

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, December 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding along with Council Members Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Members Brenda Stardig and Steve Le absent on Personal Business.

At 1:40 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum and Edwards absent.

Council Member Kubosh presented a proclamation to Frances Prince to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum and Edwards absent.

Council Member Christie presented a proclamation to the Imagine a Day Without Water Essay Contest Winners. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

Council Member Castex-Tatum presented a proclamation to Vincent Paul Young, Jr., aka Vince Young, to celebrate his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. Council Member Cisneros absent.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Travis for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Cisneros absent.

The Roll was Called. Council Members Brenda Stardig and Steve Le absent on Personal Business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the Minutes for December 10-11, 2019 and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Cisneros absent.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Travis for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Travis moved to add Marty Lancton to the top of the List of Speakers for 3 minutes and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2019-0635 ADOPTED**

At 2:25 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

**#1 - MARTY LANCTON** - No Address – No Phone – Thanked Council Members for their willingness to serve. Council Members Cohen and Cisneros absent.

**#2 - PASTOR KENNETH ISAAC** – 3806 Wichita St. – 77004 – 713-315-7624 – Introduction. Council Members Cohen, Laster and Cisneros absent.

**#3 - LISA BRENSKELLE** – 2823 La Branch St. – 77004 – 281-300-8212 – Native Plants and Green spaces. Council Members Cohen, Laster and Cisneros absent.

**#4** - CARL DOBY – 401 Winnie St., Unit A – 77009 – 713-446-5819 – Climate change. Council Members Cisneros and Edwards absent.

NATASHA BUTLER – 8405 Wilcrest Blvd. – 77072 – 281-698-7210 – Thank current Council Members/New Council Members. **NOT PRESENT**

**#5** - VERONICA HERNANDEZ – No Address – 713-560-1153 – Thank you Council Member. Council Members Cisneros and Edwards absent.

**#6** - TAMMY RODRIGUEZ – 9702 Kinney Rd. – 77099 – 832-848-4103 – Thank You. Council Members Cohen, Cisneros and Edwards absent.

**#7** - STEPHEN PAVEL – 2103 Whispering Trails Dr. – Kingwood, TX – 77329 – 832-474-7500 – Climate change and solutions. Council Members Cisneros and Edwards absent.

**#8** - CHRIS RHODES – 1301 Texas St. – 77002 – 832-559-0421 – Buy Black, Buy Brown addressing racial inequalities. Council Member Edwards absent.

**#9** - ELIZABETH URQUIOLA – 1819 Rosedale St. – 77004 - 719-351-2632 – Turkey Leg Hut/Smoke.

**#10** - JIM TUCKER – 507 Welch St. – 77006 - 301- 807-9255 – Waste Management/Climate Action Plan/Environment. Council Member Laster absent.

**#11** - PASTOR TIMOTHY SMYTH – 1615 Main St., Apt. #1316 – 77002 - 407-879-0045 – Cleaning up Houston/Drug Problems. Council Member Robinson absent.

**#12** - PASTOR JAMES NASH – 8418 Colonial Ln. – 77051 – 713-725-1664 – The Election/Encouragement. Council Members Davis and Robinson absent.

GIANNI BONANNO – No Address – No Phone – Homeless issues. **NOT PRESENT**

**#13** - DARLENE COYLE – 2710 Winbern St. – 77004 – 832-691-0110 – Police Investigation. Council Members Davis and Robinson absent.

**#14** - RITA MITCHELL – Post Office Box 14055 – 77221 – No Phone – Optional gratitude benefits/One Moment in Time. Council Members Davis, Travis, Knox and Robinson absent.

PATRICIA MURRAY – 902 Evonne St. – 77017 – 281-924-6930 – Insurance Claims with the City of Houston. **NOT PRESENT**

STEVE WILLIAMS – No Address – No Phone – Will appear to express personal opinion. **NOT PRESENT**

**#15** - SABA NASSIF – 920 Clear Lake City Blvd. – 77062 – 713-320-0945 – Sign Administration. Council Members Davis, Travis, Knox and Robinson absent.

**#16** - JUDE HILL – 203 Archer St. – 832-800-9702 – No kill policy for all Houston animal shelters. Council Members Davis, Travis, Knox and Robinson absent.

SEAN KRIEGER – 2203 Tierwester St. – 77004 – 979-220-9634 – Still no working sewer. **NOT PRESENT**

GARY KEETER – 1735 West 43<sup>rd</sup> St. – 77018 – 832-453-5007 – High water bill/theft. **NOT PRESENT**

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

At 3:38 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

For more information and details from the Speakers List, please click here: <https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/12172019-2795>

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, December 18, 2019 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, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Deidra Penny, First Assistant City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and asked the Assistant City Secretary to call Item 1, the Public Hearing. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the following 4% Housing Tax Credits Applications

NHH Avenue J  
Avenue on 34th  
Elgin Place  
Scott Street Lofts

5220 Avenue J  
2136 W. 34th St.  
3345 Elgin  
1320 Scott St.

**DISTRICT H - CISNEROS**  
**DISTRICT C - COHEN**  
**DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**  
**DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**

Was presented, Mayor Turner stated that no one has signed up to speak on this Item and is there anyone present that would like to speak on this Item, which seeing none, he requested a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent.

**MOTION 2019-0636 ADOPTED**

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that the Mayor's Report won't be that long. Of course, yesterday, the City helped at the grand opening for the new HEB Superstore on MacGregor at the edge of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, an area that has been identified by the Federal Government as a neighborhood with poor access to fresh food which this store change that area. On yesterday, he wanted to thank everyone that was involved over the years on that project. Now, they look forward to opening additional stores and cutting ribbon in other neighborhoods across the City where there are food deserts, ones that don't have quality food stores. He wanted to encourage other realtor outlets in partnering with the City of Houston to get that done.

Members of Council commented on the grand opening and the food deserts in the City of Houston. Mayor Turner also stated in addition to the HEB ribbon cutting, Officials with the Ethiopian Airlines. The CEO, the Ambassador from Ethiopia and the Ambassador from the United States and to Ethiopia the Consul General hundreds of others at the George R. Brown which is the start of the direct flights from Houston to parts of Africa and this was years of talks and training with the Airline and the Houston Airport and this sought for a long time by many Houstonians especially the Nigerian Community and the largest in the City. The new routes will boost our Economy and that the flights are already full.

Mayor Turner further stated that this is the last official Council meeting of this year and several Members of City Council, he wants to acknowledge and thank each and every one, Council Members Le, Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Laster, Edwards, Christie and Boykins. He states that all of these Council Members are caring, committed and dedicated. When they serve, they make sacrifices with family and friends and resources. Out of respect Mayor Turner requested everyone else to stand in honor of those who are leaving. Mayor Turner stated that he sees in the audience Council Members Elect Amy Peck and Sallie Alcorn. Lastly, the Martin Luther King Jr Parade that the City of Houston will be supporting, and it will start off at 10:00 a.m. on January 20<sup>th</sup> and requested everyone to mark their calendar.

Mayor Turner wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

At 9:26 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and asked the Assistant City Secretary to move forward with the appointments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 20**

### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 through 8

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **FALL CREEK MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2023:

Position One - **CURTIS R. CAMPBELL**  
Position Two - **ENRIQUE MORALES**  
Position Three - **RANDALL L. JONES**  
Position Seven - **MONIQUE DOTSON**

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0637 ADOPTED**

**3. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY (“TIRZ”)**:

Position One - **DENNIS C. (CORKY) FOWLER**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Position Two - **WELCOME W. WILSON JR**, for a term to expire 12/20/2020, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2020

Position Three - **KENNETH C. LI**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Position Four - **STEPHEN T. LE**, for a term to expire 12/20/2020

Position Five - **SAUL VALENTIN**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Position Six - **DALE ADA DAVIDSON**, for a term to expire 12/20/2020

Position Seven - **FEROZE (FRED) BHANDARA**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0638 ADOPTED**

**4. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**:

Position One - **DENNIS C. (CORKY) FOWLER**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Position Two - **WELCOME W. WILSON JR**, for a term to expire 12/20/2020, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2020

Position Three - **KENNETH C. LI**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Position Four - **STEPHEN T. LE**, for a term to expire 12/20/2020

Position Five - **SAUL VALENTIN**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Position Six - **DALE ADA DAVIDSON**, for a term to expire 12/20/2020

Position Seven - **FEROZE (FRED) BHANDARA**, for a term to expire 12/20/2021

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0639 ADOPTED**

**5. RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Senior Captain Paramedic KEVIN LEAGO**, beginning December 26, 2018 through March 25, 2019  
Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0640 ADOPTED**

**6. RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Senior Captain Paramedic KEVIN LEAGO**, beginning March 26, 2019 through September 2, 2019  
Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0641 ADOPTED**

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Senior Captain Paramedic KEVIN LEAGO**, beginning September 3, 2019 through November 1, 2019 - Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0642 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Police Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Officer MARYANN HRNCIR**, beginning November 17, 2019 through February 14, 2020- Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0643 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBER 9

9. **HP, INC** for spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,951,000.00 for purchase of Hewlett-Packard Manufacturer Branded Hardware, Software, Cloud and Related Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0644 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 19

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIR CLEANING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**, for Exhaust Removal Services for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years - \$1,800,017.00 - Grant and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – the Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 15 have not been received but if received during the meeting, Item 15 would be consider at the end of the Agenda.
16. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **ADVANCED OVERHEAD CRANE SERVICES, INC.** for Inspection, Maintenance and Repairs on Overhead Cranes & Hoist for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,077,154.95 General and Enterprise Fund – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-1033 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$715,730.59 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC.** for Utility System Infrastructure Improvement; 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 and testing services, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was present, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-1034 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** No. 2019-962, passed second reading December 11, 2019  
ORDINANCE granting authority to **SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.**, a Delaware Limited Partnership, the right, privilege and franchise to use the public way of the City of Houston, Texas, for the purpose of laying, constructing, leasing, maintaining, repairing,

replacing, modifying, removing, using, and operating therein, network facilities for providing authorized services; providing for related terms and conditions; containing a repealer  
**THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**PASSED 3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL READING**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**10. AMEND MOTION #2019-413, 8/8/2019, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$1,900,000.00 to \$3,700,000.00 for Debris Removal Services for the Solid Waste Management Department, awarded to **DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC** and **NOLA CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP** due to Tropical Storm Imelda - \$1,800,000.00 - General Fund -

**11. RESOLUTION confirming No Objection** to an application for non-competitive 4% Federal Tax Credits for Acquisition and Development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in the City of Houston, Texas:

2100 Memorial	2100 Memorial	<b><u>DISTRICT H - CISNEROS</u></b>
W. Leo Daniels Tower I	8826 Harrell St.	<b><u>DISTRICT H - CISNEROS</u></b>
NHH Avenue J	5220 Avenue J	<b><u>DISTRICT H - CISNEROS</u></b>
Avenue on 34th	2136 W. 34th St.	<b><u>DISTRICT C - COHEN</u></b>
Elgin Place	3345 Elgin	<b><u>DISTRICT D - BOYKINS</u></b>
Scott Street Lofts	1320 Scott St.	<b><u>DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS</u></b>

Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2019-0036 ADOPTED**

**12. RESOLUTION confirming No Objection** to an application for non-competitive 4% Federal Tax Credits for development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas or having been annexed into the City of Houston only for limited purposes, or to the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments:

Northwood Apartments	LDG Northwood, LP	Eastex Frwy & Hamill Rd
Richcrest Apartments	AMTEX Richcrest Fund, LP	Imperial Valley Dr & Richcrest

Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2019-0037 ADOPTED**

**13. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an amended and restated Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT** to Support the Operational Costs of the Houston Police Department's Helicopter and Marine Patrols within the Ship Channel Region – was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2019-1035 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston, **HARRIS COUNTY**, and the **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**, for Disaster Debris Removal - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2019-1036 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIR CLEANING TECHNOLOGIES, INC**, for Exhaust Removal Services for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years - \$1,800,017.00 - Grant and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2019-1037 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an agreement for Professional Legal Services between the City of Houston and **TRINDER AVIATION & AEROSPACE ADVOCACY, PLLC** regarding Various Matters for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years - \$2,700,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-1038 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract with **HOMETOWN VETERINARY SERVICES dba VERGI** for Veterinary Services for the Houston Police Department; establishing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$458,918.86 - General Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2019-1039 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 21

21. **ORDINANCE** authorizing and approving the First Amendment to Agreements for Housing Construction and Repair Services between the City of Houston, Texas, and each of the following contractors: **BURGHLI INVESTMENTS, LLC dba BURGHLI HOMES; DSW HOMES, LLC; JAMES W. TURNER CONSTRUCTION LTD; SLSCO LTD; and TEGRITY HOUSTON LLC dba TEGRITY HOMES** to update the pricing terms for Housing Rehabilitation **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 29 on Agenda of December 11, 2019 – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-1040 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council gave lengthy exiting remarks in their final time in the Horseshoe and thanked their constituents for letting them serve for their Districts in the City of Houston and thanked each of their colleagues for serving as well.

Mayor Turner stated that the song he was going to play was “It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye” in the album called Cooleyhighharmony. Today, has been an incredible day and it has been up



stage by the years of service. What makes this so special isn't the fact of the last day for several of the Council Members, it's the fact that they served each day of the year in the City of Houston. What makes it tough is when you've put in the work and you've done the work, people don't want to see them go. Mayor Turner stated that the good news, is the people around this horseshoe is coming to an end for at least this junction, they all know it's not the end, this is just a transition. Mayor Turner wanted to thank all the Council Members again for their service, dedication, vigorous, robust discussions and debates. Mayor Turner stated that he wants all their future to be brighter and for their successful for the future. He did want to adjourned today in memory of Police Officer Sullivan, they were not able to attend the funeral, but they wanted her family and friends to know that they are thinking of them and the Police Officers in Nassau Bay and he requested a moment of silence for Officer Sullivan.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY  
MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary