

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 5, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2018; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Marta Castex-Tatum, 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 Jerry Davis absent on City Business.

At 1:34 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Castex-Tatum stated that for over two decades, Houstonians have looked forward to the highly anticipated UniverSoul Circus show being a mainstay on the circus' nationwide tour. Under the direction of owner and founder Cedric Walker, the UniverSoul Circus has entertained over 20 million families across the country and on June 7, 2018, the UniverSoul Circus will premiere in Houston with its 25th anniversary edition of its show. Celebrating 25 years of fun under the big top, the UniverSoul Circus is a spectacle of global proportions that will bring brand new acts from Russia, Trinidad, South Africa, Mongolia, Cuba, China, Ethiopia and the United States and this year, the UniverSoul Circus is extending its big-top home with the Family Open House event, which is a free show for underserved and homeless families. Established by Cedric Walker, the Family Open House creates a fun-filled escape to the circus that helps the children and families put their transitional struggles aside for a few hours while enjoying the show. The UniverSoul Circus witnessed the resilience of Houstonians after Hurricane Harvey and are recognizing hometown heroes who embodied the Houston strong spirit of service and sacrifice, this year and on June 5, 2018, UniverSoul Circus will be recognized for its continuous contributions to Houston's entertainment scene, and its great compassion for Houstonians in need. The City of Houston commends and appreciates the organizers, participants and performers of the UniverSoul Circus for bringing this long-standing entertainment to Houston and reaching out to the local community helping those in need and extends best wishes for a successful three-week event and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed June 5, 2018, as UniverSoul Circus Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Gallegos joined by Council Member Cisneros stated that in 1973, Leopoldo Tanguma created The Rebirth of Our Nationality mural in the Second Ward with only 100 donated gallons of house paint and a barren wall at 5900 Canal Street as his canvas, one of the largest works of America's Chicano mural movement, the piece is now one of Houston's most iconic murals, though much beloved by the community, The Rebirth of Our Nationality aged and slowly deteriorated over the years until the original was judged by experts to be beyond saving and after Harris County's purchase of 5900 Canal Street in 2013, the mural's building was converted to a records storage facility and the Precinct 6 constable's station and Commissioner Jack Morman allocated \$70,000 to recreate and improve the mural and with the guidance and support of the original artist Leopoldo Tanguma, aerosol artist and life-long resident of Houston's East End GONZO247 was selected to bring back to life the landmark mural. Due to their efforts, along with Commissioner Jack Morman, Constable Sylvia Trevino and community organizer Carlos Calbillo, The Rebirth of Our Nationality will continue its legacy in Houston's Second Ward as a symbol of the struggles, triumphs, and heritage of Mexican-Americans for many years to come and on June

5, 2018, The Rebirth of Our Nationality will be recognized for its historical and cultural significance. The City of Houston commends Leopoldo Tanguma and GONZO247 for their invaluable contributions to the art scene of this city and all involved in this worthwhile endeavor over the years and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed June 5, 2018, as Rebirth of Our Nationality Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that Public Works Services are an integral part of our everyday lives for safety and comfort of our community and we greatly depend on these facilities and services and public attitude of understanding importance of the duties of Public Works Employees preform is vital to the efficient operation of Public Works Systems and programs such as water, streets, sewers, public buildings, solid waste collection and the quality and effectiveness of these facilities as well as planning and designing in construction is depended on the efforts and skills of Public Works and their officials and on May 20-26, 2018, 1000s of public Works professionals who serve their communities have celebrated National Public Works Week and the City of Houston recognizes vital the contributions that Public Works Employees especially those serving the City of Houston make every day and extends best wishes to all for a rewarding National Public Works Week and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Cisneros, Knox and Kubosh absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent.

The Roll was Called. Council Member Jerry Davis absent on City Business. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adaption of the Minutes and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent.

MOTION ADOPTED

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

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Robinson for a procedural motion; Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Kathy Payton to the List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2018-0290 ADOPTED**

Jan Fowler, 6914 Pine Grove Dr., 77092, (713)462-7096 appeared and stated that she wanted to first thank everyone that has helped them with Item 13 to established a minimum lot size block, their neighborhood is a small area with only 188 homes and one access street, it was developed in the late 60s and over a third of the residents have been there for 40 years and named the individuals that have helped them keep their neighborhood intact and a special thank you to Council Member Stardig and her staff, 92% of the people signed the petition for the special Minimum Block Size, 30 people took the time to write a letter and 50 residents showed up at the City Planning Commission Meeting which that is amazing with only 188 homes and she wanted to thank again for hearing their petition. Council Members Cohen, Cisneros and Christie absent.

Council Member Stardig stated to Ms. Fowler that her care and concern for her neighborhood and for her to be here today which means a great deal to all of them and she knows that her Staff goes above and beyond all the time but it does take the neighborhood caring enough to come down and show up at the meeting with that much support.

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 Cohen, Cisneros and Christie absent.

Linda Morales, 5712 Irvington Blvd., 77009, (713)854-6187 appeared and stated that she was with the Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation of the AFL-CIO and 82 affiliated Unions and she is pretty sure that they are all aware that workers have filled complaints against a City Contractor and Sub-Contractors for violating workers' rights, Houston Janitors, Houston Security Officers that filed the complaints, many of these women and men protected these building during Hurricane Harvey and helped them clean up afterwards and some were not paid fairly and were forced to take legal action and from her understanding that 35 plus workers had filed some type of grievance to get their money and some are still waiting for their money, 35 plus is one too many, this is a wage theft problem here in the City of Houston and she urges Council to prevent future wage theft from happening by ensuring that their tax dollars have responsible contractors. Council Member Cisneros absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Morales.

Fred Sims, 8530 Observatory, 77088, (832)695-7817 5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Cisneros absent.

Jesse Fuentes, 2136 Hazlitt, 77032, (713)417-8113 appeared and stated that he is also a supporter and Member of TOP, he is a local President for Labor Council for Latin American Advancement that is in Houston, there was an employee, a City Contractor, Mrs. Hernandez which he been fighting to get her issue with wages theft from the City for a year and in her case she is still owed over \$7,000.00 in wages because she never has gotten paid, what does the City say about this when they see their tax dollars to companies that violate our labor laws and treat their community with disrespect, responsible contracting can mean good jobs in the Houston area and they need to have transparency and accountability for the process.

Carl Ducena, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (347)244-8908 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

R.J. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Vanessa Rodriguez, 1709 Yates, 77020, (281)948-3510 appeared and stated that she has been watching Mayor Turner as a Mayor and she respects the work that he does and one of his main focus is rebuilding communities through citizen involvement and that is why she is here today, she grew up in the 3rd Ward and 2nd Ward, she went to the University of Houston and she bought a house in the 5th Ward and she did not move out to a better community because she wanted to help bring hers up, she knows the struggles of the inner City Neighborhoods and she is speaking as a concerned citizen and a Land Development Professional, they need walkable communities, strong performing schools, she has the knowledge and the heart to tell and help her community and she is trying to do that with other dedicated neighbors, they have cleaned up the neglected historical cemetery that is in their neighborhood, they have dedicated time to walk blocks and make many 311 reports, they have volunteered hours to their local schools, they report everything from dumping to prostituting to dumping pets and other things that they are doing in her community because one day she wants to jog in her neighborhood, she wants to see her kids walk home from school because right now they cannot do that and that is why she fights for her community and for them not to support the St. Elizabeth Place in an already low income community will hurt the neighborhood and its future tenants more than it will help. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

The City Secretary advised that a Speaker that was not present when the name was called, he is here now and will be the next Speaker.

Fred Sims, 8530 Observatory, 77088, (832)695-7817 5150 appeared and stated that this is his second attempt today, the first meeting went well and he connected with people that he needed to connect with but at the end they are still at the same position, this morning they came and cut off his water and he asked them to give him until 2:30 p.m. so he can make this meeting today and then they came back an hour later with the Police plus 3 City workers to force him to let them cut off his water and in talking to Mr. Norman he never came across a clear explanation of why they revised his charges, when he had the meeting first time he was granted a credit and now his water bill is back at \$1000.00, his house has been there since the 1979 and he requested for them to do a record search for his past bills and they refused which was \$50.00 a month. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner advised to Mr. Sims he wanted to make sure he understands because he is seeing a Memo that the adjustments were made twice not just once and read parts of the Memo which says, "At Mr. Sims request, the matter was subsequently submitted for a review by the Water Adjustment Board and the Board overturned the Hearing Examiner's determination which resulted in the average usage for the like months for the previous year being used instead of the months going forward to calculate the adjustment being reduced from \$417.27 to \$307.34 and Mr. Sims stated that all the information that he was reading was incorrect he had another meeting with Customer Account Services Offices Staff Members and he also called Mr. Norman yesterday to ask if he can tell them not to cut off the water until he spoke with him today, Mayor Turner told Mr. Sims that this is a lengthy Memo which also stated that Mr. Sims was offered a payment agreement of the remaining balance by also applying for financial assistance through the Water Fund or local Agencies which Mr. Sims declined" and Mr. Sims that that was not true.

Mayor Turner asked Mr. Gary Norman if they did offer him a payment plan in which stated that they did offer him a payment plan, the Water Fund and was this in writing and Mr. Norman stated that he had to check but he is sure that they did because that what they usually do but at that point it went through the Water Adjustment Board and all the reviews that they had were within the City Ordinance but at that time he already established a payment plan and they should be able to turn the water the tomorrow.

Upon further questions by Mayor Turner, Mr. Sims advised the last time he made a payment on the account and he told everyone at his Department until they fixed his problem, he refused to pay and stated it was over a year ago, Mayor Turner advised that they want to help too and he told Mr. Norman to turn it on, send him a letter and offer a payment plan and he wants everything in writing because he does not what any he said or she said, they will turn it on one more around and get everything in writing, do the payment plan which Mr. Sims needed to help too.

Hector Torres, 5216 Noble St., 77020, (281)814-3457 appeared and presented information and stated that he is a resident in the 5th Ward in the Pine Crest and is here to voice his opposition to the St. Elizabeth Project but first he wanted to take minute to thank all of them for all that they do for the City that he grew to love, he is the President in the 5th Ward and lived in the 5th Ward for nearly 3 years and he knows the problems that the neighborhoods face which is the lack of businesses for high paying jobs, lack of grocery stores and good schools but instead of that they have drug dealers, prostitution, pills mills and frequent gun firing and how do they fix that before building 110 Units who need and deserve much more than their community can offer and he is talking about Veterans and this plan is clearly show they are targeting Veterans and Veteran groups and that is why he opposes this project not because of the Veterans because they are

hurting 2 communities, the current residents who will face competition in already scarce and low income paying job in the area and the Veterans by placing them in area that lacks certain services they need and the job and quality of life they deserve, he does not understand how this project was approved without the entire community approving it and input on the tax payers money and he along with other residents that are concerned that live in the 5th Ward became aware of this project after all the decisions had been made, he chooses to live in 5th Ward and he will continue to help the community along with his neighbors and their opinions do matter . Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Kathy Payton, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she offers some comments to dispel the myths around the Veterans Housing in the 5th Ward and CRC will continue to serve and support and acknowledge the Veterans but she does want to clarify that the target audience that continue to be reference is a matter of misinterpretation and she would refer them to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Development Owner Certification and Acknowledgement and Consent that every applicant of a Tax Credit Deal must sign and this document expresses that their Veterans are in indeed a protected class and the development itself must specifically market to Veterans through direct marketing or contactors with Veterans organizations and the owner will be required to report how they will chose to identify how they would specifically identify to market Veterans and to report to the Department of in the Annual Housing report the results of the Veterans and it must be approved by the Department, this is not an option that 5th Ward chooses to exercise nor they would request a waiver and this project is open to the general populations and if Veterans choose to live as residents they are more than welcome. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Carol Baker, no address, (832)578-7101 appeared and stated that she has been homeless since 2012 and became recipient of the Way Home Housing Coupon and she was denied 8 times for apartments, scammed out of apartment application fees and she had one complex to violate the violence against women and the program has denied giving her an extension which keeps her homeless and this was 6 months, secondly she had spoken to Mark Eichenbaum who was part of the homeless initiative and spoke to a Shane last week and last year and Shane does not seems to really know anything about the program, he never offers her, solutions, referrals and the only thing he has ever given her is a shelter and that is not permanent housing and it is time for her to have housing and the Homeless Coalition; Michael Fraley, he is the project manager and did not make the decision to give extension through a formal panel or board and he made the decision on his own to not to give her an extension, she was told that she had too many. Council Members Martin, Travis, Laster, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Members questioned Ms. Baker and was advised to speak with Rene or Rhonda that are with the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office.

Yolanda Morris, 4134 Woodmont Dr., 77045, (832)884-0959 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis, Laster, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Kelvin Williams, no address, (713)320-9556 appeared and stated that they call him the Urban Farmer and he is from the Historical Independent Heights, it's the first Black City incorporated City in the State of Texas and he had been there for the past 10 years in a warehouse where he had partnered with different schools in doing gardens and this summer they are having an entrepreneur program and he came today to share it with Council because he is in a predicament where he needs some help and the help that he needs is just information and right now he is in court in a bankruptcy case with an ex-partner and he found out that the City of Houston in the

Housing Department have bought his property and he does not know how long he going to be there but they did say when they were trying to buy the property that they might give him a couple of years because they did not have any plans for the property, he just wants some answers from Housing because in the court room he has no rights, no one is giving him answers, the Judge charged him \$25,000.00 a day, he was threatened to be locked up until he signs and still not sign but the property is owned by the City now and he wants to finish the project that he started.

Sherry Browning, Post Office Box 301162, 77230, (832)287-4909 0959 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Frederick Metoyer, 2574 Marilee Ln., 77057, (713)256-0757 appeared and stated that he is here once again to state he has some issues concerning his civil and criminal convictions and the actual use of the Public Library and he is being scrutinized in the library where people are being disruptive to him and to the supervisor and out of all the libraries he is told he is trespassing and he been writing thi for about 18 years and he is about to finish some of his civil and criminal issues and he wanted to get all of it back because it is fraud. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he is looking at this notation Mr. Metoyer that said that he have been banned from the Library for 90 days because repeated incidents like threatening, disruptive behavior toward the staff and other customers and when they asked him not to do that he refused so he was banned.

Bruce Turner, 2525 Winrock, Apt.#79, 77057, (832)396-4475 appeared and stated that HIV and Aging Coalition would like to thank them for the City Proclamation in celebrating today as National HIV Long Term Survivor Awareness Day, he is a 29 year survivor and due to the poor recordkeeping by the City and the State how many long term survivors who are currently living in Houston there are nearly 10% in the County Care records but the National estimates are between 33% to 40% so it fair to say that there are 4,000 to 6,000 long term survivors in Houston and as the population ages currently there are 50% if HIV positive in Houston by the year 2030 that will be 70%; the two most often needs are medical care and housing and you would think with a City that has one of the best Medical facilities in the world then they would not have a problem with HIV care and only in the United States there are 6 physicians that are currently trained in both HIV treatment and Gerontology and none of them live in Houston and if there is any way they can work the City of Houston Health Department to change that, they would greatly appreciate it. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned and thanked him for coming here to shine light to HIV Long Term Care.

Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana, 77002, (713)987-3324 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Margaret Torres, 5617 North Frwy., Apt. 302, 77076, (346)801-7789 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Philip Salerno, 5800 Lumberdale Rd., 77092, (713)681-0568 appeared and presented information and stated that he serves as the Vice-President and Treasurer of the Forest Lake Town House Association and their community started in 1976 and it contains 243 individual Townhomes and it is located at the 6500 West Tidwell and all of their utilities are buried below ground, last Friday

they discovered that the City of Houston approved the installation 34 foot wooden network support poles in the front yards of the Town Homes that face West Tidwell and when they found out the installation about the poles in the front yards of the townhouses he contacted Mayor Pro Tem Cohen Office because they are in District C and after discussion with the Planning Department then he was directed to contact the City Engineer Office which he has exchanged a couple of e-mails with a Richard Smith a Managing Engineer and he was supposed to schedule a meeting with him to discuss the permit and the right of way for tomorrow afternoon since last Friday, Mr. Smith has failed to response to any phone calls or e-mails to confirm the time and location of the meeting and he read portion of the Texas Local Codes and he thinks that the City is violating it the Code. Council Members Martin, Travis, Laster and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Turner, Mr. Salerno advised that it is this a wireless communication companies that are putting up these poles and Mr. Salerno stated yes

Mayor Turner advised Mr. Salerno that it is not the City of Houston and requested Mr. Norman to explain what is going on over there.

Mr. Norman stated that this was 2 years ago, when the State Legislature passed that all of the City abilities to regulate placing these items in the right of way and supersedes the City Codes and supersedes Deed Restriction Codes and Mayor Turner stated that they have spoken about this around this table and the State Legislate is preempting them and Mr. Salerno stated also just wants to have the meeting that was promised and Mayor Turner advised him that he will get his meeting and there needs to be a clear understanding that the State is obligating them what to do and what the City can do which that needs to be very clear.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Salerno.

Renee Rodriguez, 4818 Avenue R ½, Apt. # 112, Galveston, TX, 77551, (832)364-4968 appeared and stated that she was born and raised in Galveston, that is serving her visional and spiritual gift, Ms. Rodriguez expressed her personal opinions about the Orlando tragedy and as as a human being she needed to stand up against hatred and she used her creative voice to create her first exhibit called Viva Pulse in Galveston part of the Art Walk in August of 2016 which she described and she comes to Council with love and hope. Council Members Martina and Travis absent.

Sharon Alexander, 1438 Coronado Hills Dr., Apt #1441, Austin, TX, 78752 appeared and stated that her son was murdered December 7, 2005, she was working for Goodman making \$20.00 an hour and when she was on vacation her sons best friend mastermind his her son murder and the best friends brother is the one that made the kill and the day that was murdered it was all on TV and they have some crooked people that work in homicide and one of them has retired that was named Ferguson and she gave them 2 years to solve her baby's murder when in fact there was a young white boy selling drugs in a park that got killed the same day that her son did and they solved the white boys murder within months and in 2007 she took it upon herself to go to jail to solve her own sons murder and she did 6 months in the State jail and got out in December 15th 2008 and in 2009 she called Sergeant Ferguson and told him that Alex Field that grew up with her child killed her son and she wrote a bogus article that her son died from selling drugs and in fact her son was murdered because he was moving out to an out of State school with his girlfriend and she found out that she turned out to be a Police Officer and she is here now because when her son was murdered while the media was still rolling Sergeant McDaniels went into an apartment brought her son's boy out and left all the guns that was left there and some of the guns came from Harris County warehouse and every time she calls and tell them who killed her child and she went to jail and found out in 2014 that there was a witness to the murder and then they

gave her a bogus DWI charged and she went back to jail in 2014 and got the witness and she went to jail again under a false charge and she wants to sue them and she is here to ask for protection from the people that killed her son. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated that he was approached by a mother with her kids last school season and she was not able to register her kids in school which he noticed and mentioned a bill that she had on her was a City of Houston water bill which can be used as proof of residents and her kids made a promise not to pull out the purple bill which was a delinquency notice from the City of Houston because the kids were ashamed of the bill and so he wanted to over number of issue with the Mayor and Council Members and he was surprised that the State regulates the manner of services of the delinquency notices over the water bill and the City is in violations of the regulations by the State, it starts with the bill being white and while being late on payment will go to a yellow bill which the State does not allow that and then it goes to a purple notice after notice of the cancellation and this seems sometype public shaming in all of these and this needs to be addressed and if the Mayor is not on board he would tell Gary Norman to address this anyway and this system needs to be changed and to get in line with the State that regulates a manner of service. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Lavera Debra Fransaw, 2310 Crescent Park Dr., Apt #1501, 77077, (832)949-6758 appeared and stated that she supported Mayor Turner for a long time and in every location he was at she was there even when she was blind and she was blind for 2 years and now she is affiliated with FEMA because they are the hand in Houston and they all help one another throughout Houston and she has watched FEMA help them to get back together and she claps for the Public Works because without them then we are nothing and she wants to thank Mr. Kubosh and she has followed him for many years and helped people within FEMA and they have reestablished the people that she has helped letting them know that assistance was still available and advised what was happened at this hour at Avalon and she wanted this to be known because they do have issues going on there because there are still holes and leaking water but they are still asking for their rent money and she is requesting for inspections because they do not want to be abused and used because we are Houston Strong. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Eric Seele, 8818 Sterlingame Dr., 77031, 9713)292-3232 appeared and stated that he works as a Security Officer for here at City Hall, he has been an employee for 2 in a half years, they would like to that thank Mayor Turner for acknowledging the hard work of mothers and fathers and problems that reflect on them today and one main issue is their pay because he makes \$11.75 and he is required to pay for parking at work and Downtown it costs \$2.00 an hour and there is a time limit of 4 maximum, they can pay to park on Council days and special events it can be crazy and hard and one main issue is their pay because of the parking tickets and he even had to create a sign for his car that was suggested by a parking attendant who checks parking meters that he works to provide security for City Hall, they also do not have paid time off and if he has something that he has to do instead of work he does not get paid for that day and that is the case of most hourly workers and it makes life tougher than it needs to be and he believes that the City of Houston needs to works with companies that believe in timed paid off, it is a right and they are asking Council to hear their concerns and to listen to their issues. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Travis absent.

Latoya Roy, 838 Greens Rd., 77060, (9832)499-9671 appeared and stated she is from the Historical 5th Ward area, she has worked at City Hall and BARC Animal Shelter for 6 years and working with NOR Association she has seen a lot of issues, they do not have paid time off or paid vacations or affordable medical insurance and they are requesting that this City do business with living wages, paid time off and affordable medical insurance, she enjoys her job and she like where she works and she wants to continue to work here but the City needs to take in account her co-workers and their concerns. Council Members Martin, Travis and Castex-Tatum absent.

Ms. Deborah Wilkerson, No Address, (713)499-9671 appeared and stated that her subject is her inalienable rights and is being stalked and she has had enough. Council Members Martin, Travis and Castex-Tatum absent.

Charlie Jones, 4307 South Acres Dr., 77047, (832)474-1178 appeared and stated that he is here to follow up from last week and not here to argue with the Mayor and he went downstairs with Rene last week and they called over to HPD and they told him that they had a warrant for him and the warrant that they had for him was harassing HPD and he read an electronic communication statue harassment statement which that was exactly what he was doing and he spoke to 3 sergeants and he asked to speak with a Lieutenant, that never happened and with the issue with the automobile they are back to square one and not getting that issue resolved and he is requesting a tow hearing. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Mr. Jones to finish his statement and advised him that he will make some inquires himself and thanked him for coming down.

Erica Hubbard, no address, (832)704-6697 appeared and stated that she is here to follow up on her comments from last week to voice her concerns about the St. Elizabeth Project that is occurring in 5th Ward and she really only came down here to speak with Jerry Davis because when he received their comments hostile and he could not figure out why they were so outrageous because of the lack of transparency from the 5th Ward CRC and she took offense to that and she wanted to clarify something that Kathy Payton mentioned that this was not about Veterans but it is about Veterans and they are against the project. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

Sam Smith, 7813 Glass, 77016, (346)801-4741 appeared and stated that on Mother's Day he lost his mother to Cancer and on May 24, 2018, he was getting off at work from Domino's pizza where he closes as a Manager, he stopped at the gas station to get gas and he got hit by a gun on the right side of his face by a male, then was bitten on his arm and cut him on his leg, the male took his clothes and his car and the only thing that the Police did was telling him to come to the Station to take pictures and other than that he has not heard anything about the case or his car, right now he is in a motel and does not know what to do because he lost his job because he does not have a car and requesting help. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Turner, Mr. Smith advised he wants to know what is going on with his case and his car and Mayor Turner offered for from his to speak with Sergeant Perales.

Ms. Gladys House-El, 1605 Andrew St., 77019, (832)781-9724 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that she had just a couple of questions, one, she still had not gotten any written up dates with the concerns that she had given to Council and she had been bugging his Chief of Staff and she has helped her where she could, funding for the Youth Center, it is on the list that they have been provide with by her and the second thing is the Summer Jobs and there is on in the Houston- Galveston area. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. House-El that he is not aware of the Summer Jobs Program in the Galveston area, but he is aware of the Summer Jobs in the Houston area and that they already interviewing and talking to the kid's applications from the kids.

Mr. Sean Krieger, 2203 Tierwester St., 77004, (979)220-9634 appeared and stated when he walked into Council today, he was called by a Houston Police Officer who let him know that in the past 6 months that they have not been able to do anything about the drug house by him and he stated prior that no one showed up when he was burglarized and he was told by the Permitting Engineering that there are process and procedures for these kinds of things and these processes and procedures are not protecting his family and those same words of processes and procedures are being used at the Permitting Center. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Mr. Krieger to finish his statement and then asked him what did the Permitting Center do or not do and Mr. Krieger advised on which time and gave so many examples and Mayor Turner stated that all he is trying to understand to try to help him out and told him that he is going to pull the file and let him see when he came in and who he spoke to and what the status is.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Krieger at length.

The City Secretary advised that a Speaker that was not present when the name was called, he is here now and will be the next Speaker.

Sherry Browning, Post Office Box 301162, 77230, (832)287-4909 0959 appeared and stated that she wanted to welcome everyone to the Juneenth Celebration festival that is coming up in Missouri City, they have a lot of things going on, a lot of things for the kids and also for Father's Day and they want to welcome Council to come and be a part of everything. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they look forward to joining them.

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 4:07 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2018, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

At 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2018 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Marta Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Davis absent on City Business.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that they would move to the Mayor's Report. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to remind everyone that the Juneteenth Parade will be held in Acres Homes on June 16th on Saturday and he knows that they are looking for a number of volunteers and they are expecting a lot of people to be participating in the parade and if they want to volunteer they can go to houstonspecialevents.org to sign up and for spectators to be there no later than 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Turner also stated that they are putting together the Houston Action Plan for how the City of Houston is planning to spend the Housing Recovery Dollars when they arrive from the Federal Government and they are seeking community input, the Housing Department is holding 3 public meetings and they can find the schedule at houstontx.gov/housing and meetings are being scheduled for both English and Spanish in all parts of the City and today the City of Houston is launching its 6th Annual Left Off Houston Business Starting Plan competition which awards \$30,000.00 in cash and prizes for entrepreneurs and thanks to Capital One and the Houston Public Library and he invited Director of the Office of Business Opportunity Ms. Wright and along with Capital One Bank Vice-President from Community Development Banking, a representative of Small Business and the Library Director and the winners from last year to the for a brief presentation.

At 9:15 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 18

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 1 through 4

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,188,912.45 and acceptance of work on contract with **TRAFFIC SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Citywide Traffic Signal Rebuild Package #5 - 18.06% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN and H - CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2018-0291 ADOPTED**

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$537,333.29 and acceptance of work on contract with **NATIONAL WORKS, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation - 1.49% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - (4277-75)- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2018-0292 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$7,290,433.99 and acceptance of work on contract with **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Condition Assessment Support Package for existing 96-Inch Water Line Along Clinton

Drive - 11.09% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2018-0293 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 12 through 18

- 12. ORDINANCE** suspending for ninety days the application of **ENTERGY TEXAS, INC** for authority to change rates and otherwise maintaining current rates in effect until changed **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0455 ADOPTED**

- 15. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$66,742,864.95 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Six, City of Houston, Texas (Eastside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City OF Houston, Texas (Lake Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), And Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), for affordable housing, administrative expenses, payments to **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT and HUMBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for educational facilities, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein; appropriating \$5,392.34 out of Tax Increment Funds for Houston Independent School District- the City Secretary advises that Item 15 have not been received if received during the course of the meeting, it will be consider at the end of the Agenda.

- 16. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$139,575,838.52 out of City of Houston, Texas Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Numbers One (Lamar Terrace Zone), Two (Midtown Zone), Three (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Five (Memorial Heights Zone), Six (Eastside Zone), Seven (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Eight (Gulfgate Zone), Nine (South Post Oak Zone), Ten (Lake Houston Zone), Eleven (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Twelve (City Park Zone), Thirteen (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Fourteen (Fourth Ward Zone), Fifteen (East Downtown Zone), Sixteen (Uptown Zone), Seventeen (Memorial City Zone), Eighteen (Fifth Ward Zone), Nineteen (Upper Kirby Zone), Twenty (Southwest Houston Zone), Twenty-One (Hardy/Near Northside Zone), Twenty-Two (Leland Woods Zone), Twenty-Three (Harrisburg Zone), Twenty-Four (Greater Houston Zone), Twenty-Five (Hiram Clarke/Fort Bend Zone), Twenty-Six (Sunnyside Zone), and Twenty-Seven (Montrose Zone) for payment of affordable housing costs, payment of administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payment to

HOUSTON HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein- the City Secretary advises that Item 16 have not been received if received during the course of the meeting, it will be consider at the end of the Agenda.

17. **ORDINANCE** issuing a permit to **FLST LLC d/b/a LAVACA LST PIPELINE LLC** to construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one new pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0456 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0419, passed second reading May 30, 2018
ORDINANCE granting to **ECO BRIGHT SOLUTIONS, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, 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. **ADOPTED THRID AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$12,683,893.82 and acceptance of work on contract with **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Package 4) 10.40% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Members Castex-Tatum, Edwards and Cisneros.

5. **ALERE NORTH AMERICA, LLC** for HIV Tests and Combination Kits for the Houston Health Department - \$1,017,500.00 - 3 Years with two one-year options - Grant Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0294 ADOPTED**

6. **INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS of HOUSTON, LLC dba KYRISH TRUCK CENTER of HOUSTON** for International Truck Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - \$3,163,971.45 - 3 Years with two one-year options - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2018-0295 ADOPTED**

7. **RESOLUTION** of assurances of support for the 2020 Democratic National Convention- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion, Director of Special Events was invited Susan Christian to the podium to answer question from Council Members and after discussion a vote was called; Council Member Travis voting no, balance voting aye. **RESOLUTION 2018-0027 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2018-430 passed May 23, 2018, which approved and authorized submission of the 2018 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, to replace Exhibit "A" to the Ordinance with a new Exhibit "A" to add the federal grant applications for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grant , including certifications and budgets- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0457 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the acceptance of the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division FY2019 Texas Conversion to the National Incident-Based Reporting System Initiative Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative to accept such grant funds, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0458 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of the **U. S. DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE, OFFICE of JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU of JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY2018** Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative to accept such grant funds, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program and to extend the budget period- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0459 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of the **U. S. DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE, OFFICE of JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU of JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY2018** Technology Innovation for Public Safety Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative to accept such grant funds, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program and extend the budget period- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0460 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the **6900 block of Pine Grove 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 A – STARDIG-~~** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0461 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$10,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, \$125,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$43,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund, \$100,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$120,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, \$50,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and \$25,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an appropriation to the FY2018 Professional Environmental Consulting Services Task Order Program for Comprehensive Environmental Consulting Services for various City Departments (Approved by Ordinance Number 2015-0190) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0462 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 19

- 19. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **REGENCY WALK, LLC**, which provided a loan of Federal CDBG-Rita Disaster Recovery Funds for Repair and Rehabilitation of an apartment property located in the vicinity of 10301 and 10400 Sandpiper, Houston, Texas, related to the transfer of ownership to **SANDPIPER APARTMENTS OWNER, LLC**, and **VISTA ARBOR APARTMENTS OWNER, LLC** **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER

This was Item 10 on Agenda of May 30, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0463 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:36 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary