

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, November 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2018; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisernos, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, David Robinson, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on Personal Business.

At 1:32 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Robinson and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Turner stated that Houston celebrates outstanding individuals that hone their dedication and prowess to break barriers and serve as an inspiration to others. A Houston native, Simone Biles is the most decorated American gymnast and the third most decorated female gymnast in history, having won a combined total of 25 Olympic and World Championship medals; Simone Biles' many accomplishments are a testament to what can be achieved through immense passion, commitment and a tireless work ethic. She is the first female to capture four gold medals at a single World Championships since 1974, the first African-American female all-around world champion and the first American female in 23 years to win three-all-around national titles and at the 2018 United States Gymnastics Championships in Boston, Massachusetts, Simone Biles set records by earning five gold medals in the all-around, vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise competitions; most recently, Simone Biles continued making Houston proud on the international stage during her phenomenal performance at the 2018 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Doha, Qatar. There, she earned four gold medals in floor exercises, team competition, all-around and vault; one silver medal in uneven bars and one bronze medal in the balance beam competition. She is currently preparing to compete in Tokyo at the 2020 Olympics and on November 27, 2018, Simone Biles will be recognized for becoming the most decorated female gymnast in the history of the World Championships. The City of Houston commends and congratulates Simone Biles on her historic achievements as a champion athlete and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaim November 27, 2018, as Simone Biles Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis and Castex-Tatum absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. is a service organization that was organized in 1951 by Dr. Thelma Patten Law who invited 13 other civic conscious friends, Thelma O. Bell, Vera A. Codwell, Adelaide Forde, Jimmie P. Gray, Goldie Hartshorn, Signora Howard, Garreett Lanier, Lynette Peacock, Ann Robinson, Martha Davis Robinson, Elmeita Stewart, Doris Wesley and Ann Wright, to comprise the charter membership. Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. is one of 288 chapters, which consists of over 15,000 professional women of color in 42 states, including the District of Columbia. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African- Americans and other persons of African ancestry. For the past 67 years, the chapter has continued to offer meaningful, impactful and innovative programming through the arts, services to youth, international trends, health and human services and national trends facets to the greater Houston community. Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. has adopted an umbrella programming in the 2018 – 2019 year to focus on eradicating human trafficking in the Houston area by partnering with the City of Houston to inform, increase victim identification and end human trafficking. During the month of November, National Friendship

Month is observed and celebrated across the United States yearly. On November 9, 2018, which is The Links Inc.'s Founders Day and National Day of Friendship and Service, the Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. assembled emergency care packages and hosted a clothing drive to benefit The Landing, a daytime drop-in center where survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation can experience an atmosphere of acceptance and be introduced to social support and on November 27, 2018, the Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. will be honored for their countless contributions to the community as an outstanding organization of service. The City of Houston commends and appreciates the Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. for their unwavering aid to the greater Houston area and advocacy for eliminating human trafficking, as their selfless service is greatly appreciated by the citizens of Houston and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 27, 2018, as Houston Chapter of The Links, Inc. Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated that in August 2017, the greater Houston area experienced a life-altering natural disaster. Houstonians dealt with devastating losses because of Hurricane Harvey, with unprecedented amounts of rain and flooding, along with widespread destruction. Houstonians will never forget those who in the days and the months that followed, worked tirelessly and responded generously to help those affected; John Mercer has spent the last decade serving others. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, he spent four days in and out of his boat rescuing hundreds, never thinking about his own safety. After all rescues, he sold his own rescue boat to feed those affected by this hurricane disaster for weeks and as the founder of Gettin Sauced Cookers, John Mercer and his team helped host the Texas Flood Jam fundraiser where \$86,000 was raised for multiple families to help rebuild. He has cooked for many benefits to help children, first responders and veterans affected by cancer. Recently, he helped cook at LULAC's District 18 Santa Fe Strong Community and Family Day Benefit and on November 27, 2018, John Mercer will be recognized for his feats of heroism during Hurricane Harvey and his unwavering compassion toward his fellow citizens. The City of Houston commends and appreciates John Mercer for his compassion during a historic disaster, as his selflessness is greatly appreciated by the many people who benefited from their unwavering generosity and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 27, 2018, as John Mercer Hurricane Harvey Hero in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis and Laster absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that Lionel R. Jellins is the father of two Eagle Scouts and husband of Charic Daniels Jellins and has lived in the Houston area for 40 years. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he holds an engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston. In 2015, he retired from Exxon Mobil Corporation after 38 years, having led contracting efforts for numerous major capital facilities and IT projects. Lionel R. Jellins' management expertise, derived from his numerous directorships, has allowed him to adeptly serve on numerous nonprofit boards of directors. Focused primarily in uplifting youth in the community, his board governance entailed design and reorganization efforts with a focus on enhancing transparency and engagement. He currently serves as the founding board chairman of the Yellowstone Foundation. In addition, he has chaired the Governing Board and Board of Elders at Trinity Lutheran Church as well as the Board for Crossroads, Community Partnership for Youth, a United Way Agency. During Hurricane Harvey, Lionel R. Jellins leveraged his organizational skills as he worked tirelessly to coordinate volunteers and affected families in need. As a Scout leader since 1977, he has helped youth and others find their way through Scouting. His profound volunteerism within the organization has garnered him many accolades, such as the Whitney M. Young Service Award, the Silver Beaver Award and the 2015 Texans Community Quarterback Award and on November 27, 2018, Lionel R. Jellins will be recognized for his overall achievements and accomplishments. The City of Houston commends Lionel R. Jellins on his commitment to enhancing the prosperity of the

Houston community and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 27, 2018, as Lionel R. Jellins Day in Houston, Texas.

Council Member Edwards stated she had to leave Council Meeting for City Business.

At 2:29 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Knox for the Invocation and he invited Pastor Richard Vague, (he is the Founder of At Feet Ministry that started in 2016) for the invocation and Council Member Knox led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding

The Roll was Called. Mayor Turner, Council Member Davis absent. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on Personal Business. Council Member Edwards left City Council Meeting for City Business.

Council Member Knox moved to delay the balance of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Member Davis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Boykins for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended to hear Mr. Jerry Monroe out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0593 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohn requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Matthew Nickson, 2807 East Grove, 77027, (713)204-3247 appeared and stated that he is here to discuss recycling. The sad fact about living in a City like this one which he knows they make many efforts to keep it clean, but there's a lot of trash and that is just a reality of humanity, they about trash that humans do produce. He read that the City of Houston was looking at cutting back on curbside recycling and whether if that is true or not for economic reasons which are very important, he does hope that the City doesn't do that. He thinks that they greatly need to increase recycling in this City and do our part for the future generations and specifically he would hope that the Council Members would look at mandating at apartment complexes recycling. He is learning and he knows that there was a project in the past that sought out to obtain cooperation from apartment complexes for recycling, but he doesn't think that it is not working effectively and he does know at least one complex that is on the Houston Go Green List that does not recycle. He thinks it is high time to set a moral example for the future and he is hoping that Members of Council would consider mandating for apartment complexes to recycle. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Laster stated to Mr. Nickson that he would tell him as his experience as a District Council Member is that our communities are growing in excitement and in continues use for recycling. One of the most exciting things that happen in one of his neighborhoods when they got the Green Recycling Bin delivered to them, so the good news in our Houston Communities is that recycling is becoming a way of life and a lot of us are anticipatory about that and they want to continue with that and appreciate him also talking about extending it to the apartment complexes and other institutions as well. The ongoing challenge is that they have a daily operational base is the marking and what they do and use in recycling product and he hopes that they begin to see this as a necessary part is that even if it cost us a little more money to do that as a service, it becomes an integral service to what they were doing on a daily basis as a City Service and he thanked him for his advocacy.

Jessica Robison, 1319 Beverly St., 77008, (832)620-7819 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Mario Ramiro, 65074 Avenue J, 77011, (832)785-9150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Rosanne Barone, 1902 Colquitt St., 77098, (615) 512-2855 appeared and stated that she is with Texas Campaign Environment and first time back at City Hall since the Hurricane and thanked Mayor Turner for his leadership. She is here to talk about the plan for the long-range Solid Waste Plan, she is also here to speak on recycling. She wanted to thank Councils Member Laster and Christie in reinforcing the message by the previous speaker. She is here to offer low cost solutions in increasing sustainability in Houston, there are so much potential with recyclables items that we're putting in landfills and that is money that they can be recovering and she has recommendations for that on how to start that now with just the system that they have as it exist and also to set benchmarks to achieve in the future. It's about setting the bar really high and just coming up with a plan to get towards that along the way. She was really at a conference by Star which is the State of Texas Alliance for Recyclers which has people from the recycling industry and Local Government and talked about the opportunities that they can bring business to Houston through domestic recycling. Recovering the items inside of Houston and then having processors to process those items here in our City and so when they set out diversion in mind, we can achieve those goals. One of the first things that they can do right now is to improve Public Education about recycling, if they have doubts in the system because it might be that people don't know how or why to recycle, she has a whole list on recommendations to improve the website alone and other just really simply ways to outreach the communities. Recycling is not the total solution and some of the reasonability's does go on procedures. Let start with what they do have control over it what the previous speaker was talking about and putting responsibilities on apartment complexes, on businesses and that is not going to cost the City anything and all they have to do is create an Ordinance that says for now on, that all apartments have to recycle and all businesses have to recycle. She has spoken to realtors who are supportive of these, spoken to business owners who really see the value in pushing us forward and there is too many opportunities to miss because she does know that they are working on a Climate Plan as well and so the goals that they can set and let's make these measurable and have benchmark overtime to reach the climbing goals to improve how we manage our waste and give people access to that and let's get the foundation laid. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Barone to finish her statement and Council Member Christie thanked Ms. Barone for her position and he is usually for smaller Government but in this case, he thinks that they benefit the entire society with an Ordinance like that, if she is willing to write it up he will take it to Solid Waste Department to see what they can do to get votes for that.

The audience started to applaud, Mayor Turner advised the audience that during this session if they agree for them to raise their hands and wave in support but there is no applauding.

Tammy Galvan, 2654 Dallis Sue St., Splendora, TX, 77372, (925)813-8601 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

Efrem Jernigan, 4818 Higgins, 77033, (713)734-2904 appeared and stated that he first wanted to start off by saying he is the President of the South Union Community Development, they run a Saturday STEM Program called the STEM Foundation and he wanted to thank Council Member Boykins must needed funding to create this Solar Outdoor Classroom and it is amazing how much the kids learn in math by counting kilowatts and he also is a part of the C40 Project that will be bidding for Sunshine Energy. He wanted to thank the Mayor for the site to such a thing and he is looking forward in being a part of increasing education and agriculture in the Sunnyside Community. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

Council Member Boykins thanked Mr. Jernigan and he have given credit to everybody, but he is not crediting yourself because what you are doing for those kids in the Sunnyside Community and throughout the City and you are an amazing young man and he looks forward in continuing to support him and the afterschool program.

Jeremy Peaches, 4306 Jaime Ln., 77048, (832)439-9487 appeared and stated that he is part of the Sunnyside Energy Project and more so on the agricultural side of it. The reason he is about part of this deal is because he really and truly believes it will give our young men and women in our community an opportunity to learn about technology, sustainable agricultural and all the things that entail agricultural is very important not just from the sows, the plowing and the traditional ground but from the sustainability stand point, to the technology stand point and what they want to do with the C40 Project is not only to educate the young men and women but to give them skills. To let this project be a model or template for other communities around the Nation and he appreciates Council for giving him the opportunity to speak to them about it. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

Council Member Boykins thanked Mr. Peaches for this and to the Mayor and his Colleagues that may not know about this young man, him and Mr. Jernigan can't be thanked enough with the energy that they bring to the community and instilling knowledge into the kids about solar panels and all type of energy options.

Pamela Hobbs, 297 Peacock Pass, Trinity, TX, 75862, (832)226-2711 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

Charles Warford, 5711 Sugarhill, 77057, (469)363-5800 appeared and stated that he is a father of 4 children and he is speaking to Council on Drag Queen Story Time and he believes it is inappropriate in a Public forum and he will say that, when we are children there are moments that can impact our lives forever and they do not understand all the ramification of those decisions. The fact that he is a Father of four today almost didn't happen because he went through some things as a young man that took him down the wrong path and he believes that it should be our decision as adults what they chose to embrace, what life style we choose to live but he does not believe for young children in a Public Forum in any agenda or anything that can influence our lives in the way of whether they are to marry, whether they are going to go to Church or not. The Church can't come to this Library across the street and talk to his kids and he does not believe that other people can come in there and speak to the children, they are not able to understand everything and that is really all they have to say and there is no appropriate way that this should be happening. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Mr. Wardford for coming down and expressing his views; Council Member Laster commented and questioned Mr. Wardford.

Ruthie Morris, 21 Oakwilde Ct. 77043, (713)240-7960 appeared and stated that she is here about the Drag Queen Story Time and she is coming from a Christian perspective and Christian persecuted Religion in the World. Even in our Country we have kids that are being told by the schools that they can't Pray or sing Christian songs. The ACLU wants crosses taken down everywhere and crosses can be a cultural thing, it could be a decoration and it could be a historical thing. At this point in time a cross can mean a lot of things and there are people that have issues in saying Merry Christmas basically anything Christian they want to stamp it out. So if they are going to do that to them, they are going to have to say no to the Drag Queen Story Time because they are forcing a mind set and a Religion on children. She would not take a child to an R rated movie, or a slaughter house or show adult rated movie so this is ridiculous that they even have to talk about it and like the previous speaker they would not allow her Church to go into the Library and speak in a Public area, it would be shut down immediately, as if Christians are criminals and if they are not going to allow them to do things, sorry but they are going to shut this down as well. She is against it. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

The audience started to clap, and Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to say this, as they go through this portion the applauding and the outburst are not allowed. He is asking everyone to be respectful because that is the right thing to do is to be respectful because this is constant to his own Church teachings is to be respectful.

Jasmine Patel, 1732 Eado Point Ln., 77003, (713)505-4988 appeared and stated that she is a constituent of Council Member Gallegos and she agrees completely with what the previous speakers have said. She lived in many apartments around the City of Houston and she has been very disappointed about recycling, even the brand new apartment complexes don't offer recycling which that means so much paper and plastic are going into the landfill and being utilized as reused able resource and currently about 40% of Houstonians live in apartments which is a lot of people without easy access to recycling. She would like Council to consider passing an Ordinance that regards all apartment complexes to provide recycling to their renters. This would be no cost to the City of Houston and would prevent recyclables landing in a landfill. Much of the landfills are taken up by recyclables and if those items had been recycled more energy and resources could have been saved all those materials and made into new things. Also, as trash and landfills decompose, it creates methane and that contributes to climate changes and creating an Ordinance requiring apartment complexes to have recycling access will help less what goes into landfills and that help the future generations. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding

Council Member Davis stated to Ms. Patel that he does agree that there should be an opportunity for recycling in apartment complexes but how would the City enforce it on all the households in the City but how and why just specifically on apartments? Ms. Patel stated to Council Member Davis that they require them to provide it, like they have a trash services and he stated to her that it is an option for him for a person that lives in the house, so how do we enforce and make them do it, when they don't do it to homeowners? She stated when they live in a home you have the option to go request a bin but when she lives in an apartment, she does not have that option to go request that bin.

Council Member Davis doesn't mean to speak in a negative way, but they do have that option because they have facilities around town for example, just this weekend he bundled all of his glass up and he took it to the recycling facility, so she does have that option. He just doesn't know if they can mandate apartments to do so and he does agree with her but even if they do an

Ordinance to mandate for them to do that, but you still have to be the person who is civically engaged and concern about the future generations to go and do that. Again, he thanks her for coming down and he is not against her, but he is just asking and if there is a way to create an Ordinance he would like to hear it from her and she said she thinks we should make it more easier for people, the more normalize it becomes, the more that they will start recycling.

Jessica Rosa, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she wanted to present some ideas for the future for the Waste Management Operations. With advances in technology it is time to stop turning the landfills into toxic golf courses or simply paving over and instead considering the long-term impacts of such actions on the energy and the environment in considering the potential a Velasco Incinerator reopening. In some of the solution to consider plasma incinerator to burn waste in a chamber and the results of the heat to make steam, the down ash can be used to pave roads as concrete or it can make lighter bricks that are strong than concrete. Another option is gasification which super heats material in a low oxygen and produces usable gas to produce electricity while producing less by product. In 21 other States use such methods a relative clean use of energy and it is time for the City of Houston to join them. Houston needs to consider it, glass recycling efforts and recognize that breaking even is still an economic profit and she propose the introduction glass recycling vending machine as used in Europe which grains glass back into sand and such units can be install at bars or restaurants or at least offer this to the public as an option. The results of methane gas can be processed into natural gas. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Sam Smith, 7601 Curry Rd., 77093, (346)801-4741 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Jerry Monroe, 2600 Westridge, 77054, (832)591-9681 appeared and stated that he see that they took a field trip today, it took a Black kid to get killed in River Oaks by gang violence for this man to come out of his seat in this building and to go to that community and address it, where was he at 3 years ago when a whole school of kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward walked out of school at Jack Yates High School because of gun violence. Where was he when 2 African Americans were gun down right behind the school. He is going to tell them that he is unapologetically Black, and it is painfully obvious that the City of Houston is led by an African American Mayor is going to placate to the white community in River Oaks, the house has been on fire for 3 years. he has 19 kids' dead that wore crimson and gold for the last three years and the have he audacity to run down to River Oaks. He had been down here many times. He is going to tell them what he is not going to do, he is not going to beg the City of Houston to do what he does every single day. They had a 2-year-old kid missing the other day. They didn't send the amber until he called. They didn't find him until he called. They didn't put the guns down until he shows up and if they have a problem with his attitude, he is not angry he is passionate. He is tired of seeing African American kids die, they have the funding to do what they need to do to stop it, they have a 21-page plan that they gave to him and they have the audacity to disrespect the Black Community and all of those Black Schools that been shot through a window. When it comes to Middle school last year, he runs to River Oaks. They are tired of our neighborhoods, they are coming for theirs and they better tell their School System to keep them Black Schools open because they will get exactly what they are wishing. With a City that does not have enough Police Officers a School District that doesn't have a good enough Law Enforcement. They are going to need a consulate to stop these certified killers that are walking down the street. Don't ever disrespect them and they are burying our children every single day. He is glad that he lives 3 minutes from a School, but he lives 3 minutes

from a war zone. Council Members Stardig, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Christie absent.

Council Member Davis stated to Mr. Monroe that he doesn't agree with the placating because he was there as well, Mr. Monroe interrupted Council Member Davis and Council Member Davis stated that this is his time to speak and Mr. Monroe told him that he is not going to talk to him like that. Council Member Davis continued he was there again and that he had been to Yates because he has Coach and taught there from 1998-1999. He been to Wheatley, M.C. Williams, Forest Brook and North Forest. He had been to all of his schools when they have situation like this, so again he won't consider it placating. From his understanding a student wrote the Mayor a letter and the Mayor decided to go out there that time and this wasn't the only school that he had been to and to talk about the violence and he has already talked about the violence with the Task Force and as well as the Mayor's Council and again he would not call it placating and what he would call it is an opportunity to talk and listen to kids throughout the City of Houston because he is the Mayor for everyone. They represent 11 District here around the Chambers with 5 At-Large. So, again it is an opportunity not only for the Mayor and Council Members to go out and do similar things if not the same thing within their District because with 2.4 million people you can't please everyone, but you can try.

Council Member Boykins wanted to thank Mr. Monroe for what he does for the community and he knows what he does and he thanks him for what he does and when he does come down he always speak about the kids in the community and he gives them a heads up on activities and different things that are going on in the community and he knows where Mr. Monroe heart is and that you are passionate about dealing with these gang violence and you do things that they do not do and he appreciate him for that.

Margaret Fair, no address, (832)659-5492 appeared and stated that she is constituent of Council Member Cohen and she would like to speak about Prop B. First Responders risk their lives everyday in the name of the City of Houston Citizens, they protect billions of dollars of property and they respond to about 1000 fires and EMS calls a day, Unfortunately, the City's leadership has taken a little bit of a rhetoric of fear in surrounding Prop B, there had been threats of lay-offs, Fire Station closures and it seems a little bit retaliatory because of Prop B and she is asking them rather than punishing the Fire Department and the people of Houston this way. For them to work with the Citizens to help increase Firefighters compensation and not have lay-offs. The Revenue Cap imposes by voters in 2004 makes it very hard to get the funding but Mayor Turner, it has been an action item of his to help peel this cap for a long time, not only the Fire Department but all of the Public Services having problems with funding and the Mayor often say that we don't have enough Police Officers, the Libraries in the City are hugely underfunded for their size and she thinks in support of Prop B they could get citizens to support or appeal of the Revenue Cap and she request them to place that on the Ballot as soon as possible. She urges them to meet with Stakeholders and work out a solution that can be implemented until the Cap is removed or maybe contributions would give them options to raise funds for a project to raise funds without a tax increase and she understands that Prop b can be effectively implemented with Houston current Revenue system however, that doesn't mean that they should lay-off Firefighters and endanger Public Safety. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner allowed her to finish expressing her views and Mayor Turner thanked Ms. Fair for being present and voicing her opinion. They certainly respect and support all of their employees and all of our First Responders but he will tell her in regards to Revenue Cap that the earliest that

the Revenue Cap can be adjusted or removed is November of 2021, that is another 3 years and then at the same time what the Voters did approve which he respects the will of the Voters, that adds on an annual bases more than \$100,000,000.00 to the City of Houston bottom line that is under the Revenue Cap which the City of Houston does not have but the Voters authorized the increase. The City of Houston is obligated to balance its books, and something has to give to balance the books and that is the realities and now there is a question in terms of negotiating, you can't negotiate now because the Voters have spoken unless the Proposition for example to be invalid. You can't negotiate the People's vote. He shared her concerns and sentiments and not one of them want to lay-off employee and they will continue to find the best way forward in the interest of the City as a whole and every employee that works for the City of Houston, they are going to continue to work to find a pathway forward but there are realities that they have to face and again they will continue to work on it.

Diana Pfeifer, 604 Joyce, 77009, (713)655-7358 appeared and stated with this ladies passion and so many people today that have spoken about so many that touches the City everyday and she has been here many times and she wanted to thank them for what they do but today she is on the opposite side with Council with the upcoming conversation to seek approval in spending City dollars to challenge validity of Proposition B. It was overwhelming supported and approved by 59% of the Citizens in Harris County. The City has repeatedly have stated that approval could potentially have a major setback to monetary stability of the City Budget and she would agree with any monetary impact always has out puts and has effects for the bottom-line but what she doesn't understand since there has been no funding in raises to HFD for the past several years, so where did that money have gone. And when it comes to Solid Waste they say that vehicles are going out of services and can't make repairs and she also heard that they have more drivers then they have vehicles and she gets that but how could any major City expect that they can have waste trucks that services 400 households and the way that they have managed the money to repair and to be prepared for replacements hasn't been well thought out which this Administration did inherit that, they need to think about those things because that is what they would have to do as responsible homeowners. What matters to her the most is that they do have an honest effort and dialogue and transparency? It's her understanding on HFD behalf to come to the table and try to have a respected way that doesn't put a large burden on the City but he also heard from the Mayor and many others that, is not possible because Proposition B was voted on and removed it from Collective Bargaining so to say which as he stated which means it is no longer an option to continue the discussion but she did here that former City Attorney was present and said that they can continue discussion at the table. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Pfeifer to finish expressing her views and he stated that David Fieldman was here and he was the City Attorney for 6 years that fought the Fire Department for 6 years and now he is representing them and they are representing the City as a whole and he respect her views but he is still waiting for someone to come and tell him where to find a \$100,000,000.00 a year, every year, that is under the Revenue Cap, it does have consequences and he did say that before they voted. He and Council Members went to 13 Town Hall Meetings and he said it every single time, his message has not changed, and they can't have Proposition B and Collective Bargaining at the same time. He has been a Lawyer for 38 years and they can't have Proposition B and Collective Bargaining and the Charter Amendment at the same time because of conflict and the people voted for this. He doesn't blame the Voters at all and when they add \$100,000,000.00 every year to the City's bottom line, that is why Fitch Credit Rating has put us on a negative outlook as the result of Proposition B, that just didn't happen on its own.

Linda Rodriguez, 805 Gale St., 77009, (832)833-5998 appeared and stated that she represents Mass Resistance which is a Pro-Organization and she is not here to insult the Drag Queen Story Hour but as an advocate for the rights of our children. Children's rights take into accounts their fragility, the quality of well-being, age appropriate needs and the necessity for their age in development but there is one facility where our children are not given their rights are Houston Public Libraries which allows Drag Queen Reading Hour. Adult men dressing as women, dancing, singing and reading stories to our children as young as 18 months old, asking who wants to be a Drag Queen this is a form of brain washing and she would like to explain why, how a child knows what he wants at that age. Children are great imitators so let's give them something great to imitate like moral and ethical values, not Drag Queen lifestyles. There are Drag Queen Venues which is typically Gay men entertain at a cost and if that is what they want to do, go for it but don't allow this to happen at the expense of our innocence children Mr. Mayor. One video indicated that "she, just wanted to expose my children to things that they don't see everyday", okay, her choice but what about the children choice. An African proverb says "it takes a village to raise a child" but many concern parents and grandparents like herself are echoing prove their children a safe and healthy environment. Drag Queen isn't the answer. She submitted her application to the Houston Public Library and she was told that no religion can be taught in the Libraries System and at this time it being placed on hold and now she asks them, is homosexuality a part of secular Religion. Mr. Mayor you quote about Drag Queen that this Drag Queen Program is privately funded but it appears that he would allow it to continue. There are consequences to the homosexual lifestyle which is psychologically harmful, physically and mentally harmful to children. Drag Queen Reading Hour for the sake of our children need to stop and let's build a stronger foundation for Houston. Children need role models as parents, not Drag Queens. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Christie absent.

Tracy Shannon, 15 Enchanted Woods Dr., Kingwood, TX, 77339, (281)785-8968 appeared and stated that she is also representing Mass Resistance today, she is opposed to Drag Queen Story Hour that is taking place in the Public Funded Libraries which is supported by the City. Adult Entertainers should perform in night clubs and have dollars inserted into their costumes at night should not be held as role models for young children and if a parent wants to drag their kids to Drag Queen Story Hour, they should do it with a Transgendered Center that is available to them in Houston or maybe they would have like to entertain their neighbors or neighbors kids at a Drag Queen Birthday party in their own backyards and let's see how it goes over there with their neighbors. They are not to believe that there is no Agenda other than reading to children and promoting accepts of those who are different from them at these Drag Queen Story Hour, but statements made by some of the organizers, entertainers and supporters of Drag Queen Story Hour tell another story. She wanted to voice quotes that she heard, "The Program is aimed to provide positives, unbiased queer role models, next quote "This will be the grooming of the next generation of Drag Queen Story Time readers" one of the readers said that and also said "who wants to be a Drag Queen when they grow up". She wanted to be normal and more accepted by the Drag Queen Story Hour by a promoter. They saw some great examples today, that was honored by the Mayor, great examples of what roles models are in and out of the communities and we do not have a shortage of those in our communities. What is really being promoted is gender bending ideology. The American College of Pediatrics stated that general ideology harms children and that urges rejection of all programs and policies that urges and condition children to accept this is life. The seeds of gender confusion is being planted at Drag Queen Story Hour. So they must know more about this community from which the Drag Queens hail which is the Transgendered community, the suicide rate is as high as 40%, 30% to 50% of the Transgender population experiences domestics violence at the hands of a partner. A new alarming trend is

called Rapid Onset Gender Identity Disorder. It is not necessary to introduce children to adult entertainers.

Council Member Davis stated to Ms. Shannon that he just had a question, you mention that it was publicly funded and where do we draw the line or stop them which she had mention, why do we stop them from reading to a group of children that are supervised which is according to the Library and the statement that they have and Council Member Laster mentioned it earlier because he is not for or against it but he does know that he will continue to read to his kids at home because that is what a parent is supposed to do. And if he doesn't want his kids to go and have a queer role model which she mentioned so they just stay at home because they have a role model at home which is the dad and he is getting a little confused that they want to deny someone the right, to him personally as a Black male he get a little cautious about that. He gets a little sensitive about that and when she wants to use the Bible to deny someone the right and again he's not saying he for or against it. As she said they, they have feeling too, they have rights too, and he hopes that's they are not trying to persecute someone because it sounds like what they are doing. He is trying to get clarification. And if this is a public Library and they are there, and you don't want to be a part of that, then you can just get your book and leave. Council Members Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that this is a volunteer program, there are not City Tax dollars that are being invested in this program.

Tex Christopher, 5711 Sugarhill, 77057, (832)233-8879 appeared and stated can't you see that I brought 20 of his friends with him this time and he thinks they could handle that, he is the guy that is bringing the Federal Lawsuit against the City, he wanted to come make comments about the rights so like for Council Member Mike Laster, so he can get filled in what is acceptable and what is not acceptable since he had a lot of questions for their supporters. So, he voiced testimonies that were filed showed that the LGBT Orthodox is a Doctrine and that it is linked to the Religion of secular humanism and this is the Supreme Court and it doesn't get any higher than that. So, what have is from that respecting any aspect of secular humanism and treating it as a doctrine as if it was plausible or real. So the Public Library was a duty under Article VI, not to form a partnership with nonsecular organization and Mayor Turner has been a Lawyer for 38 years which is a long time and the Mayor knows when this goes against the Constitution of the United States, he isn't a Black man but his is American and that is what is the difference right there. As an American if they go against the Constitution of the United States with a 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, the establishment clause and that is a big problem. What they also have this guy that they have seen on television that she is Blackberry who been on the news and the Library recently took down saying "that they are going to promote Queer Role Model" and his question to City Council and Council Member Ellen Cohen because she is over the Library system, why did they take it down? (he held up to pictures of people) Because this is what they are prompting looks like and he stated he was nice enough to block things out for them. Then he held a picture of the guy that was on the news that is at the Heights Library who is reading to the children. That is why they have a problem with this, and do they understand? He knows where Council Members stand, who is with him and the people and those that are against him and that is why he brought the lawsuit. Do they want to know where \$100 million dollars can be identified because his case alone is going to cost the City a lot of money? Plus, the Proposition B and plus the quarter million dollars for the Christmas Lights that are hanging outside here today, well there is your money and Mayor Turner wanted someone to come can tell him where the money is, well he is telling them, he is right here Mayor Turner and there you go. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated if they are going to be talking about values because he wanted to be very clear, if we're going to talk about values, let's be respectful because these are Council Members and he would appreciate him to recognize them accordingly. If they are talking about values and respect, they can't be downgrading other people. He rather see a sermon than hear one any day, so if he going to stand before him today and talk about values, especially Biblical values and he wanted to be more specific Christian values, it needs to be seen in his action and in his conduct which means respect is number one because when he tells his daughter all the time "action speaks louder than words". When Mr. Christopher starts talking about morals and values, he is going to look at his conduct. Let's be an example of what they are talking about.

Mr. Christopher agreed with Mayor Turner.

Council Member Laster stated to Mr. Christopher, welcome back and he thinks that everytime that he has come down, he has tried to greet Mr. Christopher with hospitality, so he thinks he given them a little insight what is driving this today and Council Member Laster is about making sure that our public facilities are open to all of the citizens and that everyone has an opportunity to make use of our public facilities within certain reason, making sure that they are not causing riots or doing something illegal. To the extent that him or anyone else would like to ask the Library to provide certain opportunities or rooms that of reading of Bible stories or Old Testament stories or anyone else Religious stories would want to be read, he would be more than an advocate for them if he genuinely like to do that because he believes he heard previous speaker ask that they can do that. He would certainly like to advocate some Library facilities be made available if a community want to do that and so to the extent of his concern, he thinks they can accommodate that. Council Member Laster asked Mr. Christopher to help one more time to understand who is he most afraid of? Because him as a parent chooses to take his child to see a reading of a children book by a person of any rank of style, clothing or costume, why is he worried about that?

Mr. Christopher stated to Council Member Laster that he is not worried, he doesn't fear anyone, but he is concern because against the Constitution of the United States and he took an oath, sworn into Office, they have to uphold their Constitution. The separation of Church and State.

Council Member Laster stated that he doesn't know if it's against the law, but he would advocate on his behalf to make sure that he or anybody that wants to read a Bible story in the Library, to have an equal opportunity. Does he not hear him, can he not see that? And again, him as a parent approve of the program and wants to take his child to the program, who says he get to say no? Mr. Christopher advised that it is the Government cannot infringe upon in the establishment clause of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

Council Members Laster stated to Mr. Christopher he would read it at one point in time, he probably missed it in Law School and he never read the Constitution, so anything he can do to help them understand where he is coming from over and above what he thinks he continuously does on a regular bases would help him to understand.

Virginia Mireles, 1300 Gemini, 77058, (832)660-3766 appeared and stated that the following 3 minutes is her time because it is not like she didn't have anything better things to do today, it's not because her statements or her words are feeblest. Her words count. She doesn't deny being a woman, she is happy, and she is blessed to say that she is a Christian as well. She hears Members of Council, she hears their previous speakers, saying "are young people or young community needs structure", so they stand today for an issue that is going North to South and

East to West all across America. If they read all the definitions of Drag Queen which a man is dressed up like a woman for entertainment purposes. If they read definitions of Transgender, that is having issues with their gender identifications. She is not an attorney, she has work in health services for over 16 years. She has seen children that have been abused and the consequences of sexual abuse, sexual encouragement and much more. She does have facts of what this is about. Mayor Turner, you say in the public "that the City does not pay anything from the Public Library". She investigated and when she speaks, she takes it seriously and when she investigated, they told her, as long as she has 3 volunteers, their Public Library, her Public Library that she pays taxes that they would pay for the background of those volunteers.

Mayor Turner interrupted her saying, no ma'am and please don't be factual incorrect and stated if they are volunteers how can they pay a volunteer?

And Ms. Mireles stated that is what they told her from the Library and Mayor Turner stated to her that is not true but what they will do, if she is saying if they check the background of these individuals to make sure that they are not criminals backgrounds which is yes, ma'am they do and then she asked who pays for that and Mayor Turner stated to her certainly, she wanted to make sure the people around the children are appropriate and she continue to say that she doesn't fear it because she is a Christian and God created them this way. God created Men and God created women. God didn't create queers, bisexual and we are created equally, she is a citizen as much as they are. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner allowed her to finish her statement because he did take some of her time and stated that the City of Houston is so diverse and diverse with opinions and that is more than welcome to come and shared their opinion. Each one of them are here to protect their right to voice their opinion. Again, we are a very diverse and a part of that is diversity of opinions.

Jann Cobler, 12953 Trail Hollow Dr., 77079, (713)468-1626 2711 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

Karen McDaniel, no address, (281)370-1587 appeared and stated that men can't be women, no makeup, no hormones, no surgeries will ever change that. God made male and female from the begin. They know that homosexuality is not a healthy life style. Homosexual have been seeking sex with boys for thousands of years and for some reason we have been blinded by the fact that sexual perversion is ok. But it is not ok, a man having sex with young boys and young girls is wrong. Sex was design by God to be in the bounds of holy marriage. She has seen videos of Drag Queen Convention where they are required to paint young boys up like drag queens as young as 10 years old. This is not normal, and it is not right. They need to allow children to grow up of incidents and only last for a short period of time. They don't need to treat them as sexual objects, let them be kids, let them play ball, ride bikes and rollerblade and enjoying playing in the park. We as adults need to protect the inn of our children. Parents say that they like to bring their kids to the Library to the Drag Queen Story Hour so that their children can experience diversity. Where are the Firemen, Policemen, Welders, Plumbers or Pastors reading to them? These people are respected role models to children in their communities, why can't they come? Council Members, they have plenty of reasons to not allow Drag Queens to read to our children, they know that homosexuality is not healthy, and it is wrong. Don't be afraid to say no to what is obvious. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent.

Chip Matthews, 19 Lakewood Ln., Seabrook, TX, 77586, (832)643-8092 appeared and stated he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for him being able to voice his opinion and this is about the Drag Queen Story Hour. The Bible says that we are supposed to speak out for those who can't speak out for themselves and that is what concerns him because it is dealing with children and he knows that there are Christians upon the Council. There was great homosexuality, great crime of course, murders and all kinds of brutality from the Bible. He is a Christian, but he was not brought up in a Christian home, he was a sinner for a long time, he had so much fun, but it nearly killed him because sin leads to death. He has been on death's door, but God saved him, and he thanks God for that. He comes with a heart of compassion. He is not part of the LGBTQ community, but he does have compassion and God had put compassion in his heart for this community. He prays for them and he would never hear about this, but thousands have come out of that lifestyle and they are never given a platform very rarely been given a platform because of mostly the media. They are not given a platform to share their testimonies, to share their stories but many thousands have come out of that lifestyle through the transforming power of Jesus Christ in their lives. They have gone to get married and have families and to have a normal life and he knows that it is possible but only possible if its only through Jesus Christ. They know that children are very young and innocent and there is an onslaught of groups that are after their children today. They have the LGBTQ, Islam want to in doctrine. And they are talking about in doctrine. Council Members Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Davis thanked Mr. Matthews for coming down here but yes there are some Christians up here which he is one and he tries to be Christ like, but he falls short sometimes. In the same time, he does Pray that people do not judge him because Matthew 7: 1 & 5 which he asked him if he was familiar with that? Which Mr. Matthews stated he is sure and Council Member Davis stated to Mr. Matthews that it reads "Do not judge or you too will be judge, for the same way" but his lifestyle may not be for everyone and everyone lifestyle may not be for him. He is not going to sit here and judge someone because he does not agree with them and he always says that "it's between you and God". His job is to keep himself out of that area or his kids in this situation if it's something he doesn't agree with and he is not going around and used the term normal and Mr. Matthews is stating that someone is "abnormal". Council Member chooses not to agree with him on that because he has not been given that authority by God. To understand that \$200,000 people in his District are different and diverse and there is a difference of opinions, but he can't be on the side of one or the other if they are not breaking any Ordinances. And again, we need to figure out how to work together and be together but when they use the term "normal" and to consider someone "abnormal" and we are judging, he just have a problem with that and he tend to sit back and wholeheartedly listen because to him personally he believes it doesn't sound like it's coming from the scripture but he does thank him for coming down today but he's going to give the rest of his time back to the Mayor and other Council Members commented to Mr. Matthews.

Mary Williams, 17000 El Camino Real, 77058, (832)385-5099 appeared and stated that she is a mother of 2 and a grandmother of 5. There has been a lot of questions that was asked by Council Members, but they were not allowing to answer, and she is going to answer one of the questions. The Bible says, "that the family of God suffers violence and the violence is taken by force" and that is what they are here to do. They are here to protect the little ones. The little ones are very important to Jesus and as a grandmother and as a mother she has protected her children and she understand Council Member Laster that this is a volunteer thing, so if she doesn't like it, she doesn't take her grandchildren or her kids but if she had her grandchildren and she slapped her grandchildren or if she did something wicked to them, she would be in jail. She thinks it is an

abuse that these parents are taking their children and the City is funding this and it doesn't matter what the Mayor says, this is a public forum and it's being funded by us tax payer. She is here to speak against the Drag Queen Story Hour because of the promotion in the Public Libraries this program is to force a lifestyle of their children and grandchildren. One of the things that was spoke earlier by one of the speakers is, "is this what important, their agenda and what their model is, is grooming is the next generation." It doesn't matter what anyone else or it doesn't matter what any one of the Council Members say. It what God says about this and this is a very important matter to Jesus. This is very harmful to our Children and she believes that Libraries are not the place for this and in America she has the right of freedom of Religion and as a Christian. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Pastor Richard Bega, 1907 Creekside Park Dr., 77089, (832)425-8518 appeared and stated that he has come to speak on about the Drag Queen Story Hour and this is actually bigger than the Drag Queen Story Time which he would get into that in a minute, but he does want to address some of the issues that he has found. They say that it does not cost or the City of Houston is not backing it and promoting it but on the their website this morning it actually states " Houston Public Library and local Drag Queens of Story Time, these vibrant Queens will help to in steal a since love and acceptance to our children by engaging them be true to themselves" and the fact is that volunteer typing that up? And it's on the serve but it's not funded by Houston, is it not? Is not funding by us the tax payers. He had heard things about Mrs. Doubtfire, no Mrs. Doubtfire went to the extreme to see his kid, but he didn't push a lifestyle on a kid. There is a big difference in though too. In persecution, he actually traveled to laces that had actually persecution and he does not think this is a real persecuted but the fact is if they call that persecution because we are persecution is not this, it's someone going to their house and enslaving their wives and children and taking them out and chumping their head off and posting it on social media for the whole world could see because they are Christians, that is real persecution. Not letting him go in, in the month of December, he is a Pastor and he wants to go and talk about his Lord and Savior. He wants to read the miracle of life of Jesus, but he is not going to be allowed to go in which they know, and he knows it but there is a boundary there. They talk about these kids coming in and the volunteers and parents being able to come in and yes, they have the right to do those things but let us just talk about cognitive brain development. These are young kids that are ages from 5 up to 10 and some of them are 3 or 4 years old and its going in a causing confusion on these kids. He has heard a lot of scripture today with men and women of faith but he will tell them this I Mathew 18 "Jesus says, but whomever causes one of these little ones that believe in him to stumble and sink, it would be better for him to tie a mil stone around his neck and to drown in the depths of the sea". They talk about judging but he would encourage of the Council Members and look up judging and do a Bible study if they are a believer in the Bible on judging. There is righteous judging. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Davis stated to Pastor Vega that he is assuming that those comments were for him which he just meant in general. Council Member Davis stated ok let's go into general then, he is assuming that they are all here protesting how this is wrong because it is in the Public Library and Pastor Vega told him yes, sir and Council Member asked him not wrong in general and Pastor Vega stated that his stance is that it's wrong in general but in a Public Library it is a different issue. Council Member Davis stated that he understood but he wanted to make sure they do protest as whole but they are also protesting about Churches, Pastors, Priest because he has not yet have one that stumbled and he has not yet to see a huge organization that they are a part of here in the City protesting on a daily basis about young men that have been raped in Churches, all the

young women that are touched in Churches, he is just making sure when they are protesting and when they judge, they judge on the equal scale and Pastor Vega stated righteous judgement which he said exactly and he understand that but he wants to make sure that they are doing it as a whole.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she wanted to make a comment and that he mention that he can't go into the Library and talk about his Faith but they can go to in their Church or in his home and he can even do it on the street but the program that they are talking about is a program that is design in this case it's not just men who dress up as women because there is occasions that women dress as men but in this case men that dress up as women, the books that they are reading to the children has to be approved by the Committee, the Library and there is 5 to 6 steps that they have to go through before they can read in a story hour like this, the books have to be approved. This is not a forced lifestyle, this is a Drag Queen, this is someone who wants to dress up in the female clothes and they know for many, many years on the stage women couldn't have roles, so men had to dress up as women to play the part and back then it didn't seem like people had a problem with that. The man that is dressed up as a woman to read a story and the audience are the only one that want to be there, parents, caregivers, and children as they sit with them and listen to the story that is it. They are not here today sitting here and spending time talking about LGBT Community and that is not this issue and they did that many, many years ago and that was distasteful. A person that is not in the Christian Faith, she will say to him " love thy neighbor as thy self" and that is who she respects and she will close that at one point someone was mentioning trying to equate GLBT people with sexual assaults on children and others and no that is not the case and the fact of the matter the people that they need to be worried about are people that are attacking the children or sexually assaulting children are people that can be next door, the ministries, the Religious Leaders, the people that they trust and these are people that pass as normal folks and to cast dispersions on the LGBT Community to her is disrespectful but she wants to take it back to where they began and this is about story time, by a Drag Queen who wants to read a book to children that are with their parents or caretakers.

Israel Avela, 7919 Glenbrae, 77061, (832)216-1067 appeared and stated that he is a Liberian for the Public Library, but it is not the Houston Public Library system. He took time off of work to speak here today and he has received his bachelor's from the University of Houston, and he is active in the Texas Library Association where he has held leadership positions in the Question and Answer Round Table formerly LGBT Round Table. The reason he is here because of diversity and inclusion in this City and in Public Libraries is something that he is passionate about. The Houston Public Libraries Drag Queen Story Hour is describing as an event where the Queens will help to instill a sense of love and acceptance in our children while encourage them to be true to themselves, this is in line with Children's services in Public Libraries. Story time is meant to instill early literacy skills in Children and the Drag Queen Story Hour provides preliteracy skills including music and inclusive experiences to parents and children who may not see them reflect in other Library programs. He has attended Drag Queen Story Hour with friends along with his friends' children. Regardless of Drag Queen Story Hour of the many selections of story time that is offered in the Library. The other opinions include Baby Story Time, Toddler Time, Pajama Time and even story time with special guest like Community Leaders, First Responders and sometimes even Santa Claus himself during the Christmas Season. In the Library Programs everyone is welcomed, and it is up to the parents to decided what programs are best fitted for their children. The Libraries is to give all points of views and beliefs and not to decide what parents cannot expose to their children and this is why this program is not mandatory, it is only the library time that is offering. He is asking that our Leaders of our beautiful diverse City that they support Drag Queen Story Hour and to push back on ill spirited efforts to close this program. People who

disagree with the Drag Queen Story Hour are welcome to attend the other programs that are offered at the Houston Libraries. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le and Knox absent.

Cesar Franco, 16303 Pinion Ct., Humble, TX, 77346, (717)521-8013 appeared and stated that when he came here today, he didn't expect an ambience of heroism regarding the proclamations like Simon Biles and Mr. Mercer for all the heroism he displayed by sacrificing himself to save others in this City and he didn't expect that at all, he was honor to be here to see that. Unfortunately, what he is here to talk about is something that is not noble, and he is here against the Houston Library Drag Queen Story Time. The Drag Queen Story Hour is much more than innocence story time, this is about using tax payer's public institution to sexualize a platform to children and groom them into accepting homosexual lifestyle. This is undeniable and anybody who reads with those who are promoting this, the Drag Queen Story Hour. They are grooming little children in accepting homosexual lifestyle or LGBT if they prefer. Back in October he was visiting with some friend in Louisiana and he had an opportunity to visit with the City Council when they were dealing with the issue with the public Library, the Drag Queen Story Hour that was over there. He was very confirmed and the reality that this is a platform to push the LGBT, homosexual, transgender issue on children, that is just the bottom line. and one of the Drag Queens actually dances at homosexual bar and he unashly affirmed that the Drag Queen Story Hour is to groom the next generation and if they don't believe him that is what they say is and they have it on video. It has nothing to do with the education in preserving the innocents of the children. For those who like to call him afraid or feared, that is not the case, he is actually very confident that is why he is here today because he is not afraid. He is very concern about the innocence of little children because children have the right to their innocence and sexualizing and corrupting children innocence is always abusive and always wrong and that is what the Drag Queen Story Hour is doing. The Public Library should not be having a Drag Queen Story Hour. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

Richard Schwager, 2210 Village Dale Ave., 77059, (832)274-0832 appeared and stated that he of children being underly influenced into an unhealthy lifestyle, confusion of their sexuality. The Bible talks about the fear of the Lord because some people was asking about Bible stuff. Christian values, Jesus made a whip and cleared out the temple when it was corrupt. Look up Leviticus, Chapter 18, verse 22 says "a man shall not lie with another man but lye with a woman" this is abomination. The Bible also says in Proverbs Chapter 9 verse 10 "the fear which is also translate the reverence, honor of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". Let's talk about the word judge, that word can be misinterpreted. It could be good or evil. Jesus says, "we're not to condemn someone" and he also said, "if you want to be forgiven you have to forgive" and it is up to him to decide the ultimate judgement. For him, this is to respect and protect children innocents and grooming kids are disgusting. Mayor Turner, this is a political hot potato and they cannot see that.

Mayor Turner advised Mr. Schwager that he doesn't want to go there with him and for him to respectfully state his opinion and if he wants to demonstrate in this way since he is a Christian, if you want to demonstrate his Christianity before the podium today, then Christianity comes with respect and to do it in a respectful manner because that is part of the moral values of Christianity.

Mr. Schwager stated he is so glad that the Mayor brought that up-Apostle Paul said, "the word of God is fit for reproof and correction". Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Mr. Schwager to have a few more moments since he did some of his time and Mayor Turner stated that this is a volunteer program. It's not about politics and this is a diverse City and he represent all of the diversity that exists within this City.

Candice Schwager, 2210 Village Dale Ave., 77059, (832)315-8489 appeared and stated that she is a Family Attorney and President of a National Non-Profit that provides legal services to disable children and been doing this for 8 years and received State Bar Awards for giving over 2,000 hours of free legal services with children with disabilities and family courts who don't have money to fight. Her first question, transsexual child, who wrote those to be fit together. She understands that everyone wants to be accepted, she had to deal with this issue with her sister being gay and her own family. It was very difficult. It took her 20 years to get through it. She loves her and doesn't judge her but at the same time she does not want her children raised in an environment where the message is anything goes. And she is going to explain what happens when they get that message. There is a psychiatrist named Richard Gardner who has altered Family Court drastically with junk science that is not acceptable in the AMA or the APA and he has some quotes and he was a pedophile by the way and he killed himself and what he said "there is a little bit pedophile in every one of us" which she does know if they all will agree with that and she certainly wouldn't. She stated that they have the right to make that judgment and as society particular as a City, the Family Code would come into play and we have parent that have bad judgement. That there are children that need to be protected from them. They take children every day from their parents in Family Court, they give supervised visits because they do not have much sense to be a good parent. The Family Code in Section 261.001 it defines abuse too be mentally or physically injury to a child that result in an observable or material impairment in the child's growth. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Schwager.

Zechariah Long, 16303 Pinion Ct., Humble, TX, 77346, (717)309-1409 appeared and stated that he is 100% against the Drag Queen Story Hour and he would like to answer a question that seems to come up a lot, "if you are not a parent, then why do you care" and honestly he thinks that it all boils down to is this right or is this wrong and it is wrong. It is child abuse because sexualizing little children to make them think they can be a different sex than the one God made them to be is wrong. There is only male and female and if you are one, you can't be another. No one has the right to rob the children of their innocence and parents have the obligation to protect their children. If a man dressed up as Mickey Mouse walking down the street and trying to convince people to believe that he is Mickey Mouse would they really believe him? Their DNA will always be male or female, no one have the right to rob children of their innocence. If this was just a harmless story hour, then why are they focusing on the fact that these are drag queens that is telling the story. This is clearly part of the agenda to normalize and enforce immorality in society and a society without morality is bound to self-destruct. This is not a personal attack on anyone, this is a principle stand and they now have personal hatred for the other side. All they want is what is best for the children in the City Houston and none of them are afraid but what they are afraid of is the innocence of children. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Jessica Catrett, 910A W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., 77008, (281)786-6300 appeared and stated first of all, she is a parent and she would like to speak about health care professional because there has been mixed information. She heard a lot of people talking about the harm that it would cause to the children and there was someone miss quoted the American Academy of Pediatrics' position as

transgender health and they actually do not say being transgender is some type of abnormality or mental health condition, she read off what was on their website in September of this year and saying "providing youth with access to comprehensive gender affirming and developmentally appropriate health care, providing family-based therapy and support be available to meet the needs of parents, caregivers and siblings of who identify themselves as transgender and making sure that electronic health records, billing systems and patient centered notification systems and clinical research are designed to respect they identify of each patient". Which she can go on, but she thinks it clearly see that American Academy of Pediatrics' position was misstated. It is perfectly in people's rights that there is a moral or religious issue with this, but it is not true from a health care perspective. Now, she will speak as a parent. In October she took her son to Drag Queen Story Time, so she has been to this. She took him because she that it would be a fun activity that promoted literacy, respect for others, appreciation of diversity and as a parent it is her choice how to raise her child. Not the decision from out of town hate group and she knows her child and was happy to have this option. Her son loves glitter, rainbows and My Little Pony. He also loves building towers, whoopie cushions and wants to be an astronaut to discover aliens. This was opportunity for him see it okay to reject the peer pressure and it is ok to be yourself. When they arrived, there was protestors that were shouting scary judgmental and uniformed messages of hate. They were showing her son the ugliness of bullies. While the Drag Queens and supporters did their best to shield them. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen allowed her to finish her statement and Council Member Stardig appreciate her coming down and her position is that she believes it is a good match as a choice in the Public Library and Ms. Catrett said absolutely.

Trina Brooks, 12319 Green Glen, 77044, (713)725-2520 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Charles Viefhaus, 11223 Julliane Ct., 77099, (832)288-4533 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Isaac Owolabi, Post Office Box 8043, 77288, (832)607-0326 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Della Moy, 14215 Bishop Bend Ln., 77047, (832)528-1845 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Roland Curry, 5911 Bent Bough Ln., 77088, (832)977-9305 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

James Stafford, 6311 Gulf Freeway, Apt. #2107, 77023, (832)897-8438 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Iva Johnson, 788 Davidson St., 77091, (713)695-4383 appeared and stated that her first problem is concerning the gay person because she had a cousin that was gay. He nurtured all of them, they were never assaulted, never they were insulted or degraded. He taught them how to cook, clean and was just a sweet heart, she just had to say that and that she has had no problems with a gay person. What she is here today is for the FEMA thing, on a positive note. She was approved for long term housing through FEMA and she has not heard anything for them. They sent her the letters and she filled them out and faxed them back. She has not heard anything after that. Her house was condemned by the City and she is living on one side of the house and couple weeks ago her dog killed a snake that was in her house. She was wondering where does she go? Does she go to Housing Department? What does she need to do? She called FEMA and they told her to check with the City of Houston. She doesn't know what to do? Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Ms. Johnson that she can speak with Rene with the Mayor's Citizen Assistant Office and he will help you.

Steve Williams, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Dori Wolfe, 7703 Meadowglen Ln., 77063, (802)272-2328 appeared and stated that she is a Member of the Emerson U.U. Church and she honored to be part of the Ministries for Earth of that Church. Caring about the Earth, caring about the City's resilience is important and she had spoken about ways that Houston can be more acceptive to solar. She wanted to come and thank Mayor Turner for putting up the landfill as part that have C40 Reinventing Cities and spoke about being part of that Sunnyside Energy Team. She has information to give to Council Member Boykins about ideas for the project and she is excited about the vision on the way this is going to. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Cynthia Nauls, 7506 Brushy Ct., 77088, (832)748-6489 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Carol Burrus, 3615 Sun Valley, 77025, (713)818-4470 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

John Johnson, 7102 Wendemere St., 77088, (832)453-1900 appeared and stated that he has a tax statement for \$8,000.00 that he went to pay and he has all the dates that shows that he owes \$8,000.00 and was told that he owed \$24,000.00 and he has a credit coupon for the dates of \$8,000.00 but he wants to know why it is \$24,000.00. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins,

Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Travis stated that he is going to help Mr. Johnson and take a look at it for him and see if he can him.

Fredrick Metoyer, 2574 Marilee Ln., 77057, (713)256-0757 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Gladys House-El 1605 Andrews St., 77019, (832)781-9724 appeared and stated that she just had four questions? Who is the Administrator for the City of Houston? Where are complaints filed against the Super Neighborhood Alliance? What is the status on the presentation she made the last time she was here with the pictures and everything because she hadn't heard for Council Member Cohen? What dates is the Heritage Markers be return to the 900 Block of West Grey Street? Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Ms. House-El that she doesn't have all the answers to the questions, but she can get them but if she speaks to Rhonda and asked her to e-mail her Office and they will get her the answers.

**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 5:23 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2018, Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 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, Marta Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Amanda Edwards out of the City on Personal Business.

At 9:18 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and asked Assistant City Secretary to call Item 1. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros and Gallegos absent.

**1. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION:**

Position Three - **CAROLYN MATTHEWS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2020

- Position Four - **YAN LUI CHAPMAN**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 12/5/2021
- Position Five - **REDICK EDWARDS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2020 and to serve as chair
- Position Seven - **MILTON L. BIRDWELL**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2020
- Position Nine - **DANA KERVIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2020
- Position Eleven - **BOLIVAR M. FRAGA**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2019-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos and Knox absent. **MOTION 2018-0594 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner called the names of the individuals and their positions and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Members of Council thanked the individuals of the Houston Housing Finance Corporation for their willingness to serve.

**2. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **TOWER PERMIT COMMISSION** for a two-year term:

- Position One- **ROBB TODD**, appointment
- Position Two- **LINDA SMITH**, appointment
- Position Three- **CHRISTY B. SMIDT**, reappointment
- Position Four- **TERESA LYNN FLORES**, appointment
- Position Five- **KERRICK HENNY**, appointment
- Position Six - **ASIM TUFAIL**, appointment
- Position Seven - **JOHN R. MELCHER**, reappointment

Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Travis absent. **MOTION 2018-0595 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner called the names of the individuals and their positions and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Members of Council thanked the individuals of Tower Permit Commission for their willingness to serve.

At 9:27 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that they will move to the Mayor's Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to make a few comments, but he wants to reserve most of the time for Marvin Odum and Neil Golightly to give their report. We have lost of several people, over the last several days. Bob McNair and want to thank him for his services and want to keep his wife and family in our prayers. Thank Bob for everything he has done for the City of Houston and the tremendous victory on the other night with playing the Titans and to get the victory was quite fitting. Ray Hill will forever be remembered, and he call him "Warrior Gladiator" just out there on the front line, a huge personality and memorial is on Sunday. Mr. Bob McNair memorial will be next Friday at 2:00 p.m. at NRG Stadium. Then he wanted to remember our own Director of Planning, Pat Walsh and want to keep his wife and family in our prayers. All of these individuals have done the City of Houston well and they will be missed. Mayor Turner requested a moment of silence for all three of them, Bob McNair, Ray Hill and Pat Walsh.

Mayor Turner invited Marvin Odum and Neil Golightly to the podium to give a presentation.

Marvin Odum and Neil Golightly presented a Power Point for an update for Hurricane Harvey Recovery to Mayor Turner and Members of Council. A copy of the Power Point presentation is in the Office of the City Secretary at the City Annex in Houston, Texas.

Mayor Turner stated that he did want to say before they go to comments from the Council Members to Marvin and Neil is that they appreciate them, and Steve Costello has been integral part of this from day one and if they look at the chart that is part of the presentation and they just put Steve Costello in there, everything remains the same. The Structure remains the same, the way that they function as a team and collaboratively remains the same and in moving forward. and they have mention in meeting Annie Pope and he requested her and Steve Costello and the entire team to stand to be recognized for the hard work that they have done. Phase one was intense and now they get prepared to go to phase 2 will also be intense but they are standing on a solid foundation.

Members of Council commented and thanked them all for their hard work that they have done and will continue to do.

Mayor Turner Cohen requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 58**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 3 through 5

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Engineer Operator Para JOHN FULLER** for the period June 14, 2018 through July 15, 2018- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2018-0596 ADOPTED**
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Houston Public Works for approval of payment of 2019 Membership dues for the Water Research Foundation - \$479,904.14 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2018-0597 ADOPTED**

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for 2018 Water System Fees - \$2,394,578.10 Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2018-0598 ADOPTED**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 6 through 12

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$749,997.80 and acceptance of work on contract with **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Storm Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection for Small Diameter Pipe Project Work Order Contract FY 2012 - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - TRAVIS and H - CISNEROS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0599 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,039,029.98 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for FY15 Local Drainage Project Construction Contract 1 - 1.95% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; 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. **MOTION 2018-0600 ADOPTED**
9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$4,600,031.49 and acceptance of work on contract with **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD** for Crosspoint Avenue, Fannin Street and West Orem Drive Panel Replacement Project - 4.66% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and K - CASTEX-TATUM-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0601 ADOPTED**
12. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,546,923.19 and acceptance of work on contract with **CES UTILITIES, INC** for Waterline Rehab and Replacement Project - 0.14% under the original contract amount (WA11239)- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0602 ADOPTED**

**PROPERTY** – NUMBER 14

14. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works authorizing payment for appraisal services related to acquisition of easements for **108-INCH WATER LINE along City easements from ALDINE WESTFIELD TO WILLIS STREET** - \$67,000.00 - Enterprise Fund **DISTRICT B - DAVIS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0603 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 17 & 19

**17. JOHNSTON TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC** for approval of spending authority in the total amount not to exceed \$2,140,913.95 through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with BuyBoard for Public Safety Video System Wireless Replacement Equipment and Services for the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security - 3 Years - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0604 ADOPTED**

**19. BUCKEYE CLEANING CENTER - HOUSTON** for Industrial Cleaning Products and Supplies for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$726,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0605 ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTIONS** - NUMBER 20

**20. RESOLUTION** approving the investment policy for the City of Houston, Texas- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2018-0037 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 21 through 58

**21. ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Master Ordinance; authorizing and approving the issuance of one or more series and Subseries, in several Subseries designations, of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System Third Lien Extendable Commercial Paper Notes, Series B-5 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000; approving and authorizing certain authorized officials and designated employees to act on behalf of the City in the selling and delivery of such notes and the issuance of Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund the same, each within the limitations and procedures specified herein; making certain covenants and agreements in connection therewith; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, delivery and security of the notes, including the approval of an issuing and paying agency agreement, an offering memorandum and a dealer agreement and the engagement of co-bond counsel; making certain findings and determinations regarding such extendable commercial paper note program and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0911 ADOPTED**

**23. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Alief Village and Belle Park #2 Lift Station Diversions Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to seven parcels of land required for the project with one parcel situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey-Section 10 Abstract No. 1138; four parcels in the H. A. Cobb Survey Abstract No. 210 Survey; two parcels in the R. Reynolds Survey, Abstract No. 662, Harris County, Texas by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain

proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interests to the seven parcels of land required for the project- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0912 ADOPTED**

- 24. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Bayou Greenway 2020 Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple titles in or permanent easements to twenty parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Reels and Trobough Survey, Abstract 59, the Washington M. Black Survey, Abstract 114, and the Harris & Wilson Survey, Abstract 31, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along Hunting Bayou and Greens Bayou in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase, or the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0913 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing \$80,946.97 out of Property and Casualty Fund and approving and authorizing the execution of Compromise, Settlement, and Indemnification Agreement between **JASON NORBECK, PAULA NORBECK** and the City of Houston to settle a claim - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0914 ADOPTED**
- 33. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2014-802 to increase the maximum contract amount for the Professional On-Call Environmental Consulting Service Contract between the City of Houston and **RS&H, INC** for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 693, Contract No. 4600012892) - \$1,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0915 ADOPTED**
- 34. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to an Airport Use and Lease Agreement by and between the City of Houston and **SPIRIT AIRLINES, INC**, for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0916 ADOPTED**
- 35. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing International Facilities Agreement by and between the City of Houston and **SPIRIT AIRLINES, INC**, for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - \$641,336.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0917 ADOPTED**
- 36. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement by and between the City of Houston and **RVR AVIATION, LLC**, for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - 30 Years with a 10-year option - \$23,800.55 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0918 ADOPTED**
- 39. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0817, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **OCHIN, INC** for a Clinical Management Information System for the Houston

Health Department - \$300,000.00 - Essential Public Health Service Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0919 ADOPTED**

41. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2010-0631 (passed on August 4, 2010) to increase the spending authority amount for contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for Printing, Copying, Scanning, Imaging, Mailing, and Record Management Services for all City Departments - \$350,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0920 ADOPTED**
44. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 14.28 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 71**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0921 ADOPTED**
45. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 0.794 acre of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 157**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0922 ADOPTED**
46. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 78.8285 acres of land to **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0923 ADOPTED**
47. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 122.999 acres of land to **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0924 ADOPTED**
48. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 3.5047 acres of land to **TIMBER LANE UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0925 ADOPTED**
52. **ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$539,260.12 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and appropriating \$539,260.12 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing fourth amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract for design of East Water Purification Plant Facilities Rehabilitation and Improvements between the City of Houston and **AECOM USA INC dba AECOM USA GROUP, INC** for Services Associated with Plant 3 Sedimentation Basin Baffle Walls Replacement, Transfer Pump Rehabilitation and Improvements, and Backwash Redundancy at Plants 1 and 2 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-1334, as amended) - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0926 ADOPTED**
53. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **COVENANT AVIATION SECURITY, LLC** for Security Guard Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$22,917,697.00 Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0927 ADOPTED**
55. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,750,000.00 out of Fund No. 4042 - Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for FY16-Mitigation Program for Capital Improvement Program Projects; 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 Fund No. 4042 - Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN and D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0928 ADOPTED**

**56. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$6,098,447.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Small Diameter Water Lines Above Grade Crossings-North Sector; 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 Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; E - MARTIN; H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0929 ADOPTED**

**57. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,520,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Work Orders & On-Call Large Diameter Water Mains and Valves – Package 14; 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0930 ADOPTED**

**58. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-899, passed first reading November 14, 2018 ORDINANCE granting to **STRIPE-A-ZONE, INC, a Texas Corporation**, 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 SECONDED READING IN FULL**

### **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 \$1,365,253.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **ISI CONTRACTING, INC** for On-Call Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Construction - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - CASTEX-TATUM-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2018-0606 ADOPTED**

- 10. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,428,569.47 and acceptance of work on contract with **T CONSTRUCTION LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 1.27% under the original contract amount (4235-55) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; F - LE; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - CASTEX-TATUM**- was presented, moved by Council Members Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Gallegos absent.
- 11. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,580,077.85 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEGRITY CONTRACTORS, INC** for Fire Hydrant Replacement Project - 4.02% under the original contract amount (WA11238)- was presented, moved by Council Members Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Castex-Tatum.
- 13. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$6,460,866.79 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Rehabilitation of Distribution Pumps, Motors, Valves, Piping and Pump Station Buildings at Various Facilities - Package B - 2.86% under the original contract - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; F - LE and J - LASTER**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0607 ADOPTED**
- 15. RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, and settle the eminent domain matter in connection with City of Houston v. Cristelo Atic Guadiana, et al., Cause No. 1112394; for acquisition of Parcel AY17-254; for Right of Way for Clark Road Drainage and Paving Improvements Project - **DISTRICT H - CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0608 ADOPTED**
- 16. HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, dba HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM** for payment of outstanding invoices - \$122,157.60 - Essential Public Health Services Fund- was presented, moved by Council member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0609 ADOPTED**
- 18. WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS, INC** for additional funding for FY2019 for Solid Waste Disposal Contract for the Solid Waste Management Department - \$1,500,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Members Stardig and Knox absent.
- 22. ORDINANCE** declaring the adoption of Houston City Charter Amendments submitted to the qualified voters of the City and approved by a majority thereof at special elections held on November 6, 2018, and ordering the Houston City Charter amended to provide for a dedicated pay-as-you-go funding source to enhance, improve and renew the City's drainage systems and streets, and to require parity in the compensation provided to Houston Firefighters

compared to the compensation provided to the Houston Police Officers- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0931 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON SRO HOUSING CORPORATION** to provide Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS ("HOPWA") Funds for the Administration and Operation of a HOPWA Community Residence along with Supportive Services - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0932 ADOPTED**
  
26. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the **City of Houston** and **HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC dba AVENUE 360**, providing Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the Administration of a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, and the provision of permanent housing placement services, along with other supportive services, and the operation of a Transitional Medical Respite Facility- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0933 ADOPTED**
  
27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** to provide Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the Administration and Operation of a supportive services program offering childcare for homeless families affected by HIV/AIDS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0934 ADOPTED**
  
28. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON** providing Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the Administration and Operation of a tenant-based rental assistance program, a short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program and the provision of other supportive services - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0935 ADOPTED**
  
29. **ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$9,935,050.00 ("de-appropriated funds") of funds previously appropriated for the Home Repair Program ("HRP") out of the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund; amending Ordinances 2018-56 and 2018-84 to reflect the de-appropriation and to provide that \$9,935,050.00 of the funds obligated under Ordinance 2018-84 will replace the de-appropriated funds to satisfy the "original allocation" set forth in the HRP Master Contractor Agreements and approving and authorizing an amendment to the Master Contractor Agreements which were approved by Ordinance 2018-56- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0936 ADOPTED**
  
30. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$9,935,050.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund that have been de-appropriated from the Home Repair Program to pay costs as identified in the Master Contractor Agreements and Tri-Party Agreements for the new Home Development Program, de-obligating \$6,665,326.00 of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds that were previously obligated pursuant to Ordinance 2018-612, and amending Ordinance 2018-612 to reflect such appropriation and deobligation  
**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 29 above-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0937 ADOPTED**

- 32. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the application for grant assistance to the Office of the Governor of Texas for the General Victim Assistance - Direct Services Program by the City of Houston Mayor's Office; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the City of Houston Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process, with the authority to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0938 ADOPTED**
- 37. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendment to lease agreement between **BANK of AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for approximately 6,173 square feet of leased space at 8400 Long Point Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, at a monthly rental of \$2,000.00, for the Houston Police Department 3 Years - \$72,000.00 - General Fund - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0939 ADOPTED**
- 38. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the application for grant assistance to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the First Responder Opioid Overdose Naloxone Training and linkage into needed evidence-based services; authorizing the Director of the City of Houston Health Department to accept the grant award from SAMHSA; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant 4 Years - \$2,000,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0940 ADOPTED**
- 40. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing eighteen agreements for performing arts organizations and/or musicians between the City of Houston and **APOLLO CHAMBER PLAYERS; ARS LYRICA HOUSTON; AXIOM QUARTET INC.; BOB CHADWICK TRIO**, a sole proprietorship operated by Robert Chadwick; **DIVISI STRINGS, LLC; ENTERTAINMENT CONNECT LLC; EDDIE AKHMETCHINE TRIO**, a sole proprietorship operated by Eddie Akhmetchine; **GERLING-MUT DUO**, a sole proprietorship operated by Ingrid Hunter; **MARK PRAUSE; MUSIQA; MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY**, a partnership operated by Carlos A. Machado and **MADLINE HERDEMAN; PAMELA YORK JAZZ TRIO**, a sole proprietorship operated by Pamela York; **PAUL ENGLISH JAZZ QUARTET**, a sole proprietorship operated by Paul English; **RETROSPECT**, a sole proprietorship operated by Eric Charles Kaposta; **SOLERO FLAMENCO LLC; STEPHANIE GUSTAFSON-AMFAHR; THE DANCEWICZ-DOUCET DUO**, a sole proprietorship operated by Dominika Danecwicz; and **ANTHONY HENRY** for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$3,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Members Laster and Kubosh.
- 42. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHERRY CRUSHED CONCRETE, INC** to amend the fee schedule for the revenue contract (4600013392) (as Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0794)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0941 ADOPTED**

- 43. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 36.872 acres of land to **BRIDGELAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0942 ADOPTED**
- 49. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$11,895.81 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to the Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT)** for the Beechnut Rehabilitation from Wilcrest Drive to Kirkwood Road - **DISTRICTS F - LE and J – LASTER-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0943 ADOPTED**
- 50. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$183,975.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **IDS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for the Arlington Heights Area Drainage Improvements (Sub-Project 1) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0508, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0944 ADOPTED**
- 51. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$330,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NEDU ENGINEERING, INC** for FY 17 Local Drainage Project Work Order Design Contract 2 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2017-0372); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0945 ADOPTED**
- 54. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **FAS INDUSTRIES, LLC** for Weed Mowing & Debris Removal Services for the Department of Neighborhoods; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,000,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Robinson absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0946 ADOPTED**

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 59 through 61

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 59. MOTION TO AMEND MOTION #2018-590, 11/14/18, TO RESCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING** regarding seventh amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIVE (MEMORIAL HEIGHTS ZONE)** - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H - CISNEROS** **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 12, 2018-** was presented, moved by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. **MOTION 2018-0610 ADOPTED**

**60. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT (GULFGATE ZONE) - DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS**  
**HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 12, 2018-** was presented, moved by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent.  
**MOTION 2018-0611 ADOPTED**

**61. MOTION TO AMEND MOTION #2018-591, 11/14/18, TO RESCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING** regarding fifth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LAKE HOUSTON ZONE) - DISTRICT E - MARTIN**  
**HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 12, 2018-** was presented, moved by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent.  
**MOTION 2018-0612 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 62 through 66

**62. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Agreement between **NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** and the City of Houston; providing a maximum contract amount  
**DELAYED BY MOTION #2018-576, 11/7/18**  
**This was Item 16 on Agenda of November 7, 2018-** was presented,

Mayor Turner stated that there is no question that the Firefighters need a pay raise and he agree with everyone that they do need a pay raise, but they need a pay raise that the City of Houston can afford, and this Administration intends to continue to offer the Firefighters a pay raise. No one have denied that they don't need a pay raise, they are deserving of a pay raise and this Administration is still willing to offer a pay raise to the Firefighters. This Administration hasn't pulled back from the offer, but they deserve a pay raise that the City can afford. He also heard that people say, well, "Mayor, the people voted and maybe this is going against the will of the voters". He wanted to say this, and people been saying that they have been seeking Legal opinions, well the City Attorney is right here, and they have received a Memorandum from the City Legal Attorney. They question the validity of Proposition B before any vote was cast but the Law says, the Texas Supreme Court has said in the closing decision that you can't challenge the validity of a Proposition until it has been voted on and approved, it's not right for a challenge, so they couldn't challenge it before and now that it has been approved, it is right for it to be challenged. It's not going against the word of the people, it is determining whether or not it was valid in the first place and he thinks that the people of this City need to know that they voted on. Whether or not it was preempted by State Law and he never choose to blame the voters because they want what is fair so he doesn't question that, they want what is fair and they voted on what they thought what was fair but what he will also say what comes down to the bill which now we have the bill and it's before them and on annualized bases it's \$100 million dollars. He doesn't think voters and he have not heard on single voter outside of anywhere in the City have said to him, "Mayor, in order to make this happen, lay off Police Officers, just lay them off." "Cut hundreds of services or lay off Municipal Employees or even

Firefighters” that is not what they want either. Their number one priority and he is speaking for this Administration, is to maintain the safety and security for the people in this City.

During discussion, Council Member Stardig that the rules be suspended for the purpose of amending the following items to be remove #2 NS #3 OF Sec. III Subsection A, to reduce the scope for Public Works amount by \$250,000.00 and seconded by Council Member Travis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018-0613 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested a motion to remain in session pass noon; Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purposed of remaining in session beyond the schedules 12:00 noon recess to complete the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0614 ADOPTED**

With further discussion, Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose amending the following item to reduce the maximum contract \$1,090,000.00 to \$500,000.00 for Item 62 and seconded by Council Member Cohen, Council Members Knox, Kubosh and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2018-0615 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that they would move to vote on the Main Item as Amended and a Roll Call was requested.

Mayor Turner voting- Aye	Council Member Gallegos voting- Aye
Council Member Stardig voting- No	Council Member Laster voting- Aye
Council Member Davis voting- Aye	Council Member Castex-Tatum voting- Aye
Council Member Cohen voting- Aye	Council Member Knox voting- No
Council Member Boykins voting-No	Council Member Robinson voting- No
Council Member Martin voting- Aye	Council Member Kubosh voting- No
Council Member Le voting- Aye	Council Member Edwards- Absent
Council Member Travis voting- No	Council Member Christie voting- No
Council Member Cisneros voting- No	

**ORDINANCE 2018-0947 ADOPTED**

**63. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$670,152.90 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for the purchase of Water Meters and Water Meter Replacement Parts for Houston Public Works - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER and EDWARDS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0948 ADOPTED**

**64. MOTION** by Council Member Robinson/Seconded by Council Member Stardig to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **BADGER METER, INC** - \$15,137,775.75; **ITRON, INC** - \$6,323,349.58; **KROHNE, INC** - \$922,024.58; **SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC** - \$2,300,549.60; **SENSUS USA, INC** - \$82,520.04; **ABB, INC** - \$1,824,619.23; **NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC** - \$1,541,415.16 for Water Meters and Water Meter Replacement Parts for Houston Public Works - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$28,132,253.94 - Enterprise and Other Funds  
**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 63 above**  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER**  
These were Items 10 and 11 on Agenda of November 14, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0616 ADOPTED**

**65. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$271,000.00 from the FY2019 Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Capital Equipment for the Houston Fire Department  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 14 on Agenda of November 14, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2018-0949 ADOPTED**

**66. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$705,976.40 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** for Hillcroft Avenue Paving and Drainage from Bissonnet Street to Beechnut Street (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0464); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF- **DISTRICT C-COHEN** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 27 on Agenda of November 14, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2018-0950 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:36 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Kubosh absent.

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

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary

