

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

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, January 2, 2019

The Houston City Council convened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Members Steve Le and Mike Knox absent on personal business.

At 9:09 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and stated that this is the first Council Meeting in a brand-new year and Happy New Year to everyone. They will get started with the Invocation and Pledge and it will be led by Council Member Kubosh. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Robinson absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that Council Member Knox requested him in his absents to lead them in Prayer today; Council Member Kubosh led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis, Martin and Laster absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to say again Happy New Year to everyone in 2019. He hopes that everyone was able to recharge and spend some time with family and friends. Yesterday, himself and many others attended the swearing in ceremony for the Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Precinct Judge Commissioner Adrian Garcia and many others new leaders for Harris County. They all wish them well and he is confident that City County and City Council partnership will remain very, very positive as we move forward. While some people took off for the Holidays, many of the people that we serve worked hard during the break and he wanted to thank his staff for spending a lot of their time over the holidays working to put Proposition B into place and assessing the costs of this Budget and next Budget. Nothing changes the fact that the salary increase created for the Firefighters by Proposition B, it will cost the City more than \$100 million in the first year and on annualized basis and nothing changes the fact that the City will have to cut spending somewhere else to come up with the money. He welcomes any and all ideas and he is going to ask Council Member Martin if he will convene BFA to entertain any ideas on how to address the costs of Proposition B this month.

Mayor Turner stated that this year they can have new opportunities to start fresh and collaborate on what is a huge Finance challenge for the next few weeks. He will invite Leaders and Organizers to meet with him to discuss their ideas on how to pay for Proposition B and minimize reduction of services as well as of layoffs. The Houston Firefighter Union will be among these meetings and he intend to sit down with the Union and hear their ideas in implementing Proposition B and their proposal on how to avoid if at all possible because no one wants to see employee's laid off. The layoffs are the last thing he wants to implement and Judge who lifted the TRO have said recently "Prop B will lead to reducing services and layoffs". The hard truth is the City big cost and salaries especially at the Police and Fire Department. The Voters approved Proposition B and they have to design a plan in going forward. These are the issues that he hopes to discuss with many Stakeholders this month.

Mayor Turner also wanted to say, and this is on a sad note he wants to send their prayer and condolences to the family of Jasmine Barnes, a 7-year-old who was shot on Sunday. He wanted to make an appeal along with some many others, Law Enforcement for anybody who has

information on the shooter to please provide that information to Law Enforcement to the authorities and he knows that the family will appreciate it.

Mayor Turner further wanted to say there is a Blood Drive for tomorrow for Officer Daily and he was one of the 2 Officers that were involved in the vehicle collision and was seriously burned over 50% of his body and tomorrow there will be a Blood Drive at the Union Hall at 10:30 a.m. and we continue to pray for him and his family. The Subtext reminds people of drinking and driving and the consequences. Also being a Houston Cougar fan, he has to give victory to the Longhorn on their win against the George Bull Dogs last night.

At 9:16 a.m. The Roll was Called. Council Members Steve Le and Mike Knox absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Cohen moved delay the adoption of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Gallegos would like to recognize the Pack 30 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and his neighbor of his involved with the group and he would like to acknowledge Donna Diamond, the Den Leader. They are from the Saint Mark's United Methodist Church and requested them to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner stated that couple of additional notes, there is already been some weather that has already came in the area, but more will be coming in over the next 24 to 30 hours. So, he wanted to ask people to be very mindful in driving through the rain and more heavy rain is expected this evening until tomorrow morning, please be careful.

Members of Council questioned and commented on the Mayor's Report on fireworks, guns and banning fireworks.

At 9:32 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Kay Haslam, 1718 Potomac, 77057, (713)485-2017 appeared and stated that she is here to protest Items 34 and 35 to allow the TIRZ to annex more property. They have not committed to drainage projects and they have verbally promised them with the property that they already have. They really don't deserve anymore, and they don't deserve anymore money. They order this flowering plant annually and they die within 3 months. People work 2 jobs to give Council Members and the Mayor this money and this is not appropriate expense. The area that they want to landscape, that regularly floods and as they know floodwaters over top the plants and the plants can't perform, get oxygen and they die. So, they would be ordering flower plants over and over again. If Council does approve it, she is requesting that they give them the HTV camera in the TIRZ meeting room, this is TIRZ 17. The public needs that camera and they need to see how this money that they are giving to the TIRZ 17 is being spent. She also been protesting the Memorial Drive Drainage Project, she can't get a handle on how many sources of water volumes and what rate of flow they are dumping into tributary 153. She has asked many times and she sent e-mails which she has received no satisfactory answer. Resident are getting no answers on how much water is being dumped on them and there is no study by a competent hydrology. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Turner asked Ms. Haslam what did TIRZ 17 tell her and she advised him that she stopped speaking to TIRZ 17 when she realized they were not writing down any public comments and not recording it. That is totally waste of time but prior to that no comment at all. Mayor Turner told her that he is going to speak with TIRZ 17.

Peter MacDonald, 201 S. Heights, 77007, (713)377-1881 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

David Sherman, 1022 Heights Blvd., 77008, (713)861-1337 appeared and stated that he came here to speak about Memorial Park, but he has another issue that he wants to bring up and it is something that she brought to Council Member Cohen attention. Everyone will have to do a little Google for this. The proposal that is coming before them from the Park is massive and he was quite surprised last visit here was principally opposing a take over by the park by the HGA and he thinks that the Mayor is taking a lot of municipal pride in the park. His concern is the 35 employees that have been out there for almost 20 years who do take a lot of pride in keeping Memorial Park beautiful has it is, and he is wondering what is going to happen to him during the layoffs. There is a lot have great customer services for years and a lot of good will that they have with the golf playing public and also the people that play on the Tuesday tournaments that can be anything from a Church to a cooperation. He wants to make sure that those employees stay safe. The course is going to be given back to the City in 8 months. He was disappointed that they put out \$200,000.00 a year from the golf course researches to the conservancy and he is also disappointed that they're going to consider metered parking for the golf course. What he thinks the conservancy could do to help this tournament is to get a plan together to more the tennis course because they are not having the varsity PGA in the fall that is coming in the City. The driving range is certainly not adequate for the PGS Tournament players. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Travis absent.

Jeff Holstien, 5402 Schumacher Ln., 77056, (713)628-5289 appeared and stated that he lived on the same lot for 40 years in the Gallery area and he started playing the golf course at Memorial Park about 20 years ago when his kids got out of high school. He is opposed to the current plan to redo the golf course and he has several questions that have not been answered. The first question and apparently the PGA limits the number of rounds that they play for \$30,000.00 a year and they currently playing for \$60,000.00 at Memorial Park. How are they going to be limited? What's going to happen? He has heard no discussion of that. The second item is why can't the Astros and the HGA get together? This is as puzzling to him the 2 different groups that do the parade at the MLK parade. The third thing is why has it been such a secret? He showed his letter he wrote to the Parks Department in early October to have some type of town hall meeting at the golf course to let them know what was being talked about. They never had that meeting and finally the proposed golf course architect is not the first from the Astros group. Ben Crenshaw from Austin was the first choice and they met with him several different times. He ran into Ben shortly after he wrote the letter and he told Ben, " so, Ben I here that your going to do the Memorial Park Course and I am really excited about that" and Ben told him that he passed on that deal because he was not comfortable with the changes that are being proposed and he is not comfortable with this project. Apparently, there are 2 large permeant entertainment centers that are going to be put in the back nine, they are going to try to mimic the Phoenix Tournament deal and he finds that really discouraging.

Members of Council commented and question Mr. Holstien at length.

Council Member Boykins stated to Mr. Holstien that he heard him talk about hole number 11 and he agrees with him and he is a big fan of the Houston Golf Association, and he made it very clear that he didn't want the tournament to leave and his concern has been and will continue to be the disruption that would have in the area. He had an opportunity to ride through the neighborhood and he spoke to some of the resident and they agree with him. The impact that they are going to

have is going to be tremendous. He doesn't think this location is the best condition for how condensed it is and he is not going to be supporting this item.

Council Member Cohen stated that she thinks that they be sure not confusing a couple of issues; one, is the fact that they unanimously passed the Master Plan for Memorial Park some time ago, that is one thing. The park itself and the changes have started already, and she thinks they are really moving along very well. The golf course is another thing and she personally say "well in your District" but the fact of the matter is having a tournament of this caliber within the City limits which does a great deal for the City of Houston and the amount of money that they can raise which is all very good things. She did understand a number of suggestion that her colleagues have and was sorry that Council Member Boykins stepped away because she wanted to ask him, "what was he actually trying to accomplish by surveying in her District?" and they would probably have found a sense of disrespecting in his District and tried to survey the residents. So when, as they all do, if someone calls their Office about an issue that is not in their District and they typically tell them to call their Districts office and she knows that the At-Large does that as well. And she thinks that Council Member Boykins surveying in her District is not particularly appropriate. And she would remind him that this is District C and the people that live there and have vested interest on what's going on and they are talking about some serious renovation from January to September that is going to cause disruption but, in the end, cases justify the mean and they would end up with some very good things and she supports it.

Mayor Turner stated that this is the Public Comments period and let's not use the speaker to debit the item that is on the Agenda, let's be respectful to the speakers who are coming here because they are coming here to express their view. They will have the opportunity to express their views later.

Council Member Boykins thanked Mr. Holstien for coming again and expressing his concerns and they all thinks of them listen to his concerns and the debit went off in different direction. He doesn't want him to think that this is how they all operate this way not to disrespect their Districts and their parks. He runs out at Memorial Park at the Houston Fit Group and it was just a conversation, he didn't drive out there in trying to survey anybody out there.

Theresa Johnson, PO Box 924173, 77292, (713)565-0863 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Edwards absent.

Lorraine Adamore, 12220 Bob White Dr., 77035, (469)396-3142 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Edwards absent.

Edith Diaz, 2423 Moreau St., 77093, no phone. had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Edwards absent.

Marion Scott, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Edwards absent.

Emmanuel Thomas, no address, (832)931-1469 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Edwards absent.

Lois Meyers, 9701 Westview Dr., 77055, (713)775-2443 appeared and stated that she came here with this poster that had bowls on it to show the dentition and she is opposed to the TIRZ 17 annexing more property. When they haven't taken care their first responsibility to improve

drainage and mobility in its huge territory outline that is highlighted in red, they were supposed to put in 2 detention ponds. On Witte Road and Memorial City parking lot and one in the Town and Country area, but they didn't want to spend the money. They signed a contract to put them in and then they hid the contract. Council Members Davis and Cisneros absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Myers that he was going to let her finish her point and stated to Ms. Myers that he is looking into the detention and any of the promises that have been made as it relates to the detention element.

Members of Council comment and questioned Ms. Myers at length.

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 10:21 a.m. Was the end of the Public Session and Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 32

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 1

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for payment of \$52,605.00 to the **LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** for 2019 Renewal Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Fees - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0001 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 2 through 8

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$6,417,788.28 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 3.42% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - (4257-139) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; I - GALLEGOS and K - CASTEX-TATUM**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0002 ADOPTED**
3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,522,940.16 and acceptance of work on contract with **NERIE CONSTRUCTION,**

LLC for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 0.72% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - (4235-83)- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0003 ADOPTED**

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,083,255.24 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP** for Almeda Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Processing Facility Improvements - 1.95% under the original Contract Amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0004**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$3,520,310.38 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORPORATION** for Almeda Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Processing Facility Improvements - Package 4 1.28% over the original Contract Amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0005 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$298,391.74 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES, LLC** for Wastewater System/Substitute Service Support - Sherman St. Package 2 - 19.07% under the original contract amount - (WW5108-05) - **DISTRICTS H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0006 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$4,009,680.29 and acceptance of work on contract with **PLW WATERWORKS, LLC. (Formerly PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC.)** for Plant 1 & 2 Flocculator and Bar Screens Rehabilitation at the East Water Purification Plant - 3.60% over the revised total contract amount - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0007 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 through 14

9. **APPROVE** payment in the amount not to exceed \$88,490.96 to **COTTON COMMERCIAL USA, INC** for Remediation Services at Multiple City of Houston facilities for the General Services Department General and Enterprise Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0008 ADOPTED**
10. **APPROVE** payment in the amount not to exceed \$116,713.00 to **TDINDUSTRIES, INC** for two Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Systems for the General Services Department -

Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0009 ADOPTED**

11. **APPROVE** payment in the amount not to exceed \$266,466.00 to **MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC** for Radio Communications Equipment for the Houston Fire Department - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0010 ADOPTED**
12. **MD HELICOPTERS, INC** for purchase of MD Helicopter Pilot Flight Training Services for the Houston Police Department - \$84,912.30 - Police Special Services Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0011 ADOPTED**
14. **AMEND MOTION #2015-0369, 6/3/15, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$8,152,772.04 to \$10,190,965.05 for purchase of Liquid Sodium Bisulfite for Houston Public Works, awarded to **SOUTHERN IONICS INCORPORATED** - \$2,038,193.01 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0012 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 19 through 32

19. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program Guidelines for Hurricane Harvey Recovery
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 18 above- Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 19 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
20. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston **Small Rental Program Guidelines** for Hurricane Harvey Recovery
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 18 above- Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 20 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
21. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston Multifamily Rental Program Guidelines for Hurricane Harvey Recovery
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 18 above- Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 21 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of the U. S. Bureau of Justice Assistance FY2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant;

declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Police Chief of the City of Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative to accept and spend such grant funds, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Program and extend the budget period- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0001 ADOPTED**

- 25. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 2.0010 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 109**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0002 ADOPTED**
- 26. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 10.4461 acres of land to **KINGSBRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0003 ADOPTED**
- 27. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 0.834 acre of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0004 ADOPTED**
- 28. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 1.045 acres of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0005 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 2.912 acres of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0006 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ABM AVIATION, INC** for Janitorial Cleaning and Associated Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,659,263.93 - Enterprise Fund- Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 30 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
- 31. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **GAMMA WASTE SYSTEMS, LLC** for Medical Waste Removal & Disposal Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$659,757.50 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0007 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,567,965.96 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 14.38% under the original contract amount - (4257-141) - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; E - MARTIN; G - TRAVIS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - CASTEX-TATUM** – was

presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0013 ADOPTED**

13. **J & B PAVELKA INC** - \$61,097.05 and **DOGGETT HEAVY MACHINERY SERVICES, LLC** - \$30,980.00 for purchase of two Trailers through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Fleet Management Department on behalf of Houston Public Works - \$92,077.05 - Stormwater and Enterprise Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Davis absent.
15. **CYCLOMEDIA TECHNOLOGY, INC** for Captured Street Level Imagery, Maintenance and Support with Information Management System and Utilization with Housing Community Development Department Programs and Disaster Recovery through the General Services Administration \$450,000.00 - TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund- was present, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2019-0014 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** for the Operation of the Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance Intermediary- was present, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0008 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Settlement and Release Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** for the Operation of the Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance Intermediary - \$1,935,195.86 - Disaster Recovery Fund **This item should only be considered after passage of Item 16 above-** was present, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0009 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE** for the use of the City's portion of the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Funds provided through the Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey - Round 1, as amended; approving and authorizing the updates to the City's Local Action Plan, previously Approved by Ordinance No. 2018-518- was present, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0010 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Land Exchange between the City of Houston, Texas, and **THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA**, acting by and through the Secretary of the Air Force, for tracts of land on or adjacent to Ellington Airport - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Davis absent.
24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Development and Construction Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, **THE ASTROS GOLF FOUNDATION** and **MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC** relating to Memorial Park Golf Course - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented,

Mayor Turner wanted to say before they even started discussion on Item 24 has been discussed quite some time in the general public, this is not a new deal and there had been

conversation about moving the PGA to Memorial since he has been Mayor and he has gone out to the tournament that Shell has underwritten since he has been Mayor and each year that he has gone out and there has been questions that was posed to him about the tournament going to Memorial and he indicate that it was his desire to have the tournament going to Memorial and bring the tournament back to the City will be a plus for the City of Houston. Everyone is going to benefit by having it here and when Shell indicated that it was not going to continue to underwrite it. When the event was over Shell locally wanted to continue to it. The decision was made for far, far away and he wanted to thank Shell for being a great partner. Then the questioned came up, who would step up and take the place, who would bring to the table to investment for them to continue to have a PGA Tournament and for several months it was in limbo and no one was stepping up of terms in being able to provide the investment that continue the PGA in the City of Houston and just to day in the absence of the PGA in the City of Houston, all of us would have lost. He has even spoken to the head of the PGA asking them to give us more time and he was told, "No". Either Houston steps up or Houston loses out and it was at that point that Jim Crane stepped in and said that he would make it happen. Then there were question as to whether or not the HGA would be able to step up and raise the money and the sponsor, but they were not able too. It was going to be going to be a huge lost for the City of Houston and there were major Cities coming forth even Forth Worth for example came up with a major sponsor while we were still waiting and that is when Jim Crane came in and told them he will complete the package in order for the PGA to stay in Houston and the conversation were made with the PGA and he was part of the those conversation and they are speaking about an investment of \$13 million dollars to continue the PGA in the City of Houston and now the goal is when will that PGA tournament occur and so the timeline has been very quick to get it up in order to get things operational, putting a first class golf course.

Mayor Turner stated for the passed 8 months there has been discussions about PGA and Memorial Park and he wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page. He wanted to make sure all the questions that Council Members had were answered so, they all can be together on this. One of his concerns which he will direct it to Council Member Laster is that he wants to make sure if they invest in Memorial Park because he would like to see investor maybe step up and invest in neighborhood parks, but he will tell everyone is this is a solid deal for the City of Houston. he would ask for anything to jeopardize the deal, let's not delay it, lets move forward because we all benefit for the City of Houston.

Council Member Laster presented 2 Written Amendments to Members of Council.

Option 1:

I move to amend the Memorial Park Golf Course Development and Construction Agreement (Agreement) to provide that the entire amount of the \$1 Million Dollar Event Fee be paid to and deposited into the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (Department) Golf Fund No. 2104 for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's multiple municipal golf courses. This Amendment to the Agreement shall by, deleting and inserting the words, phrases or sentences shown below, specifically read as follows:

"Section 9.07. Event Financial Terms and Other Consideration. The following items constitute consideration for the Parties to enter into the Facilities Agreement.

(a) Event Fee. For each Event during the Term, the Foundation shall remit to the City and ~~MPC~~ an Event Fee in a collective amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) no later than forty-five (45) days after completion of Event Week. Of the Event Fee, the Foundation shall remit to the City ~~Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000)~~ and to ~~MPC Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)~~, and ~~MPC agrees to use such contribution for the benefit of the Park in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 6.08(b) of the MPC Agreement~~ the full amount of said \$1,000,000 Event Fee to be deposited into the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Golf Fund No. 2104 for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's municipal golf courses"

Option 2:

I move to amend the Memorial Park Golf Course Development and Construction Agreement (Agreement) to provide that the entire amount of the \$1 Million Dollar Event Fee be paid to and deposited into the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (Department) general operating fund for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's municipal parks. This Amendment to the Agreement shall by, deleting and inserting the words, phrases or sentences shown below, specifically read as follows:

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(a) Event Fee. For each Event during the Term, the Foundation shall remit to the City and ~~MPC~~ an Event Fee in a collective amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) no later than forty-five (45) days after completion of Event Week. Of the Event Fee, the Foundation shall remit to the City ~~Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000)~~ and to ~~MPC Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)~~, and ~~MPC agrees to use such contribution for the benefit of the Park in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 6.08(b) of the MPC Agreement~~ the full amount of said \$1,000,000 Event Fee to be deposited into the Houston Parks and Recreation Department general operating fund for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's municipal parks."

Council Member Laster further stated he respectfully submit these Amendments and he will ultimately tag Amendments and tag the Main Item today because he believes that they at least need a week public discussion on this Item.

Mayor Turner stated that the Amendments are before them and he wanted to say that he opposes both because this is a negotiated deal and he thinks that this doesn't help.

Members of Council had a lengthy discussion; Council Member Cohen stated she understands the questions about Memorial Park and the fact that it is in District C can cause some angst for some people, but she also wanted to point out what Council Member Stardig stated that there

are 170 zip codes that uses Memorial Park. She is overly enthusiastic about the fact that it is in District C, but it is the City of Houston park and there is no question Council Member Boykins that people living around Memorial Park will be inconvenienced both with the development of the park itself and when the tournament comes to Houston there is no question. The ultimate goodness and the things that the tournament will bring to the City of Houston as far as she is concern it over weighs that and the funds that they are going to get out of that. She also wanted to address a point that Council Member Stardig said and "that they should have had at least one Public Meeting to discuss it" and they had a Quality of Life Meeting in November and that is when the discussion came up. A lot of people were talking about it and it showed up on other newspaper articles. Memorial Park Standards Committee anticipated that there could be a problem that there could be a problem if the design of the golf course were to change and they reviewed the question and determined no significant changes does exist. Memorial Master Plan comprehended the possibility of upgrading for tournament play including improving stormwater management with the course and an expanding driving range. She finally wants to say with the point of the tag that Council Member Laster but has released it for discussion, that if she understand with construction to start as soon as possible on the golf course, then they can haul dirt from the Eastern Glades project instead of the over the Lieberman Trail and there that avoids damages from 100 plus trucks crossing the trail for a 100 days. If they delay to the tag for 2 to 3 weeks, they will lose this opportunity and it could cause disruption to thousands of park users. So, that it is important to consider a tag as a hug inconvenience to the people using the park.

With further discussion; Mayor Turner requested a motion to extend pass noon; Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to remain in session beyond 12 noon and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0015 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner wanted to just say, the construction was scheduled to start on January 7th. They have had business people come to the table and bringing money to the table, it's not costing the City of Houston anything. The City was in desperate need of Investors to keep the PGA and they are ready to start construction on January 7th and often times Government gets criticized in the way and that is slowing things down. Business people say that when they slow them down, it cost the business money and they have schedule and they can't predict the weather and they want to start construction again on January 7th. He also wanted to say where the tournament was outside of Houston, they were not getting the million dollars, they weren't getting anything because where it was. He agrees with Council Member Laster on the parks, he is behind him 100% and that is one of the reasons that they have been working really hard to talk to other financial intuitions and other source to get them to invest in other parks just like Memorial Park. This is \$750,000.00 that is coming every year and lastly, he will say, he thinks it's important to create the atmosphere when they are needing investors and they let them know that they do it, they don't want to show red tape in their way and that is important too. They are not going to changing things at the last minute and he understand the discussion and he will make one last request to Council Member Laster to reconsider because his point has been well made and he promise him that this Administration will continue to work to find addition dollars to put on these other neighborhood parks.

Council Member Laster stated that he appreciates his colleagues for this important discussion and he thinks another week with this discussion will be more important and he is asking that the Memorial Park Conservancy to come to the table for the good of the City they are going to give up the request for the \$ 250,000.00 and they want it to go to other parks in the City and he hopes that they take that offer up because if they don't they show what they are dealing with here and

he looks forward to having the discussion next week. With that Council Member Laster tags the Item and along with the Amendments and Council Member Boykins stated that he also wanted to add to that tag as well.

- 32. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **D G MEDINA CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for On-Call Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Construction - Group A; 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 engineering & testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Contributed Capital Project Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0011 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 33 through 35

- 33. BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC** for Supply of Liquid Ammonium Sulfate Chemicals for Houston Public Works - 5 Years - \$2,127,543.32 - Enterprise Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS**

This was Item 10 on Agenda of December 19, 2018- was presented and Council Member moved to delay Item 33 for one week and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0016 ADOPTED**

- 34. ORDINANCE** enlarging the boundaries of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL CITY ZONE) - DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and G - TRAVIS**

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KNOX- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0012 ADOPTED**

- 35. ORDINANCE** approving the fourth amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL CITY ZONE) - DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and G - TRAVIS** **This item should only be considered after passage of Item 34 above**

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KNOX

These were Items 24 and 25 on Agenda of December 19, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0013 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:12 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Kubosh and Christie absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary

