

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Jerry Davis, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany D. Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martin called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Peck, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Pollard, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

Council Member Davis presented a proclamation to Kashmere Garden to recognize their history in honor of Black History Month. Council Members Travis and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Castex-Tatum presented a proclamation to Joy M. Hutton to celebrate to recognize her leadership and entrepreneurship. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:04 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Evans-Shabazz for the Invocation and introduced Pastor James Edward Nash (from the St. Pauls Missionary Baptist Church) for the Invocation, after which Council Member Evans-Shabazz the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

All Present

Council Member Martin moved to adopt the Minutes of January 28-29, 2020 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent.

#### **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kamin for a Point of Personal Privilege; Council Member Kamin stated that she wanted to recognize that her Father was present and request him to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Martin moved to add Pat Franey to the Top of the 3 Minutes on the Speaker List and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Evans-Shabazz absent.

#### **MOTION 2020-0044 ADOPTED**

At 2:10 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

FORREST STOKES – 9220 Nathaniel St. – 77075 – 713-446-1327 – No response from City or Mayor concerning HPD/Metro issues. **NOT PRESENT**

**#1 - PAT FRANEY** – No Address – No Phone Number – Executive Director of the Police Officers Pension System.

TIFFANY SCALES – 15155 Richmond Ave., Apt. #1316 – 77082 – 832-683-6470 – Grief and City services. **NOT PRESENT**

EBONY SMITH – 15155 Richmond Ave., Apt. #1316 – 77082 – 832-683-6470 – Illiteracy Program. **NOT PRESENT**

J.W. LODGE – 5001 Oates Rd. – 77013 – 713-672-6679 – Oates Rd. **NOT PRESENT**

GENEVA WARSDSWORTH-COLDERTH – 1117 Texas Ave. – 77002 – 346-339-7122 – City's role and Houston's homeless crisis. **NOT PRESENT**

GLENOLA RICHARDS – 4409 New Orleans St. – 77020 – 832-989-0826 – Abuse of Senior Citizens and abuse of Court Systems. **NOT PRESENT**

CHRISTOPHER CATO – 7710 Boggess Rd. – 77016 – No Phone – Internal Affairs been hiding records. **NOT PRESENT**

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present in the Chambers who would like to speak to them but in his 5 years this hasn't happened and quite frankly the best way to keep going is to meet the needs and services for the people in the City of Houston. They will look at it that way and he wanted to just say this maybe it was done in honor of Anna Russell because for the first time in 5 years we dont have to have anyone to say "Your Time has Expired" and in honor of Anna Russell, for the first time in 5 years, on the day after of her making her transition, in maybe it's her way or God's way of recognizing her service. As we say "To God be the Glory for the good he has done".

**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 4:58 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2020.

For more information and details from the Speakers List, please click here: <https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/02042020-2016>

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, February 4, 2020 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Amy Peck, Jerry Davis, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany D. Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 9:04 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and to start off with the Monthly Financial Report. Council Members Davis, Travis and Plummer absent.

**REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY** including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller - was presented, City Controller Chris Brown and Director of Finance

Department Tantri Emo, reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial Report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's Office for review.

Members of Council commented and questioned City Controller Brown and Director Emo.

Council Member Martin moved accept the Monthly Financial Report and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent.

**MOTION 2020-0045 ADOPTED**

Council Member Davis moved to suspend the rules for the purpose to take Item 17 out of order at this time and seconded by Council Member Kamin, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0046 ADOPTED**

- 17. TOTER, LLC** for Recycling and Refuse Carts through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the City of Tucson for the Solid Waste Management Department - \$803,992.00 General Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH**  
This was item 9 on agenda of January 29, 2020

Council Member Kubosh requested that Director Harry Hayes of Solid Waste Management to answer questions and after the question Mayor Turner requested a motion to vote.

Council Davis moved to accept Item 17 and seconded by Council Member Kamin, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0047 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested Assistant City Secretary to call Item 1 at this time.

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**, for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2021:

Position Three — ~~ZAFAR "ZAF" TAHIR~~, reappointment

Position Fourteen - **BILL BALDWIN**, appointment

Was presented, the Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 1 was revised that Zafar Tahir was removed because he was already appointed which that was an error and the Motion is to appoint Bill Baldwin to position 14.

Council Member Martin moved to appointment for Position Fourteen and seconded by Council Member Kamin, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0048 ADOPTED**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that they are starting the morning with heavy hearts and that will be the case for quite some time here in the City of Houston. Our beloved Anna Russell has made her transition and she was a Member of the City Hall family for more than 6 decades, more specifically 68 years. Anna came to work at the City of Houston when she was 18 and she transition at the age of 88 years old. Anna is a person that you can't replace and Pat Jefferson-Daniel has had the privilege to work with Anna for 35 years. Mayor Turner said that Anna ran this house which everyone can agree with that, she knew how to run and she did run it. She had her system in place and she

knower where every single document was and that was just Anna. She worked with 9 Mayor's including himself which he was honored to be one of those Mayor's that got to sit next to her. She was appointed City Secretary by Mayor Louie Welch and he send his condolences to her 3 daughter which her oldest Janet Spencer is present and he requested her to come to the podium to be recognized.

Mrs. Spencer stated that they are meeting with Mayor Turner to make arrangements to honor her, she was an amazing mother. Her whole life was her girls and her City. The best thing she could say today is that she taught her strength because this is hard losing her.

Mayor Turner told Mrs. Spencer that Anna was more than the City Secretary and in honor of Anna, the lights of City Hall, the lights of the Montrose Bridge and both Airports would be lited in blue tonight and Thursday night in her honor and even that really doesn't capture the love and respect that everyone had for your mother. Sometimes you would get the question about whether the Mayor is telling her what to do, that is so far from the truth and for people to even ask that question then that they didn't know Anna, they don't tell her how to run her office. Mayor Turner wanted Mrs. Spencer to know that their hearts, thoughts and Prayers to their family and they look forward in joining with them at the Memorial Services.

Members of Council gave their stories about their interaction with Anna and gave her their condolences.

Mayor Turner stated to bare in mind about the XFL football season on Saturday, the Houston Roughnecks will play against the Los Angeles Wild Cats at the Houston University Stadium and he encourage all Houstonians to support the team. The Tour DeHouston had announced a new route which this is the 15th Annual ride and it starts at City Hall on Sunday, March 15th and it will benefit the Replant Houston Program that is managed by the Houston Park and Recreation Department. For more details they can go to [www.tourdatehouston.org](http://www.tourdatehouston.org).

Mayor Turner stated that there is a making An Age-Friendly Community and he invited Rogene Calvert and Shondra Wygal to make a presentation to Members of Council.

A copy of the booklet is in the Office of the City Secretary.

Members of Council commented and question them on the Houston's Age-Friendly Community.

At 10:31 a.m. Mayor Turner requested Assistant City Secretary to call the Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 15**

### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 2 through 4**

2. **STEWART AND STEVENSON POWER PRODUCTS LLC** for Detroit Diesel Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,701,024.95 - Fleet Management Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0049 ADOPTED**
3. **SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY dba AT&T CORPORATION** for approval of spending authority for sole source purchase of Tariffed Telecommunication Services Supporting Various Departments for Houston Information Technology Services - \$635,098.53 Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0050 ADOPTED**
4. **CONSOLIDATED TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC** for sole source purchase of Traffic Control Enforcement and Signal Preemption Equipment for the Houston Public Works - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,550,659.00 - Enterprise Fund – the Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 4 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 6 through 14

6. **ORDINANCE** authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc before the Public Utility Commission of Texas during 2020 – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0094 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$22,309.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund and \$313,691.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; appropriating \$849,691.00 out of the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and \$1,342,309.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund; awarding a construction Manager At Risk Contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Pre-Construction and Construction Phase Services for Techlink Dixon for the Houston Public Library; providing funding for materials testing and design services financed by the Contributed Capital Project Fund and the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0095 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$69,777.93 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund; approving and authorizing issuance of a purchase order to **MEREDITH ENVIRONMENTAL, INC** for Environmental Services for the Houston Fire Department **DISTRICT A – PECK** - the Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 9 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
10. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$73,638.90 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund; approving and authorizing issuance of a purchase order to **RNDI COMPANIES, INC** for Environmental Services for the Houston Health Department - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - the Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 10 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$268,531.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund to issue a purchase order to **CARRIER CORPORATION** to Furnish and Install an HVAC Chiller System at the BARC Animal Shelter and Adoptions Facility - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0096 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** to rename the entirety of Texas Childrens Circle to Aesthetic Circle - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0097 ADOPTED**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

5. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency  
*Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to issue bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law, in accordance with federal securities law, and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (“Norton Rose Fulbright”), is a full service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the City, Norton Rose Fulbright has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations for several years. The engagement of Norton Rose Fulbright is in the best interest of the residents of the City, since the legal services requested require specialized experience in municipal finance, federal tax, and state securities law and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City. Furthermore, such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because the City will not be obligated to pay any legal fees unless the transaction successfully closes. -*  
was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0098 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$69,294.50 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund; awarding construction contract to **GRAPHTEC, INC** for Guadalupe Plaza Interpretive Signs; 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0099 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** renewing the establishment of the north side of the 1800 block of Haver Street within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line requirement block

pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0100 ADOPTED**

**13. ORDINANCE** renewing the establishment of the north side of the 1700 block of Cherryhurst Street within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line requirement block pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0101 ADOPTED**

**14. 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 Walnut Bend Lane Project (from Westheimer to Westpark); authorizing the acquisition, by gift, dedication, purchase, or eminent domain proceedings of fee simple title or easement interests in and to eight parcels of land required for the project and situated in the H. Woodruff Survey, Abstract No. 844 in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located in the Westchase Area of Houston, Harris County, Texas; authorizing payment of the costs of such acquisitions, including the purchase prices for the property interests, costs associated with relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recordation of instruments, eminent domain proceedings, court costs, and expert witness fees, and authorizing the retention of special counsel, in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interests to ten parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT F – THOMAS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0102 ADOPTED**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**16. RECEIVE** nominations for Positions One and Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2020 – was presented,

Council Member Peck moved to nominated Council Member Alcorn for Position 1 of the Houston – Galveston Area Council Board of Director and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0051 ADOPTED**

Council Member Alcorn moved to nominated Council Member Peck for Alternate Position 1 of the Houston – Galveston Area Council Board of Director and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0052 ADOPTED**

Council Member Pollard moved to nominated Council Member Plummer for Position 2 of the Houston – Galveston Area Council Board of Director and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0053 ADOPTED**

Council Member Plummer moved to nominated Council Member Pollard for Alternate Position 2 of the Houston – Galveston Area Council Board of Director and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0054 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 18

- 18. ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 27** within the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, and the inclusion of 56.2833 acres of land into the district - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAMIN**  
This was Item 17 on Agenda of January 29, 2020 – was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2020-0103 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:17 a.m. In Memory of Anna Russell. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, 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