

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 22, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, 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, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Martin Buzak, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega with Agenda Office present.

At 1:41 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentations. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that The Stephen F. Austin High School Band is the pride of the greater East End of Houston. The marching band, nicknamed SONIC BOOM, was created in 2005 by director Keavon Runnels. The band includes the Emeralds Drill Team, ENVY Color Guard Company and a drumline referred to as Beatbox and SONIC BOOM participates in local parades including the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade, Houston Veteran's Day Parade, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade, Houston Cinco De Mayo Parade and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parades, outside of Houston, it has marched in Mardi Gras parades in both Galveston and New Orleans, Fiesta Flambeau celebration in San Antonio and the Natchitoches Louisiana Festival of Lights Parade and SONIC BOOM's accomplishments and accolades include winning first place at the Houston M.L.K. Battle of the Bands, grand champions of the Home Depot Battle of the Bands in Los Angeles, California, first place at the Royal High School Battle of the Bands in Brookshire, Texas, and five time grand champions drumline in the High Noon Drumline Showcase. In addition to countless competitions, members of the band are the recipients of a 2015 GRAMMY Community Award and 2017 Award of Congressional Recognition and on August 22, 2017, SONIC BOOM will be honored for its accomplishments in the community and the City of Houston commends SONIC BOOM for its tremendous achievements and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed August 22, 2017, as SONIC BOOM Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Council Member Davis stated that The Michael Pollard Youth of Great Inspiration (YOGI Bear) Mentoring Program is named in honor of retired U.S. Air force Senior Master Sergeant Michael Pollard, a 26-year veteran who served in the United States Airforce, moving up in ranks and earning countless award and accolades and receiving much recognition, established by Wellspring Family and Community Institute, the YOGI Bear Mentoring Program is a proactive measure to reduce mental illness, maladaptive behavior, school drop-outs and help achieve future success in at-risk children and on August 22, 2017, Wellspring Family and Community Institute will launch YOGI Bear Mentoring Program for the 2017-2018 school year to bring community awareness, corporate support and obtain school partnerships for the purpose of serving at-risk children most in need of a mentoring program and the City of Houston commends Wellspring Family and Community Institute and those involved in the Michael Pollard Youth of Great Inspiration Mentoring Program for their contributions to improving the lives of the youth and extends best wishes on a successful launch and school year and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed August 22, 2017, as The Michael Pollard Youth of Great Inspiration Mentoring Program Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Boykins and Le absent.

At 2:17 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Knox for the invocation and he invited Rev. John Gibbs for the invocation and Council Member Knox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 2:21 p.m. the Roll was called.

Council Member Davis moved to adopted the minutes for July 25-26, 2017 and August 1-2, 2017 and to postpone adoption of the balance of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Janice Pipkins to the list of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0525 ADOPTED**

Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Jeremy Cagle to list of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0526 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that they have shifted from the proclamation portion into the Public Speaking portion and request no applause and reminded the audience of the Rules of Council.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Boykins recognized Instructors that are visiting the Chambers, they are from Peck Elementary from District D and these Instructors will be guiding the 3rd graders and requested them to stand to be recognized.

At 2:13 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Dr. Abdul Haleem Muhammad, 4443 Old Spanish Trail, 77021, (832)236-9956 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis and Laster absent.

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

Mr. Keith Henry, 15335 East Fondren Circle, 77071, (832)899-1845 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis and Laster absent.

Ms. Linda LaGarce, 15525 Ben Wiggins Rd., Conroe, TX, 77303, (939)689-5138 appeared and stated that she wanted to share what she found in researching for the last few months over her family history, she has a lot of Veterans in her family, of the 650,000 men who died in the prison camps of starvation or diseases, more Americans died in the Civil War than in WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined and she did not know if they knew about that and if they all put the names of these men together which is what now is called the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, it would surpass it by 10 times, that is how many men died in that War and for those who fought in battle and died, they were buried, some lay in the Veterans Cemetery with a white cross to make their grave and some were buried right onsite of the battle that were unmarked grave for no one to honor them and the Statues that are being removed that she current was speaking about represent those men that fought for their freedom and honor during the Civil War. Council Members Travis and Laster absent.

Council Members questioned Ms. LaGarce.

Ms. Sharon Fisher, 902 Saddle Rock, 77088, (281)448-7437 appeared and stated that she is 73 years' old, she loves her City and by the way she is in support of keeping the Statues and what she is requesting for Council to do is to step away from the mass hysteria and deal with logic, logic number one, why is this just now starting, she never heard Dr. King speaking against the Statues, logic 2, where will it stop and they already changed one of their street names and that was stupid and logic 3 is that we do not have the money because everytime it floods they have to send boats to help people, there is pothole issues, and there is a homeless issue and she is requesting that the City of Houston will be the one major City that steps away from the hysteria and deals in logic. Council Member Travis absent.

Council Members questioned Ms. Fisher.

Ms. Carolyn Korkmas, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she has an important question to City Council, they have known since before WWII that the Communist wish to destroy our Country, so why is Council considering their request, she saw a young man on TV that stated he was with the Young Communist of America that is why she is referencing that and she never in her life herd of people speaking about Statues and Monuments for dead Heroes of any War until now and Communist always begin to take over a Country by doing away with its history by organizing riots, by renaming schools, it is useless, why not preserve it and preserve the history, that is what she is most interested in. Council Member Travis absent.

Council Members questioned Ms. Korkmas.

Ms. Janice Pipkins, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she was here to speak for the Firemen and the reason why they cannot get paid the same amount as the Policemen and they turned in a petition but is not going to be on the November Ballot and she thinks they should find a way for it to be accepted on the Ballot because everyone here wants to be taken care of if a fire, health or something like that happens, they should be paid, this is a big City and she knows that the Mayor can find a way to find this money and it is important that he finds the money for the Firemen and the Policemen because some of them do not have it, her daughter is a Firemen and they deserve equal pay to all and other Cities pay a lot more. Council Member Travis absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they certainly appreciate everyone of the Firefighters, almost 4,000 of them and they certainly want to pay them more that is not the issue, in 2014 they turned down a 4% pay raise and currently what this Administration was offering in a 3 year period was 9.5% and that is way more than what was offered in 2014 and to give her an idea on what that means in terms of dollars which is \$68 million dollars, that is pushing, pushing the envelope and if they choose to turn that down, their Petitions are be will counted by the City Secretary and if they end up getting the requisite numbers of signature the measure would be put on the Ballot but it will not be this November and at the earliest it could be 2018 more than likely 2019 if they choose to wait that long and he recommends to them is to return to the negotiation table.

Mr. Jeremy Cagle, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he was a new member here in Houston that lives in District C and been to 5 meetings back to back, he thinks it is cool to see how a Council functions with each other, the respect and the disagreements, he thinks it is commendable but this past weekend he went to this demonstration that they all are talking about and he wants to commend City Officials, commend the Police Department for just the organization of it and what happen in Charlottesville was the lack of organization, he does have to give credit to the people of Houston, all here just heard yelling and there was a buffer zone that was placed to split both sides and the worse it got people were yelling; the other thing he wanted to speak about was the pay there is a gap and if they would pay their Council Members more, if he was a Council Member and he got more, he would be more focus and he thinks that would help a lot,

he came from Austin and he sees the difference and the gap was shorter and upgrade this facility, there should be improvements within this building. Council Members Boykins and Travis absent.

Council Members questioned Mr. Cagle.

Mr. Kevin Clark, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins and Travis absent.

Ms. Kathryn Jones, 11347 Windlass Ln., Willis, TX, 77318, (936)537-5948 appeared and stated that in her research she had discovered the group YCL which stands for Young Communist League started the petition to have the Spirit of the Confederacy Statue removed because they claim the Statue attempts to Romanize, praise and glorify the Confederacy and on the Statue it states that it was dedicated to all heroes of the South that fought for the principles of States Rights and most books have been written by the Northerners who painted a very different picture from the truth on why they encountered the Civil War which was due to high taxation and States Rights and it claims all due to slavery, she was shocked that about the removal of the Statue and she would venture to say the majority of people probably did not know it existed until recently and it is not visible from the streets and she believes there is a witch hunt out there and their agenda and strategy is to conquer and divide, everything in life is viewed as positive or negative and that is exactly how we can look at history whether the Statue is removed or not but the fact that there was a Civil War, are we going to erase history and pretend it never happened, her grandfather was wounded and was in the Civil War and her cousin was killed in Vietnam and both of them served at really sad times in the American history, she is very proud that she came from a diverse City and Mayor, City Council Members all lives matter, all history matters and because of how diverse the City is, we should be able to allow the Statues to stay where they are. Council Member Travis absent.

Council Members questioned Ms. Jones.

Mr. Edward Barlow, 917 Main St., Apt. No.602, 77002, (832)816-8288 appeared and presented information and stated that he is here to speak about the Confederate Monuments but specifically the Spirit of Confederacy which bares the sign that says "to all the heroes in the South, who fought for the principle of the States Rights", the idea of the Confederacy fought an heroic war that killed over 600,000 people in defense of States Rights rather than Slavery and reviewed information contained in the information presented and it is always will be morally wrong to buy, sell, physically and sexually abuse Black human beings and these particular Monuments have a history that is separate from the Civil War, in 1903 which is when it was built, these types of Monuments were being built all over the South and he knows that good people believe these Monuments are a reflection of heritage and not for hate, they were built as a larger project to erase and sanitize Confederacy History, it was at the start of the early KKK and other White Supremacy groups that sought to disenfranchise and control Black people through terrorism and he personally would like to see a context marker next to the Monument that was suggested by the Atlantic History Center and he brought copies to Council and he knows that others would like to take it down or moved. Council Members Cohen and Travis absent.

Council Members questioned Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Joseph Armour, no address, (479)220-8040 appeared and stated that there is a lot of hotly debatable topics and he had seen from the Council Members the willingness to exercise a little bit of discretion when it comes to making decisions that can anger half of the City, this issue involving the Confederate Monuments have intelligent and well reason people on both sides, they can debate the cause of the Civil War but the fact reminds that these statues are part of us and

they maybe a scar on our skin, it makes the part of us, a part of this City and the fabric of our Nation and he stand here today as a son of Confederate Veterans and he has great, great, great grandfathers on both sides that fought for the Confederacy and he was taught in school how bad that was, that he comes from bad stock, his people had it wrong and he looks at both sides of the issue and there is a lot of information out there, our forefathers fought for what they believed was right based on the context and what he sees is how using our modern sense of morality to judge history actions and Slavery was still legal in 1833 in England and Slavery had been around since the being of civilization.

Mayor Turner stated that Mr. Armour was really pushing him and when you start talking about Slavery now, he is pushing the envelope and Mr. Armour stated we were willing to talk about and have a conversation, willing to talk about thing that can make it uncomfortable and he thinks that all of us do each a service when we stop seeing each other as an enemy and look at each other for a solution. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Armour at length.

Ms. Janet Thomas, 19335 Cypress Canyon Dr., Katy, TX, 77449, (713)291-6408 appeared and stated when the Communists and the Socialist and Nazis took over a country, the first thing they did was destroy the history of that Country and if they go through the Museum of Albania there is nothing there prior to 1945, this is not about Statues, Plques or Monuments, this is about the systematic of destruction of America, what is going on all through this Country, that is what she see, it's not stopping at Confederate Statues, there was a picture of a Catholic Priest with a little child that was vandalized the other day with the word murder on it and they are talking about doing away with the Statues of Washington and Jefferson, there had been talks about changing entire names of Cities and talk about doing away with the Constitution because it was drafted by racist, this is the destruction of dismantling of this Country, this is what the Communist have always done and in Germany Nazi Auschwitz house and others are still open, does anyone in this room think that those death camps are still open to honor Nazism, they were not, they were left open to teach the public, to teach this hate that killed upwards of 12 millions of people, these Statues does not glorify the South, they can be a teaching moment. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Travis absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Thomas.

Ms. Sue Mennell, 406 Westwood North Dr., Magnolia, TX, 77449, (713)291-6408 appeared and stated that she wanted to share her thoughts about retaining the Statues, she cannot express how impactful this is for her City and her State, we are at a pivotal moment in time and the question is how are we going to react to the voices and to the protest, will we give in to the hate movements that are sweeping across the country demanding removal of the historical Statues mostly and especially the Confederate Monuments and if so why, they know that over 62% of Americans are against taking down the Monuments, her fellow Texans and she begs not to take down these Historic and Artistic Statues that were created for Texas Ancestries, these brave men for what reason some of them may believe that they fought who were simply fighting to protect their State, their families and their homes, should we not learn in in our history the good and the bad, what made this Country and should we not protect the iconic that made this history. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they all recognize that we are part of Texas, he was born and breed and he is a Native Texan too.

Mr. Boyd Breyer, 10411 Sageburrow Dr., 77089, (713)826-7257 appeared and stated that he was here to speak on regarding the removal of the Confederates Statues and Monuments, he would to share with them a piece of Legislation that was passed in 1958, Confederate Soldiers are Legal Veterans, Public Law 85, 425, May 24, 1958 and since then the families of Confederate Veterans are able to receive Military Monuments to place on graves from the Veterans Administration for their ancestry and Confederates Veterans should be treated with the same honor of any other American Veteran and his opinion is that the Statues are there, they were put up during a time different from our own, they have a different perspective on the situation that occurred doing the Civil War but that is part of our history and we can learn from our history, we do not have to agree with it but we can learn from it and he would like the Statues that are there to remain there so they can educate the public that might be ignorant over some facts and perspective that show. Council Members Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Douglas Brown, 5105 Sherman St., 77011, (832)620-1636 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Ms. Joan Alford, 234 Litchfield Ln., 77024, (713)932-1735 appeared and stated that her ancestries came in to the U.S. in 1880 from Russia, she went to Smith College and then Harvard Business School and she has encountered sex discrimination and harassment on Wall Street in the 1980s and had to take legal action but she has never found it useful to think like or act like or to feel like she was the victim, as Mattress Max says "we live in a great Country with free enterprise system", she does not expect everything to be perfect, it never has been and will never be; when the Lord bought the Israel's out of 400 years of Slavery in Egypt he commanded them to remember these events every year thereafter and they have and it is called Passover, you do not forget the history, you remember it and that is what they have to do here, they are ignoring the history of these men, our founding Fathers knew that Slavery was a problem but they were not able to resolve it for about 100 years and it took a War; how dare that they accept a request from the Young Communist and other mobs and thugs to remove the Statues from our history and do they not know that is the goal of Young Communist to destroy this Country and the biggest Communist and Socialist to this day in this Country is the Democrat party. Council Members Martin, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated no matter how you feel, you are entitled to voice your view Ms. Alford because he thought she was talking about someone else that is in the White House and Members of Council questioned Ms. Alford.

Mr. Samuel Mendosa, 1050 Red Rock Canyon Dr., Katy, TX, 77450, (832)319-4469 appeared and stated that he is present in support of the Statues for staying, obviously for historical reasons, he is not a hard core Confederate, he is just a History nut, Slavery was horrible, one person owning another person is just bad, the one thing that interested him was that the Confederacy and yes there was a secession there, thinking 2 ways, one for Freedom for all and the other was not only for profit and his finding from researching history he found out the Democrat Party was leading the Confederacy and he guessed that today most people call them Progressives and his understanding of that definition was to more on to the next and as far as the Communist groups these people with Council and how they are acting on both sides, the left and the right, they feed each, they do not care about long-term investments. Council Members Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Ms. Joyce Ellington, no address, no phone, appeared and stated she wanted to thank City Council for listening to strong feelings on what is going on in our Country, they love it and want it to stay strong and they want everything to be done right as it was founded by Washington who loved this

Country as we follow in his footsteps and she is requesting them to please think about the situation that has come up that are taking down Statues and they have this beautiful Statue at Sam Houston Park that was given to them by people of the Civil War time, they have their family members thrown around places and have no place to bury them on the grounds where they fought and the Statue was given to the people of Houston to honor their love ones, its like a cemetery, a grave and it is a Monument that they should have and they want it to stay there, where their people of the relatives that can go there and mourn and remember the good things, so if they can look at it like that and that Statue is an Guardian Angel, it is put out of the way in a section of the park so that nobody knows that it is there except by the relatives that want to come and honor their families that had no burial place, the Statue is a work of art and it represents the desire to forget the past, the things that are wrong that happen in the Country and she wants this Statue to remind people that they can live together in peace and good will. Council Members Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ellington.

Ms. Louise Whiteford, 2431 Nantucket Dr., 77057, (713)706-3546 appeared and stated that she is almost 90 and she has had a few years observe racism, bigotry and she did not grow up in the South, she grew up in small town in Ohio, it was a shock for her when she moved to Houston because things were so very different here, she is concerned about destroying the good or the bad in any cultural, several years ago there was a structure in the Muslims Country that went before the time Muhammed, they blew it up and she thinks that it is a tragedy and she is opposed in destroying the Statues, she would like to see a plaque or another point of view if some of these Statues need revisions but she does not think they need to be destroyed. Council Members Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Council Members questioned Whiteford.

Mr. Bernard Navarro, 2408 Yorktown St., Apt. No.231, 77056, (832)239-0587 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Griff Griffin, 5327 Winding Way Dr., 77091, (713)503-8064 appeared and stated that he is here to speak about a good Irishman Dick Dowling, he is the President of the Irishmen's 100 Club and what they try to do is raise money for the parade and things like that, for 44 years the meanings a family had put on a Statue that they tried to blow up yesterday to bring in interesting speakers about Dick Dowling, he came from Ireland, they were treated worse than the Slaves that were in the South, he came to New Orleans at a very young age and then he moved to Houston, he loved Houston, when the War broke out as they all know, he joined the Confederate and he was so Anti-Slave type but that was his home but when they look over all the things he had done which are the greatest, the battle where Dick Dowling was down there in Galveston protecting and then he moved on to Port Author because there was a big group coming, they did not tell him that there were 5,000 troops down there to take over Texas, he had 47 Irish Men, did they know that on the Statue out there, there is a list of the 47 guys that all gave their lives for Houston Texas and after the war he came back to Houston and did the stuff that he did, he did the first gas light in Houston Texas was at the bank, the Fire Department and they honor Richard Dowling and is he going to tell him to not go to Hermann Park because they are going to take away his Statue and the other Statue that is out there is one of the greatest leaders General Sam Houston. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Griffin.

Ms. Joan Somma, 5542 Beechnut St., 77096, (713)661-2005 appeared and stated that she is very concern for our City, continue to represent the history and to continue our Monuments and she thinks there is a distortion of our history that had come down from our schools and there is a lot of misunderstanding about what happened and one of the great concerns is that when they see in activism and people coming up to try to stir up difficulties, we are human beings made in the image of God, we have different interest, we have different eye colors, our skins are of different color but that does not mean we are not God's children and try to set aside our history and try to set aside that this does not matter anymore and lets look at these groups that are looking at causing agitation and working to cause division among us and when we see a raised fist and they see these people demonstrating.

Upon question by Mayor Turner Ms. Somma stated is that she was talking about Communist and that is all over the world and that Communism are not interested in the truth and not interested in the value of life and they are interested in destroying and they do not want that in our City. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner wanted ask her if she has a problem with the KKK and she answered that she does have a problem with the KKK and the Neo-Nazi and Mayor Turner stated that they are the ones that are working to divide our Country.

Ms. Jenna Bernstein, no address, (813)443-5577 appeared and stated that she started off with her Prayer from her Religion and she was interviewed by channel 13 and took upon herself to enter the City Park to pick up all the weeds, the trash to set an example and then she was at a protest and in the protest, all she saw of signs was F. U. Nazi scum, she is disgusted to be an American and disgusted to see that people are so evil that they cannot respect each others opinions and continued to express her personal opinion by yelling. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Oscar Gonzalez, 4002 Chartres, 77004, (832)526-7818 appeared stated that it had been almost a year since he had stood in front of the Council, it is an interesting conversation about all of these Statues and on April 9th 2003 he was there to see a group of Iraqi Civilians to attack the Statue of Saddam Hussien which was erected for his 65th Anniversary and he was requesting that the Statue of Christopher Columbus to also come down, we are spending tax dollars to clean these Statues and how much is it going to cost to maintain these Statues he is not asking for them to erase history and he knows his history because they are in the books and the museums. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Gonzalez.

Mr. Emmaaneel Castillo, 1306 Sydor St., 77020, (713)791-4557 appeared and stated that he wanted to address his concern about these Confederate Statues, he had a conversation with his mother and child and his mother stated if they are going to have something to reopen wounds then this City should not welcome that and he believes that Houston is a city that will not tolerate discrimination or racisms and those Statues represent just that and the image of them represent that and Houston should not stand for that and he wanted to say if we are going to teach our children that accuracy of these Statues, that many people are glorifying, they need to teach it accurately. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

The City Secretary advised that a speaker that was not present at the time when his name was called is now present and will speak next.

Dr. Abdul Haleem Muhammad, 4443 Old Spanish Trail, 77021, (832)236-9956 appeared and stated that he is the Vice-Chair of the Greater Southeast Management District and was going to ask that their District be a banner District but he got things mixed up and he was supposed to speak next week but he is glad that he is here, he is very passionate, his father was a Veteran of WWII and had been riding on the train with the Nazi prisoners of the War and to all of the Whites he wanted them to listen, its very important that they begin to listen and they are sitting next to their colleagues who are Black, they do not know what part of Africa they came from or their native language, they robbed them of their names, their culture, their Religion, their God and some of them worship in Church with a White Jesus, he was not White he was a Middle Eastern Jew and if they want peace in this City Mayor, peace is the fruit of justice and there cannot be justice without truth and he is going to close with this point, we are in the 230th Anniversary of the signing of the United States of Constitution on September 17th, 74 men were invited, White Male Property Owners and only 55 showed up and only 39 signed but the one that did stay and did not sign was George Mason, he was the largest Slave Owner of all of those who were considered the Founding Fathers and the reason why he did not sign, one, he did not trust Central Government and even though he was a Slave Owner, he did not want Slavery to continue. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Muhammad.

Mr. Bob Hall, 7959 Ridgeview Dr., 77055, (281)636-9613 appeared and stated that he is here today because this issue has come up and we keep talking about more Political correctness issues all the time and he does not understand why people spend so much time and energy on this when there is a lot of physical issues that are really important, the fact that the City can be bankrupt in 5 or 6 years and to him the infrastructure is really important and on this issue he is a simple person, do not fix something that is not broken and he does not see that we are a broken City because of some Statues and as the Council Member said, its Memorialize or glorifying an ideology, he does not see that when he looks at a Statue, he sees a piece of history, he does not see all that stuff there and he just does not understand all of these brouhaha and he does not want this kind stuff in Houston and he had been where George Washington kneeled and prayed for his soldiers and he cannot conceive of destroying a Statue of George Washington because he happened to be a slave owner and he cannot see looking at George Washington and think he is glorifying slavery because he had slaves and again he just does not understand and he thinks that they need to move on to bigger and better things. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster, Le and Travis absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Hall.

Ms. Jackie Barnett, 864 West Little York, 77091, (702)465-5003 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Johnny Taylor, 3262 Westheimer Rd., Suite 341, 77098, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Tom Zakes, 1217 Prairie, 77002, (713)228-2827 appeared and stated that this building is designated as a Historical Monument, he is a Novelist Historian, he is not here to speak about

the Confederacy, he is here to speak about history, when they have a Statue that has been up for over 100 years, that Statue itself is historical, if they take every Statue in Houston down, it is not going to end racism, it is not going to eliminate homelessness, it won't even cure cancer and if they leave every Statue up, it is not going to bring back Slavery or even the Jim Crow Laws and another thing that they can say about every Statue that is up in Houston, in this State and in this Nation, not a single one of them is a Statue of a person that was perfect with the exception of the one standing in front of the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral which is Jesus Christ and if they are talking about being offended as a reason to take down Statues, where are they going to draw the line and he has the opportunity every day to be offended by something and he thinks that we all do, people change, times change but as we look at history we need to realize we should not forget our history. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Zakes.

Mr. Alvin Jackson, 4617 Thornton Rd., 77018, (401)338-0847 appeared and stated that his nickname back in the day was Boom Boom from the old days Magic 102 and recently he had been working at the University teaching and he had 3 major things that he had invented and Los Angeles is trying to get him out of Houston, he invented a way to only read a book one time, he invented a way that he can speak 15 languages immediately but the thing that they are really after him on is that verbatim technique and now they are after him and he does not feel like leaving Houston, he does not want to go half way around the world, he wants them to come here and do this and he is requesting for City Council to help him and assist him in his issue. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Jackson to give his information to Rene Ruiz and he will be happy to talk to him and assist him.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Rodney Underwood, 2221 Wentworth, 77004, (832)868-7219 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. John Dryden, 11610 Spring Grove Dr., 77099, (281)685-3003 appeared and stated that the reason he is here, he wanted to talk about affordable housing and there is a lot of things that are intended to do good but they run awry and one of those things is the Habitability Department which was created in 2009 and what they are trying to do is make more things safe and they went to the International Code and what they used to do is 5 Units or above used to be Commercial and 4 and under was residential and when they switched to the International Code it changed to be 3 and above is Commercial and 2 and the first thing for affordable housing is family and when someone comes in and needs a place to stay with their family, the second source of housing is friends and the last one is then go down and get food to them and to try to keep them out of the cold and there is also Section 8. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Mr. Dryden can speak with Mr. Gary Norman.

Mr. James Partsh-Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Ms. Earvie Lee Poole, 2800 N. Trammel Rd. 77022, (281)692-4922 appeared and stated that she is a Security Officer and she works at George Bush Intercontinental and she had met with many of them about the conditions the Security Officers face, despite putting their bodies on the line everyday to protect in the City at the Airports and many of them have fear for herself and her co-workers about wage theft, lack of respect and their fight for a Union and she is here to speak about their struggle about their health and safety standards which are guaranteed by law for workers, she is talking about the right to use a bathroom and having to chose to urinary in the trash cans or facing the health issue of urinating track infection because they have to wait for an entire shift to relieve themselves and this is what is happening in their world at the Airports, this issue had gotten so far that they had to file a claim with OSHA and they should not have to take this claim to that type of level to see their legal rights enforced and this is a contract with the City of Houston and it is paid by tax money. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Turner thanked her for coming down and they would look into it.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Dorothy Parker, 10910 Southview, 77047, (713)569-2168 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor St., 77022, (832)360-7421 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana St., 77002, (713)783-9292 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **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 4:51 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:25 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.;

Deidra Penny, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director with the Agenda Office present. Council Member Greg Travis absent on City business.

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and started with the Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated about the approaching storm, Harvey, is trying to get itself together and it seems to be coming to at least the Texas Coast, the Office of Emergency Management is working with the National Hurricane Center and are working together to monitor the potential impacts from likely reformed as Tropical Storm Harvey and he wanted to bring attention now, so people can make preparations, this storm can include heavy rains, strong winds and street flooding and also power outages and depending on the amount of rain it could be more flooding and this can also include flash flooding in bayous and creeks with impacts starting Friday evening and always forecasts are subject to change and for everyone to stay informed and the City of Houston will post information as soon as it becomes available at houstonemergency.org and make sure that people have their emergency kits and ready to go like food, water, firstaid kits, flashlights, batteries and safety supplies and starting on Friday people need to minimize their travel and be safe.

Mayor Turner stated he also wanted to speak about is the temporary injunction that was granted by the Federal Court against the City's Ordinance and he is disappointed by that and hopefully that the hearing on the injunction will be as soon as possible so that the City can present the reason they have taken action that they have and he wanted to be very clear that no one is criminalizing the homeless and they have said repeatedly if the homeless have the desire to stay where they are, they can, it is the growing of the encampments that are posing the problems like the sofas, mattresses for example but if they want to stay there they can and he wanted to say about a week and half ago after the cleanup effort, Dr. Persse went out there before and surveyed it and it was public hazard and there was more than 10 tons of debris that was removed at just this one site alone and no one should be comfortable for letting people live in those conditions and he looks forward for the City to present reasons on why they have taken the steps they have taken.

Mayor Turner further stated in regards to the incident in Council Member Cohen District the other day on Alvins Street that happened on Monday he did want to acknowledge the Park Rangers from the City of Houston who were out there and saw this individual and did an excellent job by alerting the Police and then subsequently the FBI and he wanted to thank everyone that was involved in protecting the public safety.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Robinson for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Robinson stated that they have a friend to this City, Jeff Spain who is the son of Charles Spain and requested Jeff to stand to be recognized and he is a life Scout with 32 Merit Badges and he is here to earn his Communications Merit Badge.

At 9:14 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 31

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$505,327.69 and acceptance of work on contract with **ISI CONTRACTING, INC** for Work Order Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement Citywide 2016 1.07% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0527 ADOPTED**
2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,648,406.89 and acceptance of work on contract with **E. P. BRADY, LTD.**, for 24-Inch Waterline along West Bellfort from Buffalo Speedway to Stella Link - 4.21% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0528 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 6 through 31

6. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of the rights-of-way of Jefferson Street, from Sampson Street to Scott Street; Napoleon Street, from Jefferson Street to Pease Street; and Napoleon Street, from Jefferson Street to Coyle Street, all located in the Powers (aka Powars) Tharp Addition and/or the Hamblens (aka Hamblins) South Addition, Henry Tierwester 1/4 League, A-75, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the rights-of-way to the Houston Independent School District, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment of \$1,357,350.00 to the City and other consideration - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0640 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **TRAILHEAD MANAGEMENT, LLC, Purchaser**, for the sale of approximately 12.83 acres of land located at 12800 Fuqua Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas [Parcel No. SY14-137], for \$994,800.00 - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- the City Secretary advised that Item 7 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to Participation Agreement between the City of Houston and **GREATER HOUSTON HEALTHCONNECT, INC** for the electronic exchange of protected health information among hospitals- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0641 ADOPTED**

- 12. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Office of Bureau of Justice FY2017 NCS-X Implementation Assistance Program**; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, to apply for and to accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0642 ADOPTED**
- 19. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the first amended and restated Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of Houston and **KINGSBRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0643 ADOPTED**
- 20. ORDINANCE** annexing to the City of Houston, Texas, for limited purposes a certain area located within **KINGSBRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** (the "District"), in Fort Bend County, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; imposing the Sales and Use Tax of the City of Houston in the area within the District annexed for limited purposes; assigning annexed areas to adjacent district from which District Council Member is elected until such time as district boundaries may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0644 ADOPTED**
- 21. ORDINANCE** relating to the fiscal affairs of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIX, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (EASTSIDE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0645 ADOPTED**
- 22. ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-SIX, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SUNNYSIDE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0646 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$14,000,560.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Construction Manager At Risk Contract between the City of Houston and **MORGANTI TEXAS, INC** for new Public Works and Engineering Northeast Quadrant Building (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0961); providing funding for the engineering testing services, environmental abatement services, environmental consulting services, construction inspection services, Civic Art Program, salary recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0647 ADOPTED**
- 25. MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designating groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 1.050 acres commonly known as 1307, 1315, 1317, and 1401 Marconi Street, Houston, Texas; supporting issuance of a municipal setting designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the request of Sunrise Montrose Apartments, LLC **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0648 ADOPTED**

- 26. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement for financing Public Infrastructure Improvements between the City of Houston, Texas, and **STADIUM PARK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** for Stadium Area Public Improvements - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0649 ADOPTED**
- 27. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CIVILTECH ENGINEERING, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Mitigation Program of Capital Improvement Projects; providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0650 ADOPTED**
- 28. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,444,400.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Market Square, Garner Villas, Parkhill Area Paving and Drainage projects; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0651 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$655,565.52 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **FCM ENGINEERS, P.C.** for Antoine Paving and Drainage; Victory to West Gulf Bank; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0652 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$15,620,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$2,470,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HARPER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Gillette Trunkline (Tuam, Smith & Elgin Segments) Drainage and Paving Improvements; 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 testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0653 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,068,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **PELTIER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LTD.** by: **PB, LLC** its general partner for Lift Station Renewal & Replacement for Greens Crossing No. 3, Parker Street, and Fir Ridge Lift Stations; 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 testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN and E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0654 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

3. **INTERNATIONAL NAME PLATE U.S., INC** for Vehicle Decals and Decal Materials for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,028,624.27 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Members Green and Knox.
4. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES**, by adding a new Article XXI, relating to facilities in the public right-of-way; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; declaring an effective date; providing for severability- was presented and tagged by Council Member Robinson.
5. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 40, CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, by adding an area within the Near Northside as a designated area covered by such article **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0655 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the City of Houston to submit a request to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** to amend the City's Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Grant Agreement and its contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (Section 108), to authorize the additional use of EDI Grant Funds and Section 108 Guaranteed Loan Funds for the acquisition of real property activity- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0656 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** to provide up to an additional \$165,281.28 in Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of the City's Homeless Services Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0657 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **CANTWELL-ANDERSON, INC.**, joined by **4600 MAIN STREET HOUSING, LP**, to provide \$1,500,000.00 of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist with reconstruction of a building near 4600 Main Street in Houston, Texas to become a 56-unit affordable housing community which is intended to primarily serve veterans - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0658 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Houston and with **CAPA - CENTRE** for Aviation for the Sponsorship, Coordination and Management of the 2018 Aviation Summit to be hosted by the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - \$205,300.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0659 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$12,457,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for the **BAYOU GREENWAYS 2020 INITIATIVE** for FY 2018 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-635) **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN; I - GALLEGOS and K – GREEN-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Enhancement Projects between the City of Houston and **THE HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** related to Hunting Bayou GAPS, Hermann Park/Brays Bayou Trail Connector, and Mason Park Pedestrian/Bike Bridge - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
- NOTE:** Council Member Edwards later released her tagged on Items 14 and 15 later in the meeting.
16. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$84,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Fund, \$43,200.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund, and \$1,230,447.00 out of Fleet Equipment Special Revenue Fund for the purchase of various vehicles for Fleet Management Department, ARA-BARC, and Parks Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0660 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$18,908,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Vehicles and related equipment for various City Departments- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
18. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0483 (Passed on May 29, 2013) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **SYNAGRO OF TEXAS - CDR, INC** for On-Site Water Treatment, Sludge Dewatering and Disposal Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$300,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0661 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$791,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; \$73,575.00 out of Parks Special Fund; \$459,145.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund; and \$42,500.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, as an additional appropriation to Professional Landscape Architectural Task Order Contracting Program for FY2017 for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0403)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0662 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 32

MISCELLANEOUS

- 32. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** relative to designation of a banner district in the **GREATER SOUTHEAST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 30, 2017**- was presented, Council Member Christie moved to set the hearing date and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0529 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

Council Member Edwards released her tag on Items 14 & 15.

- 14. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$12,457,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for the **BAYOU GREENWAYS 2020 INITIATIVE** for FY 2018 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-635) **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN; I - GALLEGOS and K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Knox and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0663 ADOPTED**

- 15. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Enhancement Projects between the City of Houston and **THE HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** related to Hunting Bayou GAPS, Hermann Park/Brays Bayou Trail Connector, and Mason Park Pedestrian/Bike Bridge - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Knox and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0664 ADOPTED**

Members of Council continued to announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:06 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

