

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.
City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, November 7, 2018

The Houston City Council convened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 7, 2018 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on Personal Business.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and stated that there was a major accident that he believes is off of 290 which is delaying Council Member Stardig and Mayor Turner introduced Reverend Dr. David V. Mason for the Invocation and Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

At 9:14 The Roll was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Gallegos absent. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on Personal Business.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for a Point of Personal Privilege; Council Member Laster stated that it is his great honor and pleasure to introduce them; a group of students from Sharptown High School Ambassadors and requested them to stand to be recognized when he called their names. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Cohen moved delay the Adoption of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 9:16 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that they would be moving to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to start off today that Sunday is Veteran's Day and there will be a Parade this coming Sunday that returns to Downtown along with the Veteran's Health Care in front of City Hall and he hope that the ride in the Americans Hero's Parade that is sponsored by HEB and it starts at 12:30 p.m., he not only see Veterans and their families and also many other people. He wants to thank our Veterans and the Military on what they have done to protect our liberty but first, the U.S. Family Health fair starts at 10:00 a.m. and the Key Note Speaker Retired Lieutenant General Larry Wyche, who serves as the Director of the Houston Food Bank. Again, It's this coming Sunday and they are hoping that everyone will come out and also celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Women in the Marine Core and as tradition they will be recognizing the City of Houston local Hero's and for more information on the Sunday's activities, please go to www.houstonspecialevents.org.

In the past the City of Houston 311 have received complaints about smoke, odor and dust from metal recycling facilities. The City Health Department has been working with the UT Health School of Public Health, with Rice University and Air Alliance to help address the problems. The result is a Federally Funded Research and Action Program called MAAPS, the Metal Air Pollution Partnership Solutions and after conducting community surveys, air sampling and health assignments, MAAPS has already started working with metal recyclers to reduce pollution and to communicate better with residents nearby. There will be a series of Community hearings about

MAAPS starting tomorrow which is Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Kelso Elementary School in the South Park area with meetings to follow in the Northside and at Magnolia Park and for more information they can go to www.uth.edu/maaps.

Mayor Turner certainly wanted to acknowledge that many of them joined Council Member Cohen at her Synagogue at Congregation Beth Israel. The Worship was very uplifting, just very positive, very unifying and enjoyed the fellowship and the worship service and hopefully there will many more of those services. Mayor Turner wanted to thank Council Member Cohen and Rabbi Lyons and the entire congregation of Beth Israel for opening their doors.

Mayor Turner stated that he didn't have to remind people about the Elections yesterday, he did reach out and spoke to County Judge Ed Emmett last night, he did have a good conversation with him and then he put a call into for Judge Lina Hidalgo who will be coming in as the new Harris County Judge and he couldn't reach her personal but he did leave her a message. He is looking forward to working with everyone and then lastly he will say as it relates to Proposition B, the City's Financial Challenges have gotten stiffer and he does not think that it's an understatement because essentially the annualize cost on Proposition B is \$100 million dollars each year and that is a huge mountain to climb and he will be very honest and he wanted to be very candid with Members of Council, he doesn't know how the City is going to pay for it. He's not talking about \$1 million, \$2 million dollars a year, they are talking about \$100 million dollars a year and all of their suggestion will be appreciated and welcomed because this is a bill that was handed to the City and he can't tell anyone how the City is going to pay for it. What he will say it's important for all of us to review all of the options and will also say that they will start with the Fire Department to absorb the total cost and he will say that they will not bring anymore Classified Firefighters in the Fire Department anytime soon until they know where they are headed because it does not make any sense to bring on anyone and then have to lay people off. He has asked Chief Pena to begin now to restructure the Fire Department. They will go from 4 shifts to 3 and to look at ways to reduce cost and also they will look first to the Fire Department to absorb the additional annualized cost of \$100 million and they are also taking the steps to redo the Classification, the Master Classification within the Fire Department to line up how would the layoffs occur within the Fire Department. That information will come before Council for the final approval and that process has already begun and it will require all of them working together to figure out.

Members of Council questioned and commented about the passing of Proposition B.

At 10:00 a.m. Mayor Turner stated he would move to the Public Hearing:

HEARINGS

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% tax credit application of **ST. ELIZABETH PLACE LP.** for an Affordable Housing Community located near 4514 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020 - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented,

The Assistant City Secretary advised that no one had reserved time to speak. Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone that was present would like to speak on the St. Elizabeth Place Hearing and see no one who would like to speak, he requested a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing for the St. Elizabeth Place and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2018-0566 ADOPTED**

2. **RESOLUTION** expressing no objection to an application for non-competitive 4% federal tax credits for acquisition and adaptive reuse of Saint Elizabeth Hospital to be an affordable housing community located near 4514 Lyons Avenue in the City of Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 1 above- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **RESOLUTION 2018-0036 ADOPTED**
3. **PUBLIC HEARING** on proposals for the City of Houston to enter into separate amended and restated strategic partnership agreements with the below named districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties on separate proposals by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory within said districts; and on separate proposals by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory in the vicinity of certain districts:
 1. Baybrook Municipal Utility District No. 1
 2. El Dorado Utility District
 3. Fort Bend Freshwater Supply District No. 1
 4. Harris-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 5
 5. Southern Montgomery County Municipal Utility District

Was presented, Assistant City Secretary advised that no one had signed up to speak for this Public Hearing.

Rupesh Koshy, with the Planning Department and Kim Mickelson with the Legal Department will presented a statement to The Mayor and Members of Council.

Council Member Edwards commented and questioned about the Public Hearing on proposals for the City of Houston to enter into separate amended and restated strategic partnership agreements with the above-named districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone else that have any questions or would like to speak on this particular Item, seeing none, he requested a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing for the City of Houston to enter into separate amended and restated strategic partnership agreements with the above named districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nay none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2018-0567 ADOPTED**

At 10:06 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Jeanette De Los Santos, 3750 North McCarty, 77029, (713)671-9993 appeared and stated that she is here representing the Houston Habitat for Humanity and it is a Non-Profit Organization with over 30 years of experience in building and repairing affordable homes and revitalizing communities. Houston Habitat for Humanity has provided flood repairs to low and moderate-income homeowners since the Memorial Day floods of 2015 and leads the repair subgroup of the Long-Term Flood Recovery Committee; a collaborative of Houston Organizations that are engaged in flood recovery efforts. They are proud to report since a year from Harvey they have helped repair over 250 homes who suffered damages during the storm but however there are many families still in need of assists and many of them are our most vulnerable neighbors and these vulnerable population is difficult to reach and to engage in because of that reason Houston

Habitat believes it's imperative that the City requires door to door canvassing particularly in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods as a tool and door to door canvassing will ensure the consultants provide timely access to recovery information for the vulnerable people. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Santos to finish her statement and Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Santos.

Estella Gonzalez, no address, (281)409-8485 appeared and stated that she is a proud resident of District H in the 2nd Ward Community. As a person that was born and raised in the East End and she has a unique perspective of changes that are occurring in their neighborhood and if they are not aware, their community had been a recipient of recent development and investment. Which many residents like herself welcome and appreciate; however, as they have received this much needed attention they have also been dealing with the downside effects of the development without policy protections. She has personally witnessed her neighbors being pushed out by increasing rent and higher home prices and therefore, she is here in support of Agenda Item in regarding Houston Community Land Trust and as a Member of the Super Neighborhood Council, they hosted a community meeting on October 9th to discuss the issue of affordable housing and specifically Houston CLT. They had approximately 100 residents and Stakeholders that were in attendance. A true testament of the supported interest for CLT in the East End and she wanted them to know that her neighbors and community are present and committed to Launching the Houston CLT and she looks forward in working with her Council Member along with others. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Maria Sosa, 5510 S. Rice Ave., 77081, (832)773-3261 appeared and stated that she is a Community Organizer for Field Houston which is one of the largest immigrants rights organization in Houston and she also is active member in the Home Coalition and after Harvey several organizations join in the efforts to pursue equity and resilience in their City. Today the City is signing a contract with ICF Incorporated for outreach in community intake and engagement and because they believe in equitable distribution in funds and she is here to express her support in the City moving forward and offering their helping in the process. They would also like to ensure that communities groups that have been working on the ground have an opportunity to subcontract with the consultant. The Home Coalition is a large group of diverse leaders who focus on different issues all throughout Houston and for example they focus on jobs, housing, environmental, immigrations and disaster recovery. It is time that they are able to have the capacity to get this work done with the City of Houston and they also need a real oversight committee to help the efforts with transparency and with the money as well and they look forward to working with them. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Dr. Assata Richards, 2517 Francis St., 77004, (814)571-5521 appeared and stated that she is coming today to speak on behalf on the Houston Community Land Trust, she has the pleasure and the honor of sharing the Board for the Houston Community Land Trust and she serves with 8 hardworking Board Members, they work hard at getting it right, they get up early and they stay up late on behalf of this effort. She wanted to say that their goals are clear, they want to support Home Ownership for the most modest income workers and they are speaking about custodians, security guards, teachers' aides, home health aides, bus drivers, construction workers and airport workers. Those residents in their City that are making between 30 to 60% if AMI who have been locked out of home ownership in this City and who they believe deserve the opportunity to have prosperous lives for themselves and their children. They are also working on behalf of stabilizing communities with home ownership. They have looked at the Housing Goals in each complete community and they believe that the Houston Community Land Trust will be able to do that. They

have had 3 meetings in Acres Homes, they have met with the Super Neighborhoods, the Complete Communities and they have also had a Community Wide Meeting. They have had a meeting in 2nd Ward in the Gulfton Area and they have had 2 meeting in the 3rd Ward that included Housing Advocates, Financing Entities, the Funding Community, researchers and residents. They have also presented to the Houston Housing Collaborative and received their support. They have participated in a conference at Texas southern University with 300 attendees. They believe that community engagement is critical in the work they would like to do in this City and they are commended in having a Community Engagement Plan which will be on the website that is open and accessible to all residents of the City of Houston and they are joining 5th Ward that already have a Community Land Trust and they create their Community Land Trust after Harvey and Independence Height created their Community Land Trust before Harvey. They have been told that Denver Harbor wants a Community Land Trust and they also requested by Habitat Humanity to work with them to take land that they haven't put into Community Land Trust because they believe that residents will be priced out of those homes through the taxing on the land and they really believe that this is a model that has great potential to provide unrepresented opportunities in this City. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Le and Laster absent.

Council Member Boykins thanked Dr. Richards for her presentation and he wanted to start off by saying when the conference was held at Texas Southern University, he was in attendance and he left that conference totally against this concept. He had no idea at that point the benefit of this concept, so he met with community people and they had some concerns as well and he was leaning in the direction of not clearly understanding this concept but than he met with Director Tom McCasland and he explained the benefit of the Community Land Trust to poor people, homeownership and this is giving them an opportunity of that homeownership and how great this concept is for Inner City Communities. He looks forward in supporting this.

Rev. Paul Richards-Kuan, no address, (713)461-1404 appeared and stated that he is a Member of the Clergy and also a resident of the East End in District I and he is also here to speak in favor of the Houston Community Land Trust. As a Pastor he cares for his Congregation but he also is about all the people in his neighborhood and particularly those who are in unstable housing situations and there is a lot of problems when you live in unstable housing and he is amazed that in 2nd Ward many of the people are renters but one number that they have a hard time measuring is the amount of people that have been displaced. Houston Community Land Trust, he see is a powerful way to stabilize the community and to increase the amount of thriving that can happen. When they began in organizing and talking to their neighbors about the Houston Community Land Trust he didn't just see support, he saw enthusiasm and seeing that just excited them even more in the East End. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Le and Laster absent.

Council Member Gallegos wanted to thank Reverend Richard-Kuan for everything that he does out in the community because he knows how very much he is involved in the East End and wanted to thank him again for his time.

Tex Christopher, 5711 Sugarhill, 77057, (832)233-8879 appeared and stated that he is here to provide his protective right to the 1st Amendment that all of us are protected and he wanted to share with all of them with a few quotes, " Election belong with the people, it is their decision, if they decided to turn their backs on the fire and burn their behinds, they would have to just sit on their blisters" President Abraham Lincoln. Voting in democracy is very important in a Nation because it provides people an opportunity to voice their opinion and to vote for what they believe in and it holds Elected Officials for their behavior while in office and it provides minority from dictating the policies of the majority, President John F Kennedy. A man without a vote, is a man without protection, President Lyndon Johnson. He doesn't talk behind people's back like a lot of

people in this town, he will come straight to their face and Mayor, you say that you didn't ask for this but guess what, we the people did and to sit here and allocate \$1.34 million dollars of his tax payers money to sit there and be used against them which is morally wrong and he knows it. He is here to call them out, again and to challenge in a lawsuit of this sort of the will of the people is to strip them of their voice and silencing voters, they are insulting the past and future generations of Houstonians, Texans and Americans. This Administration and the previous Administration if they do not like it, then sue us. There is all this money for the Firefighters, Mr. Mayor Turner because his whole attitude is if they don't like it, then just to sue them. Him and the will of the people oppose this Agenda Item 16 where they are coming to them and asking them to use their money to benefit his Agenda. He is here to stand for the children and to stand for the women and he is here to throw his weight around for the people. He is here to protect the safety which is the number one issue and he asked the Mayor if he had any questions. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Le and Laster absent.

Council Member Davis stated to Mr. Christopher that he does have questions, and this is his time and so Mr. Christopher, you are here to stand for the people, can they call him to be a Life Guard and to get certified for his pools for Tidwell Park, can he call him to come in to extend the hours in the Library for his kids to read. Can he call him to do the mowing of the lawns for his Parks in a frequent manner, so the kids can run and play, so he doesn't think it is a tactic and he believes he was sitting here earlier in the audience when the Mayor said that he is going to ask for a 2 week delay. So, this point is that he thinks Mr. Christopher is here and just made his speech for the cameras and this is real and this is not a game and he may think that this is theater and he is here to tell him that it's not because he gets the phone calls every week about the inconsistency about the trash not being picked up in his District when they don't have enough operating trucks in Solid Waste to due it in a timely manner especially after Hurricane Harvey when they did around the clock pick up in the neighborhoods. He gets the phone call when they don't have extended hours and services for after school programs for our families that need and desire in our public facilities like the Community Centers as well as our Libraries, so he hopes that Mr. Christopher makes himself available to be those tutors and those Life Guards because when things happen like this they have to make the decisions because they were voted in so they would love for him to come up and do his job and tell them what they think but until he comes and sit in his seat as District B City Council Member because he is going to do what the constituents in his District as well as other constituents around the City.

Tomas Aguilar, 801 Country Place Dr. Apt.# 292, 77079, (737)207-1878 appeared and stated that this is regarding the ICF Contract for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery, he works with Living Hope Wheelchair Association and they were created around 2005. There was Budget cuts at the Harris Health and a lot of folks were without wheelchairs, durable goods, adult diapers. Has anyone here worked with a family member that has a disability, they know how hard it is just to exist and to survive, so that is what they do, not turn anyone away. They give away everything like wheelchairs, medical beds things of that nature, after Hurricane Harvey there is a lot of need and there was some great services that were provided by the City, by the County but there were also a lot of people that were left out and what they been doing since, they are working with agencies with Governmental entities to help folks that fell through the cracks. There are a lot of small organizations like theirs that are doing this type of work. He is also a member of the Home Coalition and he knows that everyone knows that there are people that are still suffering after Harvey and in order for the City of Houston to be successful in getting people help experts like ICF have been brought onboard because of their expertise but they also need to recognize the value that communities based organizations, the larger ones and the smaller ones. They were here before the Hurricane hit and they will be after the Hurricane. The Home Coalition is pleased that the HCDD also acknowledge the value of community organizations in this work and they look

forward in opportunities to formally subcontract with the selected consultant to lead outreach and case management efforts. They also look forward in working with the City in establishing oversight measures to shine a light on the ones that continue to suffer, he urges them to keep in mind what is at stake and who are still suffering as they make their decisions. Council Members Stardig, Le and Castex-Tatum absent.

Trai Tran, 2406 Napoleon St., 77004, (832)758-4938 appeared and stated that he is here because of construction that is in front of his house. He doesn't feel safe living there and as they know there is a lot of crimes, traffic and he just wants to know what they can do to help him out on the gas station that is on Scott and I-45 South. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le, Gallegos and Catex-Tatum absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Boykins thanked Mr. Tran for coming down and he is sorry that he has to take off from work to come down here. He is very much aware of the incoming gas issue that is on Scott and I-45 that has been dealt with and he hopes that Mr. Tran maybe aware of that the City doesn't have zoning in place. There are environmental issues and there was another gentleman that came in and he was on point but there is only so much they can do because their hands are tied with no zoning and that is not just our neighborhood, but it is throughout the entire City of Houston. He wanted to tell him that he is with him and if there is anything they can do, to make certain that they make it as challenging for those kinds of things in our neighborhood and they would try to make it happen and he wanted to commend both of them but in regards to the crime, he has used Council Members Davis to bring in extra Police and what he had learned working with the Southeast and South Central Police Department is that they have these little gangs that are running around from Sunnyside to South Union to 3rd Ward and then back where he is and so what they are doing is routing, so the crime is moving. If he sees any activity, he encourages Mr. Tran to call 911 immediately, they can send Police there and put that fire out and that entirety will move somewhere else then eventually come back. If there is something specifically that he wants to be to Council Member Boykins attention he will get with Mr. Tran and talk to him with the Police Sergeant and they can try to deal with that. Council Member Boykins told him after the comments they will meet together in the back.

Eddie Sajjad, no address, (281)236-5877 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le, Gallegos and Castex-Tatum absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Edwine Crawley, 11806 Palmetto Shores, 77065, (713)517-6615 appeared and stated that he came here a few months back and he had a boy name Justice and he is having some issues with a case that happen to him at a gas station case a few years ago and because of this case that's why he named his son Justice. He really does not want to get into the details about it but he does want to get it behind him because it is preventing his future, they own several businesses since this has happen to them and he just finished an Insurance Tax Examine and to make the long story short, a cop pulled up behind him and he has video and surveillance along with toxicology reports that is in his favor. When he went into the Court Room, they didn't want to hear nothing, they wanted to lock him up and he is here to get this case off of him because they put a drug charge on him, and he has never done drugs. He has been in Houston for almost 20 years and one of his companies is a Jet Sky Rental Company and if they look into his history on some of the things that him and his wife have done, they are great people and they don't cause problems. He is begging for anyone to help him with his situation and this is preventing him in taking care of his family and it is false and he has all the proof in the world. He was never given an opportunity to fight this. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Castex-Tatum absent.

Mayor Turner asked Mr. Crawley if this was filed in Criminal Court and he advised Mayor Turner that it was and started to explain what happened. Mayor Turner stated to him that the problem is that they don't have any jurisdiction over the Criminal Courts over there and he recommends that he go to the NAACP to their Legal Department and see if they can assist.

Jasmine Crawley, 11806 Palmetto Shores, 77065, (713)517-6615 appeared and stated that she is Edwin Crawley's wife and she understands that this pretty much must go to the NAACP, but she has been living with him since the incident and it is stressful for him, it's stressful for their family and it is inaccurate charges. She also wanted to touch on having some rules and regulations to ATVs as well because that is a major problem because when those things are stolen from people. All they have to do is have one single title but with the bill of sales, so when someone steals them which is the 3rd time they have come down to their storage room and stole within one year and once it is gone they don't get it back and that is with all ATVs and she feels that there needs to be more rules and regulations that is implemented into the system to be able to track down instead. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Castex-Tatum absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Crawley that they will take that under consideration and thanked her and her husband for being here.

Demetria Smith, 2727 Synott Rd., 77082, (832)671-9712 appeared and stated the first thing she would like to say and remind everyone that they are under oath. Texas Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, all political power is inherent in the people and is found upon their authority, it benefits for their institution and the other thing she wanted to remind people that the Declaration of Independence says that the Government derives its power from the consent of the Governed and as they all know and some of them may not like it but Proposition B has passed, the people voted, the people's voice was heard and must continue to be heard. She stands as a community, she stands with the community, with the Firefighters, she jumped into their fight and she will continue to fight for them, their families and the public as well. However, Council Member Davis, you mentioned trash and parks and recognized Mayor Turner, hey there are going to be some lay-offs going from 4 shifts to 3 well they all should know that the Firefighters are the first responders and they are number one in heart attacks so what are they going to do about that, are they going to consider that. Are they going to consider the trash in Park Council Member Davis and they also understand that they are number 3 in response time, what are they going to do about that when they start laying-off the EMS? Is it the Trash and the Parks or is it going to be the people that are dying? She wanted to remind them that no one is trained mentally or physically to walk into burning buildings, expose to smoke and steam, they are not prepared for that mentally. Please do not compare their jobs to HPD, they were able to find 7.5% to give them a raise without lay-offs. They should be able to consider the Firefighters and their families. They are asking and they have been fighting this alone and fighting this themselves and they came to them. Since she has been in the community; she would like to extend an invitation to the Mayor or his team to come out to the Northside Missionary Baptist Church which this is a follow up invitation to come out and have a dialogue before they implement this Legal action that they are about to do to the Firefighters and Marty Lancton has not heard from him and she can say that and he is willing to meet with him and sit down with him at the table to see what his offer is. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Davis stated to Ms. Smith by saying let not hold the people accountable because she just mentions that the people were the reason they are sitting here and that is their voice and that's our power. Let's not forget that everyone didn't vote for Proposition B even though it did pass so he still has a duty as a City Council Member to listen to all of the constituents and if this was not an item that they are not looking over today and not going to vote which the Mayor

mentioned earlier which he believes she was sitting in the audience so again she just had her speech again just like the other gentlemen earlier then she would have understood that they still have to make sure that the entire City and all of the 2.4 million people that reside in the City of Houston are listen too.

Kathleen Powell, 1221 Columbia St., 77008, (713)443-7727 appeared and stated that she wanted them to know that she watches Council, the Public Session, the Agenda and the Mayor's Press Conference every week, she attends Planning Commission and the Historical Commission every month. So, she thinks she knows what they care about, what they are interested in and she mostly knows what the City is doing and before she gets started with her complaint, she wants them to know that she has speech aphasia from 4 years ago and she will read her comments. She saw the meeting a few months ago about the people with speech aphasia, please excuse her if she stumbles a little bit and she knows how deeply Members of Council care about neighborhoods, Council Member Stardig knows about her because of a historical fight that happen years ago and how important it is to inform the neighborhoods when they are going to be impacted by something. There are 2 issues that is coming before the Planning Commission that she thinks that the neighborhoods should have known about. She has lived in the Houston Heights on Columbia Street for 18 years, some parts of her street are narrow with drainage ditches so narrow that they have to wait for on coming cars to pass because there are parked cars on both sides and these streets are streets that can't handle additional traffic and at the end of her street is the feeder road for I-10 and there is a hotel that is being built that is going to have 170 rooms and she thinks that is fine but the very next block, there is another hotel being built there for 140 rooms and that is entirely surrounded by residential housing on 3 sides and no notice was given to the neighborhood for a variance to take access to that hotel from a residential street which is prohibited by the hotel and she thinks that maybe its Chapter 8. There was no signage, no noticed that was sent out to the neighborhood and she doesn't understand that. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Powell to finish her statement. Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Powell.

Emmanuel Thomas, no address, (832)931-1469 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank Council Members Edwards, Christie, Laster, Travis and Mayor Turner. For everyone that spoke to him, this is his 4th time coming here speak to them and he understand the last time about Jurisdictions, but he has called everybody that they told him to call, he has told his story a million times to everyone and he is getting ignored and that is why citizens have no faith in anybody because when they are out there doing stuff and they aren't getting paid. He is asking everyone to look at his son, look on how he must see him. He has asked television stations to put him out there to get a killer off the streets and he has back them up many times. He been a voice on the radio, he has been the voice of the people and everytime they speak to him and they agree with what he says with citizens and Police working together. He looks like this and he scares people, they will not look at him and he looked them in their eyes, he is the same boy that went to elementary school with them and he has not cut his hair since his son passed and he has stood up for the right things. All he has asked them is to help and honor his son. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Thomas that he wants him to leave his number and he understands and tried to get him to calm down and told him that he got his attention.

Tim Slater, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

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

At 11:08 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 4 through 22

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 4 through 6

4. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$220,493.60 out of the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **S.J. LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD.** for Abandonment of Willow Run WWTP Flow Diversion for Change Order No. 7 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0673) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0882 ADOPTED**

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$220,493.60 awarded to **S.J. LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD.** for Abandonment of Willow Run WWTP Flow Diversion - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** **This item should only be considered after passage of Item 4 above**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0568 ADOPTED**

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Captain EMT/ARFF ANTONIO MESA** for the period August 26, 2018 through November 23, 2018- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0569 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 7 and 10

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$9,295,646.44 and acceptance of work on contract with **BOYER, INC** for Upper Brays Sanitary Sewer Tunnel Liner Removal - 4.72% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount (WW5173) - **DISTRICTS F - LE and G -TRAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0570 ADOPTED**

10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$764,052.48 and acceptance of work on contract with **GRAVA LLC** for 12-inch Water Line along IH-10 from Baca to Centerwood - 8.38% under the original Contract amount - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and

seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0571 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBER 22

- 22. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$560,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, \$445,000.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund, \$3,345,000.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund, \$2,062,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$650,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$2,056,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, \$1,000,000.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund, \$550,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$710,000.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, \$1,167,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$61,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the FY2019 Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program for Professional and Construction Services for General Government, Health, Police, Library, Fire and Parks & Recreation Departments (Approved by Ordinance Number 2013-1093; 2013-1201; 2015-0610; 2016-0264 & 2018-0003)- the Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 22 have not been received and if received during the course of the meeting, the Item would be considered at the end of the Agenda.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 8. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$626,357.69 and acceptance of work on contract with **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 0.74% under the original Contract amount (4235-45) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN, D - BOYKINS; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Le and Laster absent. **MOTION 2018-0572 ADOPTED**
- 9. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,362,559.11 and acceptance of work on contract with **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** for Site Specific Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Pipe Bursting and Cured-In-Place Pipe Methods - 0.50% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount (4235-85)- **DISTRICTS G - TRAVIS and H - CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0573 ADOTPED**
- 11. FIRSTSPEAR, LLC** - \$727,362.32; **CRYE PRECISION, LLC** - \$337,169.00; **SAFARILAND, LLC** - \$2,826,120.00 Rifle Resistant Plates with Carriers for the Houston Police Department \$3,930,651.32 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and

seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0574 ADOPTED**

12. **LIFE-ASSIST, INC** - \$8,102,474.00; **EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS** - \$1,015,268.00; **DENTAL HEALTH PRODUCTS, INC** - \$1,402,561.00; **BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC** - \$4,720,600.00 for Medical, Dental, Ambulatory Supplies, and Pharmaceuticals for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$15,240,903.00 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0575 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **FIFTH WARD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, joined by **PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY APARTMENTS LP (“Owner”)**, to provide funds to assist with renovation of a 165 Unit Affordable Seniors Housing Community located at the intersection of Lyons Avenue and Pannell Street in Houston, Texas; approving and authorizing an amended and restated agreement among the City of Houston, **PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** and owner pertaining to a prior loan for costs related to the construction of the foregoing project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Le and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0883 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, joined by the **HOUSTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**, to provide funds to reimburse costs for startup of Operations, Management, Homeownership and Stewardship Activities, all of which shall be incurred to provide Affordable Housing- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0884 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** adopting the fifth amended and restated guidelines for the City’s Homebuyer Assistance Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0885 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Agreement between **NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** and the City of Houston; providing a maximum contract amount -was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to delay Item 16 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018-0576 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving the issuance of additional bonds by the **OLD SPANISH TRAIL/ALMEDA CORRIDORS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Boykins. Council Member Davis absent.

18. **ORDINANCE** approving the issuance of bonds and notes by the **SOUTH POST OAK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** - **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0886 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** approving the issuance of bonds and notes by the **UPPER KIRBY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0887 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east side of the 200 block of Clifton 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 H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0888 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of the 400-600 blocks of Merrill Street and the south side of 600 block of Merrill 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 H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0889 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** approving a second amendment to Lease Agreement between **6201 BONHOMME, L.P.**, as landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for space located at 6201 Bonhomme, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for use by the City's Health Department's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program - \$82,657.05 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT J – LASTER-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0890 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **BAYSIDE PRINTING, INC**, for Prepress, Printing and Bindery Services for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options **\$6,000,000.00** - Central Services Revolving Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0891 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **GREAT-WEST LIFE and ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY** for Third-Party Administration Services for the City's Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for the Finance Department - 5 Years with two one-year options - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0892 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **DECOR IQ LLC** to Furnish, Install and Remove Mini Led Holiday Tree Lights for the General Services Department; establishing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - **\$519,418.00** - General Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Davis absent.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 27 through 30

27. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Engineer Operator EMT JASON ANNIS** for the period March 30, 2018 through April 16, 2018
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

This was Item 2 on Agenda of October 31, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018-0577 ADOPTED**

- 28. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,499,013.16 and acceptance of work on contract with **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for FY2013 Local Drainage Project Construction Work Orders 1 - 1.00% under the original Contract amount **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS and K - CASTEX-TATUM**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG

This was Item 5 on Agenda of October 31, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018-0578 ADOPTED**

- 29. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2018-0007 (Passed on January 3, 2018) to decrease the maximum contract amount of an agreement between the City of Houston and **APTIM ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC** for Master Program Management Services for Disaster Related Projects; approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to said agreement

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER

This was Item 9 on Agenda of October 31, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0893 ADOPTED**

- 30. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,000,000.00 out of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Fund and approving award of an Outreach, Intake and Case Management Services Agreement between the **City of Houston** and **ICF INCORPORATED, L.L.C.**, for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Services; establishing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with two one-year options - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KUBOSH and LASTER**

This was Item 15 on Agenda of October 31, 2018- was presented, during a lengthy discussion, Council Members invited Director Tom McCasland to the podium to answer Members of Council questions.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to remain in session beyond the scheduled 12:00 p.m. recess to complete the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0576 ADOPTED**

After a lengthy discussion on Item 30 and a Roll Call was requested.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Turner voting- Aye
Council Member Stardig voting- No
Council Member Davis voting- Aye
Council Member Cohen voting- Aye
Council Member Boykins voting- Absent
Council Member Martin voting- Aye
Council Member Le voting- Aye
Council Member Travis voting-No
Council Member Cisneros voting- Aye

Council Member Gallegos voting- Aye
Council Member Laster voting- No
Council Member Castex-Tatum voting- Aye
Council Member Knox voting- No
Council Member Robinson voting- Aye
Council Member Kubosh voting- Absent
Council Member Edwards voting- Aye
Council Member Christie voting- Aye

ORDINANCE 2018-0894 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 12:25 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Christie absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary

