

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2018; Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Dwight Boykins, Mike Laster and David Robinson out of the City on City Business.

At 1:52 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations by Council Member Christie on behalf of Council Member Davis. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Cisneros and Knox absent.

Council Member Christie stated that The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, signed into law by former president George H.W. Bush, established a clear and comprehensive prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability and the passage of the ADA represented a major step toward protecting civil rights and improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities, persons who were often subject to discrimination and who lacked federal protection and this was further bolstered by The ADA Amendments Act of 2008, which stated that "persons with disabilities" as a protected class should be defined in the broadest terms in order to protect the maximum amount of people, this year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA's civil rights guarantees for individuals with disabilities and this guarantee affects over 56 million citizens of the United States, over 3.3 million residents of Texas, and over 700,000 residents of Harris County and Houston Center for Independent Living (HCIL) is committed to continuing its efforts to ensure that people with disabilities are able to access and fully participate in key aspects of independent living, such as employment, transportation, education, housing, communication and social activities and on July 26, 2018, HCIL will celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made under the Americans with Disabilities Act by the country; HCIL will reaffirm its commitment to the principles of equality and inclusion; it will recommit to its vision of a fully ADA compliant United States of America and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf on Mayor Sylvester Turner Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim July 26, 2018, as The Americans with Disabilities Act 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Le, Travis and Knox absent.

At 2:06 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Gallegos for the Invocation and Pledge and he invited Reverend John F Johnson for the Invocation and Council Member Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.

At 2:09 p.m. The Roll was Called. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Dwight Boykins, Mike Laster and David Robinson out of the City on City Business. Council Member Travis absent.

Council Member Davis moved to adopt the Minutes of April 10-11, 2018 and delay the balance and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Tavis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated before she request the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers, she would like to take a moment to recognized our Law Enforcement Agencies in Houston because it is quite phenomenal what has happen in one day, last night at 6:30 p.m. there was a

Press Conference to call to notify the community by a man named Jose Rodriguez was lose on the streets and a danger to the community and 12 hours later, there was a Press Conference that was called to let the community know that they have arrested Jose Rodriguez and she thinks it is absolutely phenomenal that our Sheriff's Department and HPD working together in amount of 12 hours was able to take this very dangerous person off the streets and she wanted to commend them and thank them for the safety of all Houston Citizens first. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Dr. Elmo Johnson, 1106 Valentine, 77019, (832)922-1303 appeared and stated that he is here on behalf of Sister Flo Cooper with Hanging Tough Ministries and for 29 years she been serving Cancer victims and survivors and he is grateful to her because she is dedicated her life to this service, she servers people that are in need, she serves people that are less fortunate, she is committed to serving people who are Cancer victims and survivors and he is requesting that all of Council to work with her to help people and they Prayer to Members of Council all the time and he is here to support her, she does have a walk that is coming up and he is also here to support that walk and for Council Members to also support the walk. Council Member Davis absent.

Members of Council thanked Mr. Johnson for praising Ms. Cooper and her outstanding work in the community in helping the victims and survivors of Cancer.

Mayor Pro Tem recognized Council Member Kubosh for a Procedural Motion; Council Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to hear Marty Lancton out of order and seconded by Council Member Le, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent.

**MOTION 2018-0362 ADOPTED**

Micah Heilburn, 6138 Queenswood Ln., 77008, (713)382-4677 appeared and presented information and stated that he is Native Houstonian, he lives in the Timbergrove Manor Neighborhood Section 5 and when Hurricane Harvey hit he had was privileged to bring in people to his house during the storm, they rescued themselves with kayaks, air mattresses and they got people to safety and it is challenging to be in these times now and when he looks and see the People are the City that is in this Council Chamber above the doors and they are continuing to request Members of Council to give attention and support that is important to them, in the handout that they are receiving are bullet points that he is going to review and also attached is detailed slide deck they will be reviewing publicly in their neighborhood meeting and inviting them to attend which will be at the Grace Bible Church on Thursday and they are asking their neighbors to join with what they presented to Council and to give their attention to when are we going to learn about the flooding in Houston because this is a wonderful City but we need to make it a safe and responsive developed City and that is what they are asking for and to follow the FEMA rules that were passed and delegated to the Harris County Development of the Flood District and the City of Houston and they will see this that there is an issue summary and they also have a procedural background, they have heard his neighbors before. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Heilburn.

Doug Smith, 11542 Sands Point Dr., 77072, (832)723-1652 appeared and presented a picture and stated that the picture is an intersection that he has to drive through everyday with brand new traffic signals wrapped in black plastic bags that has been there for over a year now and about 3 months he tried to figure out what was going on which that led to over 50 e-mails between, himself, the contractor and the City of Houston and the discussion with the contractor stating that he had dealt with 6 different Project Managers on this project and in the e-mails he is seeing that the City

of Houston is changing the posts and he is requesting a meeting with the City and the Contractor to try to develop a punch list to state that this is what needs to be done and just do it and turn the lights on and the City refused and he informed the City that he was coming to Council today and there was e-mail stating that there were going to be more changes to the post and more stuff need to be done before the lights are going to be turned on, this is mismanagement of the highest level what can be done to get these lights working and can they help him. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated from her understanding that at Briar Park and West park that incorrect arms were installed, they were too short and the correct ones will be installed in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem recognized Council Member Kubosh for a Procedural Motion; Council Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to allow more than one person at the podium during appearance of Florida Cooper and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018-0363 ADOPTED**

Edith Diaz, 2423 Moreau, 77093, 9832)665-3839, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Kubosh for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to allow more than one person at the podium during appearance of Florida Cooper and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018**

Florida Cooper, Post Office Box 88346, 77288, (713)533-9303 appeared and stated that she is with Hanging Tough even when the road is rough, what a joy to walk the journey even in tough times and it has been 29 years since receiving that critical diagnosis, nothing has separated her from the love of God, she can do all things through Christ who strengthens her and with a grateful heart she gives thanks to all of her friends who have sown seeds of hope into the Hanging Tough Mission and Ministry and she thanks Council Members Edwards, Gallegos and Kubosh for the support of this Ministry and because of them they have provided hundreds of Hanging Tough Boxes of hope, scripted pillow, pillow cases, throws, journals, scarves, hats etc. and they give these boxes to every Cancer survivor that they come in contact with and she displayed everything that comes in the box and she would like to make a special present to 3 of the Council Members for all that they have done for them and then she introduced the people that were with her. Council Member Davis absent.

Members of Council thanked Ms. Cooper for being here and what she does for the community.

Marty Lancton, 1907 Freeman, 77009, (281)844-0992 appeared and stated that he was the President of the Houston Professional Firefighter Association and on behalf of the nearly 4,000 Members, he wanted to thank them for the opportunity to comment, the Houston Firefighters are upset that the City of Houston pursued liens against the families of the fallen and injured Firefighters and they hope that Council release the Liens so that the family of Firefighters that sacrifice their lives and their careers in the line of duty should not face the financial burden that are imposed by these liens, they have asked the City to provide written documentations that they will or have released the liens and so far the City has announced it would not produce them right now and without releases of the liens the City could maintain that options later effected Firefighter families need Council support and please help insure that the City will release the liens as soon as possible and finally, they ask of them to please pledge their support that the City would never be put in this position again the Firefighter families that have sacrificed their lives or careers in

the service of this City and he would like to recognize the family of Robert Bedee, his Momma BeDee is present, Nicole Garner, brother to Robert Garner, she could not be here but she did write a letter and she wanted to be here.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she wanted to reiterate that there is no lien in this case and she would also read a quote from the Mayor who is not present, and these are his words. "the official policy coming from the Mayor, and there is no one higher than me, the City is not collecting or pursuing any claim on any collection of any liens seeking any money from any families of the Southwest Inn Fire and that is not taking place, the City will release, the City is not trying to collect any dime from any family from the Southwest Inn Fires".

Upon questions by Members of Council, Mr. Zamora stated that there are no Liens have been filed.

Andre Wilson, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Jesus Silverio, 2414 County Rd. 90, Apt.# 912, Pearland, TX, 77584, (832)853-5610, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Monica Barnett, 9915 Cypress Creek Parkway, Apt.#2008, 77070, (504)376-3344, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Nia Colbert, 9520 Wilcrest Dr., 77099, (346)252-9541 appeared and presented information and stated it is interesting that they had the representatives from the agency, clients or consumer for people with disabilities and she is a person with disabilities that deals mental and emotional and they have a lot of work to do for all Americans with disabilities and those that are not visible or nonphysical are facing an intense stigma and one of those areas is housing and she had given out information regarding her concerns and in additionally she had information supporting what she is saying and she is leaving it with the Council Members and on the second page is her request which is requesting a written response from the Mayor and she apologizes with all of her prior times absent from coming to this Council on this matter and here today she has gotten a lot of information and she would like to follow up next week when she is feeling a little better. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Ms. Colbert if she wanted to, she can speak with Housing Authority and also with Rhonda because she is with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office and she will give you contact information.

Delicia Ford, 9404 Coffee St., 77033, (832)798-5118 appeared and stated when she came here on May the 22<sup>nd</sup> because she was having housing issues and repair issues and the Mayor stated that she qualifies in getting help and what ended up happening is, she gave them all her information and it is still at a standstill, every week she calls and now she is calling everyday and this has gotten to been months and she is not getting a response and when it came time for her to come down here and the case manager that they have given her called and told her she gave a complaint is the reason that she is calling her and she spoke to her mortgage agency about getting her help and she tried to call her back and would not take her calls and she called the Mayor's Office and was told that she would try to call her behalf to get the status of her application and they would never return her phone call, she having problems with her A/C, she has electrical problem and when it rains she gets water in her house and trying to see what the next step

because she not getting anywhere with them. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Ms. Ford that she can speak with Ms. Akber because she would be able to help her.

Jarvis Jones, 150 Northpark Plaza Dr., Apt.#128, Kingwood, TX, 77339, (281)299-7740 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Thomas Bazan, Post Office Box 40506, 77240, (713)466-4477 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

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. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Andre Brown, no address, (281)901-9284 appeared and stated that there has been a lot of problems with stealing and armor truck robberies and it is a urgent need to put an end to and he has a patent on invention and he had been working with them to help with the robberies, as a victim and related to a victim, he feels as through his invention would put the robberies in the end he displayed his patent and all of the information and he is hoping to get them to banks and it would help with the armor truck robberies and it is a device that is hook on your arm which is like a proximity fuse that locks from your wrist to the pouch and once the bag leaves and goes a certain distance, the bags blows up and the money is no good anymore and the robberies are starting to spread through the states and right now there are no murders because the robberies that he knows of and he requesting help to get his invention to the right people. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Mr. Brown that she appreciates what he is doing but it really is not the City review and unfortunately they cannot put him in touch with specific person and would most likely have to seek legal advice and they can help direct him and requested him to speak with Rhonda that is with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office and maybe she can point him in the right direction.

Shane Fisher, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Zara Labardini, 947 Thornton Rd, 77018, (281)250-3585 appeared and stated that she came to stand up to the fight for small businesses, specifically from her friends business Tribeca Lofts, Mayor Turner once said that small businesses are the backbone to this great city, Alanis Salon is being threaten because of her landlord's negligence, unreasonable neighbors and posting of no-parking sign by the City parking on the Eberhardt Street and this morning there was a called made by Gary Norman that the signs had been revised and she wanted to thank the City in being responsive to their complaints and this unrepresented gestures does not go unappreciated, she has been a client of Rosa for many years and she was startled that Rosa business was in jeopardy over the no parking restrictions and her landlord Randall Davis which is a large restate developer here in Houston refuses to acknowledge the problem which leaves a lot of problems to other businesses like Alanis Salon to fight for parking that effects clients and employees and one possible solution would be to sublease parking from her neighbors the Mandola which they own

a restaurant with parking space across the lot but they refuse to work with her and instead working with her Vincent Mandola has verbally harassed Rosa instead of working with her and although the streets will be open she is afraid that the family is going to retaliate and try to get the City to overturn it in their favor and she request that the City continues to support the whole street free of no-parking signs on Eberhart Street. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Ms. Labardini that they are going to be removing the signs and they are trying to make it happen sooner than they anticipated.

Efren Macias, 5214 Nett St., 77007, (832)421-2133 appeared and presented information and stated that he is the business Manager of Alanis Salon, last week the City posted no parking signs and since the signs been up he has been the Manager, parking attendant and mediator and all of last week into this week he have not been able to handle or concentrate on the business, he have been dealing with angry customers and staff, this is not good for business and moral for their employees and in a great turn of events Mr. Gary Norman called him this morning letting him know that the signs are going to be removed and taken down and he cannot explain what a relief this is and he is so thankful to the City to help keep this business alive and he is still here today to make sure that the no parking signs stay out but he still feels like the signs could reappear because of the neighbors strong connection with the City the Mandola family owns the street right across from the Salon and he requested them to look at the map that he presented them and he is concern that the restaurant is taking away street parking with the switch of entrances and exits, some of the clients from other businesses have parked there and tow trucks have been called and that is not right, it is not fair and more importantly it is illegal and actually Mr. Mandola comes into their salon to get haircuts but it is weird that they have to welcome a bully or their bully in sake of being a neighbor and that the City has concluded the impact to the business is not worth no parking signs and they are thankful for that. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Lorena Dalton, 1622 Droxford Ln., 77008, (936)697-6783 appeared and stated that she wanted to thank the City for listening to them and taking the time to help them, she lived in Houston for the last 9 years, she is a hair dresser, she is self-employed for over 4 years and she has worked so hard to build her business and clients over the years, she loves being self-employed but still gives back to the community and Rosie has opened her doors after Harvey for victims, she also volunteers with the Police Department, Pack Meals for Kids and since she only has 3 minutes she has to take advantage and the parking on Eberhard street has been hard enough and with the no parking signs it has been impossible for her and for every small business clients and they cannot take the chance to lose business and she is grateful that the City has decided to take down the signs and it would be nice if they stayed down and wanted to thank Gary Norman for contacting her on this matter and it is very moving that their voice has been heard. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Rosa Alanis, 1210 West Clay, Apt.#21, 77019, (832)443-4544 appeared and stated that this is once again about the Eberhard Street parking and she had owned a Salon for 5 ½ years and parking was provided by her landlord but was taken away a year into it their lease and since then street parking is their only available option and she was here to request that the no parking signs be removed but she had received word this morning about the reversal about the parking restrictions and she wants to praise Houston Public Works and everyone that had been involved in helping save the businesses that are on Eberhard Street and the City does care about the little people but she still wanted to make an appearance to make sure that the no parking signs stay down and hopefully stop some harassment by her neighbors and she has called 311 in regards

to complaints and found out that the only complaint that was on Eberhard this year was in February and only a handful of complaints have been filed in the past 5 years and Eberhard street has been measure so many times in the past 5 months and she is asking why is the City measuring the same street repeatedly, so many times in a short period of time, there are no accidents or incidents to prompt so many visit to the City and since she been there she have heard of none and recently Vincent Mandola towed one of her very pregnant clients car from his parking lot at the restaurant while the restaurant was closed, they have tried to negotiate a deal but their offers were dismissed, she reached out to property management and been given empty promises and as soon as the no parking sign were posted, she contacted property management and they have not proactive on it and she is relieved that the sign are coming down but wanted to make sure that the signs do not go back up. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Jeff Pearson, 1210 West Clay, Apt.#21, 77019, (832)594-1150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Lovely Washington, 4135 W. Bellfort, 77025, (713)904-0334 appeared and stated when she first came to City Council Meeting about 8 months ago, she came for guideness on how to move the process along at Texas Workforce Solutions for the blind division to get an accessible computer lab or resource room for individuals that were blind or have sensory disabilities while they are looking for work and she was advised to contact the State Senators and she did and with their help and cooperation and City Council guideness, she was able to make sure that there is a resource room and computer lab at Texas Workforce Solution on West 20<sup>th</sup> Street and she wanted to thanked them for helping and if anyone wants to use their facilities they can contact 713-802-3100 and as she been advocating for this process, she has to say it has been a challenged and she has noticed that she had been followed, recorded and pictures have been taken and she does not know what the purpose was and she will continue to advocate because a closed mouth will not get fed and currently she still does not have what she need from Texas Workforce Solutions. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

William Beal, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Charles Jones, 4307 South Acres, 77047, (832)474-1178, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Brenda Barlow, 2708 Woodard, 77026, (713)665-9342 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Lola Arthur, no address, (832)897-2950 appeared and stated that she is with the Green Party Caucus and she was not present last week when they came to deliver their demands and she is here now to reiterate the demands that they made, they will continue to come and speak their demands and the bottom line is that inhumane, cruel and unusual punishments will not be tolerated by the people here in the City of Houston and everyone really needs to look closely at the local Leaders here in Houston, notice who is working for the people and who is not and to please vote accordingly. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Jonathan Zapeta, no address, (832)855-2950 appeared and stated that he had been a resident of Houston for 16 years and this City has given him much happiness and sadness on different occasions and lately it feels like this City has been hostile to people like him between the Harris County and ICE and the City of Houston Police Department and ICE and he currently resided in District B and he had the pleasure to invite Council Member Cisneros to an event that his organization on November 10<sup>th</sup> where they allowed undocumented youth to speak their minds and the truth about the current reality for immigrants that are in the United States and he does know that there are people that are willing to help within City Council but with the collaboration with ICE and Houston Officials are hypocritical and for example he knows that the Mayor said that this is a welcoming City when they reality show the exact opposite because people are still being detained by ICE and they know that there are City people that want to help but they do not just need words they need action. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Christie absent.

**NO QUORUM**

Zelora Oldham, 2889 Reed Rd., (832) 642-6872 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Christie absent.

**NO QUORUM**

Robert Horton, 3714 Bain, 77026, (832)748-4010 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Christie absent.

**NO QUORUM**

Irasema Hernansez, no address, (281)788-2171 appeared and stated that she is the Co-Chair of the Poor Peoples Campaign and she had the pleasure in speaking in D.C. to Commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Poor People's Campaign that was led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and she got to speak next to revolutionary icons like Reverend Jesse Jackson and she is very concerned on what is happening with the ICE Detention Centers that are currently being built and waiting to be approved by the Inspectors to get passed and approved in the City of Houston and what she does not understand why this is being fast tracked and it is not a priority and it is like the homeless community that is being depressed and censored for living on the streets, they need to create an environment that helps the communities that are depressed and she wants the City of Houston to take priority and understand what is more important, is important to help those people or depress those people, to jail them and she would also like the City of Houston to put a priority for Hurricane Harvey recovery and it seems that been taken as a back burner. And it is noted that Ms. Garcia expressed her presentation by yelling. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Stardig absent. **NO QUORUM**

Sarahi Garcia, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she was actually here to address the Mayor since last week he told her that he does not know who he is talking to and she just wanted to clarify that she does and she knows all of them who she is talking to, they are very disrespectful, Council Member Edwards never pays attention, Council Member Stadig walks out when she comes to speak and none of them have engaged and asked question to her, even when she is coming to ask for help for her community that is being targeted and she wanted to remind them and the Mayor that they work for them and the way that they treated her will come back and haunt them and they need to be more respectful. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Stardig absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Kubosh stated that he wanted to tell Ms. Garcia that he is concerned about these issues and he has a friend that lives in Kingwood about 16 years ago and she got stopped and went to ICE Detention but she was caught by ICE because of a traffic ticket and he did everything he could to help them and she cannot come back for 10 years and it is a mess.

**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 3:42 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2018, Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Dwight Boykins, Mike Laster and David Robinson out of the City on City Business.

At 8:35 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, July 18, 2018 Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Marta Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Dwight Boykins, Mike Laster and David Robinson out of the City on City Business. Council Member Steve Le absent on Personal Business.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and stated she would like to consider Items 2, 3 and 4 out of order.

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** None

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 through 4

2. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire March 1, 2020:

Position 10 - **ANN COLLUM**, reappointment  
Position 11 - **DOMINIC YAP**, appointment  
Position 12 - **CHARLES STAVA**, reappointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2018-0364 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**:

Panel A:

Position A2 - **THOMAS E. BRENTS**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Position A4 - **JENIFER RENÉ POOL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Panel B:

Position B2 - **VICTOR L. CARDENAS, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Position B4 - **MICHAEL E. CRAMER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Alternates:

Position a2 - **ADAM KIEHNE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Position a4 - **ALPHONSO DELANEY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Position a5 - **ANTHONY FREDDIE**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2018

Position a6 - **DOUGLAS E. HAMMEL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Position a8 - **BESSIE MANSFIELD**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2018-0365 ADOPTED**

**4. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY NETWORK BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Position One - **DENNIS J. STOREMSKI**, for a term to expire 9/30/2019

Position Two - **VERGIL R. RATLIFF**, for a term to expire 9/30/2020-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2018-0366 ADOPTED**

**HEARINGS**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the **HOUSTON YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM STANDARDS OF CARE** codified at Article XII of Chapter 32 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances- was presented,

Stephen Wright, The Director of Parks and Recreation presented a Power Point presentation for the Houston Youth Recreation Programs Standards of Care for the Public Hearing. A copy is on file in the Office of the City Secretary.

Members of Council Question Mr. Wright and Debra Lathan and Kay Joshua who were present for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen asked if there was anyone present that would like speak on this particular Item and seeing none, she requested a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Kubosh motion to close the Public Hearing for the Houston Youth Recreation Program Standards of Care and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0367 ADOPTED**

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 9 through 36**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 9 through 36

9. **ORDINANCE** amending and ratifying Ordinance Nos. 2015-77, 2017-821, & 2013-89 relating to the Series G, H-2 and J Commercial Paper Programs pertaining to the authorized purposes of such Commercial Paper Programs and making findings relating thereto and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0558 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of: (1) a 3 foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, located in Lots 28, 29, and 30 of Colby Court; (2) a 5 foot-wide utility easement, located in Lots 28, 29, and 30 of Colby Court; and (3) a 5 foot-wide utility easement, located in Lots 42 and 43 of Colby Court, all out of the Obedience Smith Survey, Abstract No. 696, Harris County, Texas; abandoning the easements to the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, the abutting owner, in consideration of its conveyance to the City of a 25 foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, payment to the City of \$300.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0559 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston New Home Development Repair Program Guidelines- the City Secretary advised that Item 14 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be consider.
18. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2017-1008 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract for Professional Services between the City of Houston and **BAY AREA HOUSTON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP** - \$100,000.00 - General Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0560 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** establishing the west side of the 6200 block of Haskell Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0561 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 2200 block of Watts Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0562 ADOPTED**
26. **MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 3.9360 acres commonly known as 357 and 403 Yale St., Houston, Harris County, Texas; supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the request of Yale and **I-10 PROPERTY**

**MANAGEMENT, LLC, 5401 LAWDALE, LLC, & YALE MIDTOWN PARTNERS, LLC  
DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0563  
ADOPTED**

- 28. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$6,852,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Groundwater Facility/Repump Station Improvements - Package II; 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 A - STARDIG; F - LE and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0564 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0547, passed first reading July 11, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **HYDRO HAWK ENVIRONMENTAL, 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 **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**
- 32. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0548, passed first reading July 11, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **NX4 INDUSTRIES, LLC dba NEXWASTE, 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 **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**
- 33. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0549, passed first reading July 11, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **REGINALD R. HUNTER dba HUNTER FORCE PRESSURE WASHING SERVICE, a Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**
- 34. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0550, passed first reading July 11, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **TEXAS COMMERCIAL PRESSURE WASHING, 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 - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

35. **ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0515, passed second reading July 11, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **FYNC, LLC dba TEXAS HYDRO-CLEAN, 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 THIRD AND FINALLY READING IN FULL**
36. **ORDINANCE** No. 2018-0516, passed second reading July 11, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **M.I.S.T. RIVER, LLC dba BIN THERE DUMP THAT-HOUSTON, 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 THIRD AND FINALLY READING IN FULL**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$10,957,995.51 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Rampart Street Area Drainage and Paving (Sub-Project 2) - 2.97% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT J – LASTER-** was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0368 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,517,129.33 and acceptance of work on contract with **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Langwood Area - 3.17% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0369 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Andrew Sikes of Andrew Lonnie Sikes, Inc., on behalf of Exxon Corporation 00076, declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Garfield Street, Signet Street, Plummer Street, Stedman Street and Bennett Street, from the applicant's western property line east ±175 feet, located in the Port Houston, N.S.B.B. Subdivision, out of the John Brown League Survey, Parcels SY18-025A through SY18-025E - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis.
8. **RESOLUTION** expressing no objection to an application for non-competitive 4% federal tax credits for acquisition and rehabilitation of **PARK YELLOWSTONE**, an affordable housing

community located near 3322 Yellowstone Boulevard in the City of Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2018-0028 ADOTPED**

11. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide utility easement out of Unrestricted Reserve "A," Block 1, of the Mesa Development Subdivision, situated in the Eli Noland Survey, Abstract No. 600, Houston, Harris County, Texas; abandoning the easement to Aliyah Property, LLC, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$3,791.00 and other good and valuable consideration - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0565 ADOPTED**
  
12. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of four 14-foot-wide utility easements and two 10-foot-wide utility easements, all located within the Wayside Village Subdivision, Section 2, out of the Eli Noland Survey, Abstract No. 600, Houston, Harris County, Texas abandoning the easement to Woodmere Development Company, LTD., in consideration of its payment to the City of \$10,457.00, and other good and valuable consideration - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0566 ADOPTED**
  
13. **ORDINANCE** relating to the expansion of the capacity and mission of the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority ("LARA"), approving and authorizing the change of LARA's name to "Houston Land Bank" ("HLB"), an amendment to the Certificate of Formation of HLB and the amended and restated by laws of HLB- was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
  
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC**, to extend the term of the contract and add up to \$1,278,210.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of three multi-unit residential facilities, along with the provision of supportive services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0567 ADOPTED**
  
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP** for general Citywide Federal Lobbyist Services for the Office of Government Relations; establishing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with one one-year option - \$744,000.00 - General Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.

**NOTE:** Council Member Kubosh later release his tag on Item 16

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP** for Federal Lobbyist Services for the Houston Airport System; establishing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with one one-year option \$605,400.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.

**NOTE:** Council Member Kubosh later release his tag on Item 17

19. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2017-1009 relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain City Council Meetings to postpone the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, and Wednesday, August 1, 2018- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
22. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 18.542 acres of land to **DOWDELL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0568 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 109.508 acres of land to **EMERALD FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.
24. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 7.55 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 142**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0569 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 108.190 acres of land to **HARRIS-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 386**, for inclusion in its district- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.

**NOTE:** - Council Member Stardig later released her tag on Item 25.

27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$739,050.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BINKLEY & BARFIELD, INC** for the 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Packages 5 and 6 (as approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0759); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery 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 2018-0570 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$540,680.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding a contract to **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD.** for Mulford Street and Sidewalk 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0571 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$15,497,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,423,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Airline Drive Drainage and Paving SP 2 - Clark Road; 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, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF

and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0572 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 37 through 39

**37. RECOMMENDATION** from Chief Procurement Officer to adopt award to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Replacement of Aeration Basin Ceramic Diffusers to Membrane Diffusers for Houston Public Works - \$432,900.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$519,480.00 - Enterprise Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS**

This was Item 11 on Agenda of July 11, 2018- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0370 ADOPTED**

**38. ORDINANCE** altering and establishing prima facie speed limits in certain zones in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 19 on Agenda of July 11, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0573 ADOPTED**

**39. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM, INC (dba NEOGOV)** regarding an applicant tracking software for the Human Resources Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 year with two one-year options - \$460,768.68 - Central Service Revolving Fund

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVIS**

This was Item 22 on Agenda of July 11, 2018- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion, Council Members invited Director Cheeks to the podium to answer questions, a vote was called, Council Members Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Kubosh for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Kubosh stated that he is going to release his tags on Item 16 and 17.

Bill Kelly was invited to the podium to answer questions on Items 16 and 17 and after a lengthy discussion votes were called on Items 16 and 17.

**16. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP** for general Citywide Federal Lobbyist Services for the Office of Government Relations; establishing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with one one-year option - \$744,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0575 ADOPTED**

**17. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP** for Federal Lobbyist Services for the Houston Airport System; establishing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with one one-year option \$605,400.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0576 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Stardig for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Stardig stated she is going to release Item 25.

**25. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 108.190 acres of land to **HARRIS-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 386**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all votng aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0577 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:37 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary