director of Communications as the Non-Profit Parks Board, they are contributing member of the development funding for the Bike Plan and they review the plan several times and they hope to share with them that it will help address, the health, safety and connectivity improvements that this city needs. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Travis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Shelley Kennedy, no address, (713)822-7688 appeared and stated that she was a Board Member of Bike Houston and she wanted to speak about the bicycle article, they rated all 50 cities for best bicycling cities, New York is rated as Number 4, LA is rated as 24, Chicago is rated as Number 1 and the City of Houston is not rated at all and that means they are far off the curb. Mayor Turner, Council Member Travis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Kennedy.

Ms. Nabih Hossain, no address, (281)986-7981 appeared and stated that she was Bike Houston first intern and she did some field research on the necessary on cycling as a means of transportation and cycling was her form of transportation and the passing of Houston Bike Plan will give them more passage to get around Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Travis, Gallegos and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Miles Wilson, 2023 Huldy St., 77019, no phone, appeared and stated that yesterday his grandfather had passed away because he had a lot of health issues which that made them reevaluate their life and he personally not in the best shape and he take a lot of pride in biking and he is constantly biking towards work but it is not safe and passing this Bike Plan will be promoting a safer environment and a healthier life style. Council Members Boykins, Travis, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Ms. Heidi Saul, no address, (713)373-1780 appeared and stated that she had been a cyclist for the past 14 years and in those years she had enjoyed being advocate for cycling and cycling safety in communities, she was the riding Marshall in the MS150 for the past 9 years and she is requesting and pleading them to think of safer roads for cyclist that come from the suburbs area to the Downtown area, they love their bikes and would like to ride them more often. . Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Bill Mintz, no address, (713)392-3406 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Veon McReynolds, 2305 Wheeler Ave., 77004, (713)899-1961 appeared and stated that he has a program called Tour De Hood and maybe some of the Council Members have heard about that, they supply the bike helmets for people to get out and ride, they get novice riders out on the streets and they ride most of the street in Houston, he thinks that people need more education to actually get out on the bike and to go out and see what is on the ground, experience it and do it more than one time because there is a lot to see when you are outside bicycling. Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Evan O'Neil, 1615 Hermann Dr., Apt. No. 1330, 77004, no phone, appeared and stated that he lives in Council Member Boykins District and he is present to speak in support of the Bike Plan, feeling that rush which comes with putting on a helmet and looking death in the face, he does not feel safe or welcomed by biking in the City of Houston and he request that they pass policies to make biking safe to all Houstonians and he believes that the Bike Plan gives a path forward to make biking safer. Council Members Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Ms. Kristi Maulding, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is a Brand Manager at a student bike run shop at Rice University and she is an out of State student along with others and they really do not have a car and as a result of that biking is the way that most of them get around in Houston but currently the bike lanes make it very hard to use because they do not feel safe and she feels that this Bike Plan is important to them to help increase safety. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Jake Kushner, 3143 Fairhope St., 77025, (832)668-5209 appeared and stated that he is a Physician and he serves as the Chief of Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children Hospital and he rides his bike everyday and it had been a big part of his life and the children that he cares for do not have the opportunity like he does and many of them live in neighborhoods where they cannot easily access these green ways, parks and others and the Houston Bike plan is really important to get kids to those areas and he urges Council to support it. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Radu Tutos, 1648 Banks St., 77006, (310-993-0770 appeared and stated he is a regular Houstonians that uses his bike as transportation, he has a bike that is built like a tank to take his 3 year old to daycare and to haul a weeks worth of groceries, he rides his bike and it makes him feel healthier, it is a lot more fun than being stuck in traffic and it he feels as if the City was designed with a mandate to defeat people that walk or ride and if they do not change Houston will never attract the kind of talent it needs to be a leader in the 21st Century and he requested that they vote yes to the Bike Plan. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Ms. Rose Mikulski, 5022 Carew St., 77096, (954)914-0117 appeared and stated that she lives in District C and as a Member of Toxic Shocks and she is present to speak in support of the Houston Bike Plan, they have over 1000 members that are passionate about riding in the City, that when her groups meets to bike 10 to 12 miles at a friendly pace which all riders can ride, they cycled last year in the MS150 and their motto was we cycle way more a month compared to critical mass, they encourage Council to pass and to raise awareness for cyclist rights, to facilitate improvements of cycling facilities. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Ms. Leslie Stratta, 3901 Floyd St. Unit B, 77007, (979)204-6357 appeared and stated that as a woman with family history of heart disease and a volunteer for the American Heart Association, she is here today to enthusiastically support the vote for the Bike Plan, heart disease is the number one cause of death and largely preventable risk factors from physical inactivity and poor

diet and in the Houston area 65% of residents are overweight and 25% report no physical activity in the last month according to the Center for Disease Control. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. David Dick, 4310 Kingfisher, 77035, (281)782-8743 appeared and stated that he is native Houstonian and been rides his bicycle all around the City his entire life and one of his joys is to take people on bikes to see all the different things there is to see in this City, he was part in the 1993 Comprehensive Bike Way Planning and it was based on ICET funding, the City Council passed 360 miles of bikeways in 1993 and Houston was awarded a bicycle friendly designation by League of American Bicyclists and it was taken away because the City did not follow through the plan and the City ended up with some that were broken up, some were complete some and not complete, this new plan is so important because all of the work that has gone through it created an was interconnected and he was very pleased about all the public input that actually resulted in some changes to improve the current plan and urges everyone to vote for this. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Alejandro Perez, 8304 Melrose, 77022, no phone, appeared and stated that he lives in the Northline community and working to build up a voice in the community, trying to advocate items like this that would benefit the community by establishing a Bike Plan and in his area there are 4 schools and he can imagine if the Bike Plan were passed that it would facilitate transportation and for the children that live in the area were able to ride their bikes to school and that is one example that he would see the Bike Plan would alleviate traffic, he rides his bike to school and he also came to speak on the Bike Plan before and he really enjoys riding his bike and that is what he is advocating for to please pass the Bike Plan. Council Members Stardig, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner requested that Ms. Demtria Smith speak next.

Ms. Demetria Smith, 15155 Richmond St., 77082, (832)671-9712 appeared and stated that she did pay attention to the Mayor's press conference last week in regards to homelessness here in the City and of course they should know that caught her attention because she is an advocate for people that are facing poverty and what she would like him to consider what causes the undocumented people that are homeless that are living on top of each other in like a one bedroom and two bedroom and further more and if he would get with some apartment association, he can get with some of their property owners and she would like to be included in the conversation because she had experienced this first hand and to consider like tenant deferment housing program and what she means by that when the tenant housing when the lender will put the current balance on the back and extend the term and she thinks that something that the City of Houston in collaboration with the apartment association can kind of do because people that are facing evictions because loss of a job or other reasons and that can kind of reduce the homelessness issues when it comes to that source and she would like them to consider a policy, a lot of people legally cannot obtain rental housing right now and they know that a lot of people do not qualify for home mortgages and this is very dear to her and she would like him to do that. Council Members Stardig, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he would look into that and that Andy Teas with the Houston Apartment Association was standing right next to him at the press conference and he would see if they can tie all of them together to work together.

Ms. Rose Nolen, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is a bike rider, she riders the MS150 and many other funding raising bike rides and she is here representing Cycle Houston and she had led a lot of the projects for Cycle Houston and many people do not know

these children are working on earning for an award for a bike and they put about 10,000 kids on bikes every year and they give them 5 minute lessons on how to ride a bike along with helmets and she tries to create a safe environment for the children. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Laster and Knox absent. Council Member Christie presiding.

Mr. Bob Jones, 402 Bayou Cove Ct., 77042, (713)816-6181 appeared and presented information and stated that he is with Jones Engineering Solutions and he is long time advocate for the Rebuild Houston and he is here today to ask them to either table action on the Bike Plan or to put in some Amendments which would protect a couple of things that had been raised, one of them is to have a mediator solve the problem of neighborhoods when they have meeting with Public Works and the second is how they pay for these bike lanes and the specific thing he would talk about was the one street bike lanes, he is not opposed to the Bike Plan, he rides his bike too and he thinks putting on street bike lanes particularly on major thoroughfares is the most inefficient use of money and the Bike Plan in the hand out that he provided to Council the third page summarizes or uses the summary of the Bike Plan shows 620 miles on street bike lanes with no money and that is at a cost between \$500 to \$750 million dollars and it is planned to come out of Rebuild Houston money, that is the way it is set up and if they approve of the plan as written, they would effective be appropriating 500 to 750 million dollars out of Rebuild Houston money and they will not see it again and that would be 10% of Rebuild Houston money over the next 20 years and that is not what people voted on regardless of the lawsuit. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Jones at length.

Mr. Dexter Handy, 5213 Feagan St. Apt. C, 77007, (832)724-8753 appeared and stated he is Chair of the Citizen Transportation Coalition and they are in favor of the Bike Plan and as an organization that advocates for things that improve the quality of life overall and they believe that the Bike Plan is tool to accomplish 3 goals with greatest importance in providing access to all in all forms of transportation, designing safe and complete streets for all groups and supporting creation livable centers to complete communities and he can go on and on but he knows that they heard all so, all he is going to say is to please support the Bike Plan. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Chris Palumbo, 5102 Academy St., 77005, (713)661-2968 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John Long, 3610 Fannin St., 77004, (832)930-6919 appeared and stated that he lived in Houston for 22 years and 8 months ago he became the Director of Bike Houston about the same time the Bike Plan was delivered to the TTI Sub-Committee, the number of people riding their bikes in Houston is growing and the Bike Plan addresses the need for safe places to ride for this growing number of people, they cannot delay on dealing with this and he wanted to remind people that 3 people have died in the last 30 days and presented a letter that was sent to him for Members of Council that stated that her mother was killed on a bike to her commute to work at Rice University when she was struck by the Metro train and she was about to give birth to her first child and that child will never know her grandmother but she is still going to teach her how to ride a bike. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Mary Blitzer, 3610 Fannin St., 77004, (281)940-6139 appeared stated that she is with Bike Houston and they have been working on the Plan for the past 2 years and they have heard 1000 and seen the e-mails coming in and speaking today and it is important to note out of all the groups here that they were in favor of the Bike Plan and she wanted to highlight there is a 10 year plan for the Bike Plan that is \$150 million in cost and she wanted to end that they have a great Mayor that has thought this through these issues. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Leticia Ablaza, 3914 Leeland, 77009, (713)320-4340 appeared stated that she is present today in support of Bike Plan and she is currently the Outreach Director for Airlines Houston and when Mayor Turner was in Mexico, he was impressed on how they incorporated bike lanes into Mexico and he wanted to come back and incorporate some of the information he received in Mexico and come up with something similar for Houston and she urges the leaders to pass this and she knows and understand there are some obstacles. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Grace Salmeron, 14723 Barryknoll Ln., 77079, (713)288-1346 appeared and stated that she is a UH student Downtown and did some research and found out that the U.S. Department of Transportation actually did give Houston a grant for \$15 million dollars and it was specifically to connect parts of the City with bike trails and she wanted to explain how this Bike Plan would have major impact for cyclist and non-cyclist because Houston does have traffic and congestion problem and she knows that funding is an issue on whether if it is worth it or not, she is just a normal student and just wanted to say the benefits does outweigh the cost. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Russell Janicek, 1814 Cherryhurst St., 77006, (713)443-6012 appeared and stated that he is resident and property owner on the 1800 Cherryhurst Street and the Agenda Item which is the residential parking, it has been an ongoing issue where their street is overcrowded throughout most of the day and about 90% of the vehicles were parked were vehicles that were from restaurants, businesses and other things in the area, they support the business and had spoken to them and communicated their issues with them and unfortunately they have not found alternative way to park and that is impacting their enjoyment of the neighborhood and their property values are negatively impacted and it had been a safety issue with both sides of the street completely blocked. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Biko Gray, 2400 Business Center Dr. Apt. 637, Pearland, TX, 77584, (301)659-2337 appeared and stated that he was speaking about family getting split up because they do not have freedom papers and these papers for freedom cards are Green Cards, permanent residency, documents and the interesting thing here is that they actually had someone split up because he did not have papers and his name was Jose Escobar. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Hale Lundgren, 12422 Pinerock, 77024, (832)651-4041 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen,

Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Timothy Thompson, 6617 Kittridge St., 77028, (713)419-4643 4041 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Carla Wade, 3017 Liberty Rd., 77026, (281)702-1605 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Shere Dore, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Glory Udoh, 12211 Fondren Rd., 77035, (713)776-3925 appeared and stated that she had been a resident of Houston for the past 36 years and wonderful things happen in regards to homelessness and she wanted City Council to know that she is a provider of transitional housing for homeless here in Houston, the last 5 years she is building a network which is Non-Profit that she had founded and 18 years ago she was given a grant from the Department of Veteran Affairs and they house homeless Veterans that is on Fondren and it is very interesting that she felt excluded, when she was put on the speakers list she got 2 phone calls one from the Mayor's Office and then from the City Council Office. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Christie advised Ms. Udoh to speak with the Mayor's Homelessness initiatives representative to give her more information.

Ms. Margaret Torres, 306 Sunnyside St. Apt. 842, (832)573-7334 appeared and stated that she appreciated what the City had done for housing and times that she has come up here and been very upset with the City Council, she went on a homeless protest to teach City Council but no one knew about it because they do need to do something about homelessness, some of the people that she referred to that were on her list, they are showing her their key to their apartment, she shared her experience with how she helps the homeless in Houston and she said since City has the homeless handled, her next project which she started 1995. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Steve Orozco, 5023 Redwing Brook Trail, Katy, TX, 77449, (281)943-9500 appeared and stated that today is different because he is standing in front of almost an empty Council, on February 22, Jose Escobar went to report like he has been doing for the past 17 years to Houston Immigration Center and there he was contained and handcuffed in front of his wife, taken away and 2 days he was moved out of Houston in the dark in the middle of the night to Laredo to a detention center and what they had been saying that does not happen in this City actually happened, he had spoken to the wife of Jose Escobar and she has yet to hear from the Mayor, he got information the same way like the Mayor does that stand shoulder to shoulder with him, was the Mayor not getting the information because he is just a concerned citizen but someone with no documentation is not considered a citizen and he wanted every single Council

Member and Mayor to answer a simple question, are they going to fight to get Jose back because he is getting tired of this. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Vanie Houston, 1319 Wichman St., 77007, (713)880-8357 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor St., 77022, (310)710-4181 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Franchesca Caraballo, 12811 Greenwood Forest Dr. Apt. No. 2109, 77066, (832)322-3577 appeared and stated that she is a worker at IAH, as Airport Concession worker and proud to greet visitors and last year she and her co-workers decided to organize their Union and just last month they received recognition for their Union, she is a proud member of United Local 23, they are getting ready for their first contract negotiations and it was largely made possible by the support of Members of Council and on behalf of her co-workers and herself, she would like to thank them for the support and hopes to continue working together in the future. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, P.O. Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Jose Guerra, 1914 Rancho Grande, 77049, (713)908-7533 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Christie stated if there was no objection they would allow the children to stand at the podium with Ms. West.

Ms. Tricial West. 10555 Turtlewood Ct., 77072, (832)540-0482 appeared and stated that she is an retired Veteran that a home school mom and part of their good citizenship they decided to come to the Council Meeting and they were going to write the Mayor and they were a little disappointed that he is not here because they wanted to tell him how proud they are of him and they love everybody but what they are most passionate about is learning about their own people and they are proud that he is the 2nd African American Mayor for the City of Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Noah Watson (child), 10555 Turtlewood Ct., 77072, (832)540-0482 appeared and stated that he was in 3rd grade and he stated that he was proud of the Mayor.

Savannah Watson (child), 10555 Turtlewood Ct., 77072, (832)540-0482 appeared and stated she wanted to thank him for being the 2nd African American Mayor in the City of Houston.

Council Member Christie advised he will tell the Mayor that and ask him to send them a signed picture.

Members of Council questioned the family.

Mr. Berdie Bellard, 3017 Lockcrest St., 77047, (281)989-9047 appeared and stated that this was her 2nd time in being here and on December 18, 2015 she lost her electricity for 2 days which was caused by the City of Houston garbage truck Number 41332 and in order to get her electricity restored and she had to hire people to do that and she needs to get reimbursed for the funds that she had to spend to get her electricity back, \$400.00 for the cutters, \$300.00 for the attorney fee and she was assigned to someone she did not do anything and is requesting for someone else to help her. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Members questioned Ms. Bellard.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Dr., 77088, (281)445-0682 appeared and stated that she wanted to speak about tearing down homes in her community, she is the President of the YMCA that is to be built in the Willow Run area, she lives in that area and that area is curb and guttered streets and why did the City allow this to happen to their community, she is asking the Mayor to stop from them demolishing in their area and she question how much it is to demolish a house and to rebuild this house. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Christie requested for her to give them a list of the questions for them to answer.

Ms. Trachelle Gulley, 3100 Brackenridge Apt.2, 77026, (281)707-4321 appeared and stated that she to thanked them for the Labor Agreement was a housekeeper and she is proud member of United Hire and they were so proud of themselves and their co-workers to make Super Bowl a success, the world was watching and seeing the City at its best, they were able to organize peacefully and this City had seen it share of labor disputes and last month it showed when all sides are respectful and work together and the reason she is here today to thank them for all of the support on making this happen, she also wanted to thank their host. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, and Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo. Rd., 77033, (713)987-3854 appeared and stated that this was about Channel 13, she had asked them several times to stop their coverage because she reserves all rights to her story and she had another situation with Channel 13 saying that she was gay but is not and never had been and when she was schedule to speak at the Metro meeting and they had her named removed. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Note: During the public session motions were offered to extend time for questions of various speakers, and votes taken, which were not prepared in written form and may be viewed on HTV Houston or on disc.

At 4:48 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:22 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, March 8, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Mike Laster, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would move to the Monthly Financial Report. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Laster and Kubosh absent.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds- was presented, , Mr. Chris Brown, City Controller and Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance Department reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0134 ADOPTED**

At 9:31 Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to start with Summer Hire Houston Youth Program and invited Director Juliet Stipeche to the podium to help explain about the program and Ms. Stipeche stated with the March 27 deadline to sign up just around the corner, Mayor Sylvester Turner called on Houston corporations to join his Hire Houston Youth (HHY) summer

jobs program. The mayor has set a goal of providing 5,000 jobs for Houston youth this summer and as of today, there are pledges from companies for just 3,000 positions Mayor Turner stated there is an urgent need for more companies to step up and offer summer employment opportunities for our youth that an able and ready workforce is essential to ensuring a strong economic future for Houston and with the demand for skilled workers currently outpacing our workforce supply, it is more important than ever that local youth are connected to employment and training opportunities and do not let our kids down, utilizing public/private partnerships, HHY provides young people ages 16 to 24 with a seven week summer internship or job, earning at least \$8 an hour and the young people will attend workforce readiness training prior to their start date and this is the second year for the HHY program and fifty seven companies' participated and 1,135 jobs were provided in 2016. More than 50 percent of the job candidates had no prior work experience and 50 percent had annual household income of less than \$22,000 and HHY has been designated as a White House Summer Opportunity Hub and is part of a National League of Cities study on the best practices for educational and workforce development efforts and to sign up as an employer, visit www.hirehoustonyouth.org to make your pledge today.

Members of Council questioned Mayor Turner and Director Stipeche about the Program.

Mayor Turner further stated that he joined the Houston Fire Department in mourning the loss of Captain William "Iron Bill" Dowling, who died today from complications suffered in the 2013 fire at the Southwest Inn that claimed the lives of four other Houston fire fighters and Captain Dowling left us on the day we were honoring our first responders at the Houston Rodeo and he was truly a hero whose service to the city will not be forgotten and he asked all Houstonians to pray for his family and friends.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** relating to the Retail Gas Rates of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX** within the City of Houston, Texas- was presented and Mayor Turner made the following statement:

I am calling to order the hearing regarding the Statement of Intent of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas to increase rates in the propose Texas Gulf Division, which would include the City of Houston. Today is March 8, 2017.

A hearing was held on March 1, 2017, and kept open pending a final determination by City Council on CenterPoint's proposed rate increase and revised rate schedules.

Nobody has signed up to speak on this matter, Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this matter?

City Council will consider and determine CenterPoint's proposed rate increase and revised rate schedules at the next Council Meeting. This hearing is adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 47

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 6

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of the following residential parking permit areas:
2400-2500 block of Wheeler (between Dowling/Emancipation & Live Oak) - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**
1800 block of Cherryhurst, (between Mandell and Ridgewood) - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**
4000 block of Lillian, south side (between Leverkusen and Jackson Hill) - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0135 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 7 and 8

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$5,648,039.84 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for the new BARC Adoption Center - 8.77% over the original construction amount and under the 8.80% contingency - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0136 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,667,716.69 and acceptance of work on contract with **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for White Oak Bayou Cottage Grove Substation Low Impact Development Demonstration Project - 0.48% 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. **MOTION 2017-0137 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 10

10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcels DY15-120, DY15-121, DY15-122, VY15-007 and VY15-008, located along Tanglewood Boulevard between Sugar Hill Drive and Cranbrook Road, owned by ELPH Enterprises, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership and formerly known as ELPH Enterprises, LLC, a Texas limited liability company [ELPH One LLC, a Texas limited liability company, its General Partner], for the **NEIGHBORHOOD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT 454** - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0138 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 11 and 12

11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$85,678.00 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund for purchase of Jet-A and AVGAS Hose Reel Units and Associated Equipment for Fleet Management Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0155 ADOPTED**

- 12. BASSCO SERVICES, INC** for Jet-A and AVGAS Hose Reel Units and Associated Equipment for Fleet Management Department - \$7,022.00 General Fund for a total amount of \$92,700.00
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 11 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Knox and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0139 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTIONS - NUMBER 16

- 16. RESOLUTION** approving the issuance and sale by Houston Housing Finance Corporation of Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Note (The Pointe at Crestmont Apartments) Series 2017 **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0013 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 22 through 47

- 22. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$100,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Houston and the **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION** for Design Review related to the Relocation of Remote Transmitter Receiver Antenna at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0156 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$50,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Houston and the **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION** for Design Review related to the Relocation of Automated Surface Observation System Design Package at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0157 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$700,900.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Houston and the **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION** for Relocation of Remote Transmitter Receiver Antenna at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0158 ADOPTED**
- 27. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2014-0861, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing second amendment to agreement for Professional Services between the City of Houston and **BAY AREA HOUSTON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP** for economic development support - \$50,000.00 - General Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented and the City Secretary advised that Item 27 have not been received and if received during the meeting, it will be consider at the end of the Agenda.

- 28. ORDINANCE** appropriating reimbursement of unspent funds of \$588,759.95 to Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (**FOURTH WARD**), and authorizing transfer of reimbursed funds to Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2011-0609- was presented and City Secretary advised that Item 28 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **CONRAD CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.** to settle a lawsuit and appropriating \$82,500.00 out of METRO Projects Construction DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0159 ADOPTED**
- 33. ORDINANCE** establishing the east side of 2300 block of Ashland Street within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0160 ADOPTED**
- 34. ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the 1400 block of Elliot Street, within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0161 ADOPTED**
- 35. ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of 6000 block of Memorial Drive, within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0162 ADOPTED**
- 36. ORDINANCE** establishing the south side of the 1500 block of Pearson and Elliot Streets, within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0163 ADOPTED**
- 37. ORDINANCE** establishing the east side of 1300 block of Tabor Street, between Petit and West Cavalcade Streets, and the west side of the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Tabor Street, between Mathis and West Cavalcade Streets, within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0164 ADOPTED**
- 40. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE** for services related to All-Hazards Position Specific Training; providing a maximum contract amount; containing provisions related to the subject- was presented and City Secretary advised that Item 40 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
- 41. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$550,156.46 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for services related to a Water Line Relocation associated with the FM 2234 (McHard Road) Phase II Project from Fort Bend Toll Road to FM 521 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1143); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed

by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0165 ADOPTED**

- 42. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,113,463.00 out of METRO Projects Construction DDSRF and \$213,125.00 from Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, awarding contract to **JAMES CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC** for Buffalo Speedway Grade Separation over Holmes Road and Union Pacific Railroad Tracks; 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, design services during construction, construction direct state cost and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by METRO Projects Construction DDSRF and Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0166 ADOPTED**

47. ORDINANCE No. 2017-103, passed second reading March 1, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **ROBERT W. WATSON dba F. B. PORT-A-CAN, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **THIRD AND FINAL READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **THIRD AND FINAL READING PASSED IN FULL 2017-0103**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON:**

Position Three - **JASON CANTU**, for a term to expire 3/1/2019

Position Six - **SUE LOVELL**, for a term to expire 3/1/2018- Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0140 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Sue Lovell to the podium and they thanked her for her willingness to serve.

- 3. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY FOUR (GREATER HOUSTON ZONE):**

Position One - **JAI L. DAGGETT**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018

Position Two - **DAVID TURKEL**, reappointment, as Chair, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

- Position Three - **KATHY LUHN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
- Position Four - **BRANDON DUDLEY**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2017
- Position Five - **DAVE WALDEN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
- Position Six - **STEVE DORMAN**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2017
- Position Seven - **CHERYL GUENTHER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0141 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the Members of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY FOUR and they thanked them for their willingness to serve.

- 4. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**; adding Article IX relating to major City plans, including the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan; providing for the adoption of the Bicycle Master Plan and creation of the Bicycle Advisory Committee; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented,

Council Member Stardig moved to amend Item 4 Section 33.394 (a) Exhibit A to change Mayor to Mayor and City Council and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0142 ADOPTED**

After a lengthy discussion, Item 4 as amended was tagged by Council Members Travis, Kubosh, Knox, Martin and Le.

- 5. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Planning & Development Department for approval of the Houston Bike Plan
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 4 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Cohen and tagged by Council Members Travis, Kubosh, Knox, Martin and Le.

- 9. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,188,695.89 and acceptance of work on contract with **TRAFFIC SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Intersection Redesign - 5.59% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and F – LE** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0143 ADOPTED**

- 13. ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$100,989.79 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-404); re-appropriating \$100,989.79 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; appropriating \$190,000.00 out of Public Health

Consolidated Construction Fund for Purchase and Installation of Modular Furnishings at the Ardmore Facility for the Houston Health Department - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0167 ADOPTED**

- 14. CONTRACT RESOURCE GROUP, LLC** for Purchase of Modular Furnishings, Furniture and Installation Services at the Ardmore Facility from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Health Department - **DISTRICT D- BOYKINS**

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 13 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0144 ADOPTED**

- 15. CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC dba CALDWELL COUNTRY FORD, LLC - \$597,070.00 and HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC - \$8,540,045.00** for Medium- Heavy-Duty Cabs and Chassis and Truck Bodies for Various Departments - Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Other Funds- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.

- 17. ORDINANCE** authorizing the purchase of approximately 9.177 acres of land out of the G.P. Foster Survey, Abstract No. 273, Harris County, Texas (the "Property"), for a purchase price of \$13,850,000.00 and related closing costs of \$12,000.00; approving and authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property between **HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Seller**, and the City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser; approving and authorizing the submission of applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the use of funds provided under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and for the use of Economic Development Initiative Grant Funds (collectively, the "HUD Funds") to fund the purchase of the property; declaring the City's eligibility for the HUD Funds; authorizing the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to accept the HUD Funds and expend the HUD Funds, if awarded, to fund the purchase of the property, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the use of the HUD Funds to fund the purchase of the property - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented and after lengthy discussion a vote was called, Council Members Travis and Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0168 ADOPTED**

- 18. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC**, to add up to \$728,374 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the continuing maintenance and operation of a SRO Community Residence and a Transitional Housing Facility, along with the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0169 ADOPTED**

- 19. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC**, to add up to \$1,048,229 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of four Multi-Unit Residential Facilities, along with the provision of supportive services- - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0170 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM, INC**, to add up to \$150,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for legal supportive services- - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0171 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing International Facilities Agreements by and between the City of Houston and **TACA INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, S.A., TÜRK HAVA YOLLARI ANONIM ORTAKLIĞI - TURKISH AIRLINES INC** and all **NIPPON AIRWAYS CO., LTD.** at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0172 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$9,326,294.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and \$3,100,600.00 out of HAS Grant Fund and awarding construction contract to **CLARK CONSTRUCTION GROUP-TEXAS, LP** for reconstruction of the Air Traffic Control Tower and Flatwork at Ellington Airport/Houston Project No. 629; 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 the Civic Art Program, engineering testing services and for contingencies relating to construction of the facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0173 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** approving the fourth amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTHWEST HOUSTON ZONE)**; increasing the portion of tax increment the City will pay from certain area annexed into the Zone; extending the duration of the Zone to December 31, 2040 **DISTRICTS F - LE and J – LASTER-** was presented and tagged Council Member Le.
- NOTE:** Council Member Le released his tag later in the meeting.
29. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **BILLY JOE LIVING** to settle a lawsuit - \$180,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0174 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** releasing certain territory consisting of approximately 105 acres in Waller County, adjacent to the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Katy, Texas, located near Woods Road and US Hwy 90, from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0175 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Contract with **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for Grant Reimbursement Project relating to the Southeast Houston Mobility Plan; providing a maximum contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0176 ADOPTED**

- 38. ORDINANCE** altering and establishing prima facie speed limits in certain zones in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0177 ADOPTED**
- 39. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **NOSLAR T.I., INC** for Television Production Equipment Repairs & Routine Maintenance Services for the Houston Television Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$210,985.00 - State Cable TV Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0178 ADOPTED**
- 43. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,003,958.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CSI CONSOLIDATED, LLC dba CLEAN SERVE LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW4277-95)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0179 ADOPTED**
- 44. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,012,152.74 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **GRAVA, LLC** for Waterline Rehab and Replacement Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0180 ADOPTED**
- 45. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,606,249.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4235-89)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0181 ADOPTED**
- 46. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,009,474.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **SPECIALIZED MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4277-96)-

was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0182 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 48

MISCELLANEOUS

48. MOTION TO SET A DATE not less than seven days from March 8, 2017, to receive nominations for Positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the **HOUSTON CLEAN COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen to set March 28, 2017 to receive nominations for Positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the **HOUSTON CLEAN COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS** and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0145 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 49 through 51

49. ORDINANCE releasing certain territory consisting of approximately 31 acres in Harris County, adjacent to the City of Katy, Texas, located near Clay Road and Katy-Hockley Road, from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 16 on Agenda of March 1, 2017- was presented and Council Member Stardig moved to delay Item 49 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0146 ADOPTED**

50. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment #1 to Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Hermann Park/Brays Bayou Trail Connectors Transportation Enhancement Project - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

This was Item 20 on Agenda of March 1, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0183 ADOPTED**

51. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for FY2017 Clearing and Grubbing for Open Drainage Systems Work Orders #1; 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 - 3 Years - \$4,500,000.00 - Storm Water Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER**

This was Item 28 on Agenda of March 1, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0184 ADOPTED**

Council Member Le stated that he will release his tag on Item 26.

26. ORDINANCE approving the fourth amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTHWEST HOUSTON ZONE)**; increasing the portion of tax increment the City will pay from certain area annexed into the Zone; extending the duration of the Zone to December 31, 2040 **DISTRICTS F - LE and J – LASTER-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2017-0185 ADOPTED

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:59 a.m. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.
DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

