

Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 26, 2021

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 26, 2021 with Mayor Pro Tem Davis Martin presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Tiffany Thomas, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Karla Cisneros, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, Legal Department and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 1:50 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin called the meeting to order and stated that Mayor Turner isn't present, he is on his way back because he attended a funeral this morning and one this afternoon.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin recognized Council Member Thomas for a presentation.

Council Member Thomas presented a proclamation to the School Board of Trustees to show appreciation for the work that the Alief ISD and HISD School Board has done for its students during School Board Appreciation Month and Darlene Breaux was presented the proclamation on behalf of the School Board of Trustees and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin on behalf of Mayor Turner proclaimed the month of January as School Board Appreciation Month in the City of Houston, Texas.

At 1:55 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martin recognized Council Member Jackson for the Invocation in which she invited her very own father Bishop Emanuel Jackson after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the Interim City Secretary to call the Roll

ROLL CALL

All Present (**Note:** Mayor Turner arrived and was present in the meeting, however Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin continued to preside over the meeting)

Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams, a web-conferencing platform and streamed as usual on the City's website (<https://www.houstontx.gov/hvt/index.html>), Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HoustonTelevision/videos/>) and the municipal channel on public television. The Council Members will be participating by videoconference in accordance with the provisions of Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the Governor. Public comment will be allowed on Tuesday via teleconference at (936) 755-1521; Conference ID# 195 546 926# and details for signing up and participating are posted at <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/meetingsinfo.html>. Members of the public may call in Wednesday via teleconference at (936) 755-1521; Conference ID# 644 243 489#, however no public comment will be allowed.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that he wanted to review some of the procedures for conducting the Virtual Public Session. He is requesting for Council Members to speak slowly and clearly because this will help the City Secretary, the Close Captioner and the General Public. After Roll Call they established there was a Quorum. If by chance for example if they have to leave, just let them know on the Chat screen if they are leaving temporarily or if they are leaving for the duration because otherwise, they will assume that Council Members are present. If they are making the Motion or Seconding a Motion, they will need to state their name and their action clearly so they can have it down for the record. The Agenda Director will be monitoring the Chat and will provide him their names. Please don't use the Chat Room just for chatting. Please mute themselves when they are not speaking and unmute themselves when they are recognized to speak. For the General Public in order to be recognized as a Public Speaker, they have to sign up for the meeting on Monday by 5:00 p.m. in the Office of the City Secretary and then they will call the Speakers name in the order that they have signed up. When their name is called press Star 6 to unmute themselves when their name is called. They may only speak when recognized and to please note that if they speak during the meeting and he hasn't recognized them, he will have to mute and/or remove them off the call.

At 2:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the Interim City Secretary to call the List of Speakers

NAKIA SIMS – 1415 Bluebonnet Place – 77019 – 281-247-4839 – Item No. 17 - Amending Section 15-1/Code of Ordinances. **NOT PRESENT**

SANJUANITA DELGADO – 409 Hahlo St. – 77020 – 316-777-9033 – Rental Assistance with BakerRipley. **NOT PRESENT**

KHRISTINA DEJEAN – 7730 Cayton St. – 77061 – No Phone - Unlawful Police Procedures. **NOT PRESENT**

STEVE WILLIAMS – No Address – No Phone – HPD/Metro/Appeal to Republican Party. **NOT PRESENT**

#1- SHAUNLEE BABINEAUX – 5105 North Loop East – 77026 – 713-384-2419 – HPD.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated to Ms. Babineaux that they have been in contact with Sergeant Mangum with the Houston Police Department, who left some information that he did try to reach out to her through telephone and left a voicemail. Then your response and left him a voicemail as well. He will get back in touch with you shortly from the number that you provided.

#2- MYESHIA ISAIAH – 7926 Sunbury St. – 77028 – 281-948-3543 – Parking boot incident.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated to Ms. Isaiah that he had a quick question and he is going to work backwards on this. Apparently, the fee was paid on January 13th which Ms. Isaiah stated yes; he then said the discrepancy we have is that it appears an attempt was made while the boot was still attached to get the boot off and it lodged it under the wheel of the car which Ms. Isaiah denied. Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that the Administration will do some checking and get back to her.

#3- NIA COLBERT – 1117 Texas Ave. – 77002 – 346-339-7122 – City’s role in Houston’s homeless crisis.

#4- REV. EZEKIEL BATISTE – 10602 Silver Stone St. – 77048 – 832-507-4478 – Gun violence awareness in the community.

PAUL CASTLEBERRY – 11309 Heatherwood Dr. – 77076 – 713-854-0693 – Tax Relief for property owners due to Covid. **NOT PRESENT**

#5- MARK RODRIGUEZ – 23 Delmar St. – 77011 – 832-816-9673 – Department of Neighborhoods and 3-1-1.

JESSICA HENDERSON – 49 Sand Simeon Dr. – Manvel, TX – 77578 – 832-944-2858 – Medical services. **NOT PRESENT**

#6- KATHY GUNTER – No Address – 832-882-9775 – Parks and Recreation Department lack of services.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated to Ms. Gunter that there are a number of things they’re doing at her park. The inspection of the park was conducted, and new signage is being ordered, the park is being screened for possible installation to mitigate the illegal parking and the car racing problems, and the Urban Forestry will trim the cluster of large oaks that are next to the utility lines. The other small trees will be trimmed for aesthetic by the Parks Maintenance crew although there isn’t a date for this service yet, but he is sure that Council Member Jackson, Mr. Isermann and Mr. Wilson will be in touch with her. We estimate that the trimming to be in progress by late February or early March.

#7- EBUNOLEWA AKINOLA – 5724 W. Airport – 77035 – 832-217-7466 – Stop Youth violence in Houston.

#8- ROBERT CHOATE – 6107 Hurst St, - 77008 – 713-818-6945 – Removal of trees by HISD from St. Sinclair Elementary property.

#9- JAMES WILLIAMS – 327 Walthall Dr. – 77022 – 832-716-2230 – Redevelopment Plat.

#10- ROSALIND WILLIAMS – 503 Glenburnie Dr. – 77022 – 713-699-2402 – Illegal dumping.

#11- AL CASTILLO – 1108 Hackney St. – 77023 – 832-455-1867 – Vaccine Rollout.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated to Mr. Castillo that he had the opportunity to visit Delmar Stadium yesterday and he was there from 3:00 p.m. to about 5:30 p.m. when all the vaccinations were distributed. He thought the process at Delmar worked fantastically but the problem we are having at a lot of these satellite sites that Mr. Castillo brought up is that we don’t have enough vaccines. We have 100 vaccines for some of our community centers that we’re getting into in the predominantly African American and Hispanic Neighborhoods and then the site we have at Delmar Stadium today we have 1,000 doses and that happens today through Saturday. Mayor Pro Tem Martin invited him to take this offer to his State Representative and State Senator because they’re the ones that receive the distribution from the Federal Government and then they are allocated to the City of Houston and for us we have more demand, then we have supply.

For more information and details from the Speakers List, please click here:

<https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/01262021-1976>

Note: During the public session motions maybe 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 2:57 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

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

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021 with Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany Thomas, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Karla Cisneros, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Arturo Michel, City Attorney Legal Department and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:00 a.m. Mayor Turner called the Meeting of this Houston City Council and requested the Interim City Secretary to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

All Present

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that in reference to the vaccine distribution, the City of Houston on Monday did open up another distribution site and this is at Delmar Stadium in District A and it's being run by UMMC which we have used on many occasions for the testing. They are providing the vaccines at that site and it is by appointment only, like the other sites and at Delmar they are doing about 1,000 a day, they are open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and that's in addition to still using the Bayou Center which is also doing about 1,000 a day and there are several other clinics that we are using, Casa De Amigos, Sunnyside and in Sharpstown. This coming up Saturday we'll be out in the Alief Westwood Area providing vaccines, again this is by appointment only and this is in Council Member Thomas District. As the supplies ramps up, we will be able to expand additional sites because the goal is to have more community base sites, even some mobile sites and in some cases some people may be homebound and can't get to any of the sites, the Health Department will go to the individuals with shots at their home and that is the goal. We normally get distributions on Friday and for example last Friday we got 9,000 doses for the following week and so until those doses ramp up, the supply is certainly not going to meet the demand. He also wanted to say to the people that are listening the City of Houston is not the only Department receiving vaccines, the County is receiving the vaccines and the hospitals. The hospitals are receiving the greater percentage of these vaccines and then there are a number of other providers that the State has identified. Then we have got a list of potential venues that as the doses ramp up that we can immediately go to and that is where we are at this point. Mayor Turner was pleased to hear from the Biden Administration that they've purchased a couple hundred million doses, but you are talking about the summer. The people

with disabilities, they can call (832) 393-5500 and this is also for Seniors as well and they can be put on the waiting list if they utilize that number. His Office for People with Disabilities are working closely with the Houston Health Department's Aging and Disability Resource Center to ensure that people with disabilities and seniors have access to the vaccines as quickly as possible. With these vaccines he doesn't want people to lose sight of the fact that this virus is still very much present, and he encourages everyone to get tested.

In respect to the homeless count, every year in January we conduct these homeless counts, due to the pandemic many cities across the country have received federal approval to cancel their annual required homeless count, however the City of Houston believes that the information gained by doing the homeless count is invaluable and especially needed during these times. With that being said we are conducting our annual homeless count and survey but doing it a bit different because of COVID-19, we are still relying on community volunteers, we are exclusively utilizing more than 100 staff members from homeless agencies. Instead of lasting 3 days, HUD is allowing Houston count thru Friday January 29, 2021, which happens to be Mayor Turner's daughter's Birthday and lastly we are using new technology that will enable the count to be fully coordinated and conducted through an app. It will provide data from various counties enabling us to identify our hot spots and provide assistance in the implementation of the City and the County's Community COVID Housing Program. The data and professional analysis will be released by the Coalition for the Homeless in the second quarter of the year and if they want more information to please contact Marc Eichenbuam with my Office for Homeless Initiative.

The City of Houston has joined the National League of Cities 2021, Cities of Opportunity focused on equity and resilience. Houston will join six other cities across the Country, selected for this action cohort intended to address power structures, policies and systems that block opportunities for Black, Indigenous and people of color and marginalized communities over generations and the City of Houston select to further the implementation of resilient Houston, specifically advise equitable investments in green stormwater infrastructure and nature based solution to combat flooding, urban heat, environmental in justice and to promote health well-being and economic opportunity. He is pleased that the Chief Resilience Officer Marissa Aho with Carol Haddock the Director Houston Public Works and Shannon Buggs will all be participating in this initiative.

Mayor Turner wanted to talk a little bit about the crimes in our City, the numbers are way too high as a carry over from 2020 and was not a good year for the City of Houston and it hasn't been good for many Cities in the United States but he wants to be specifically focused on the City of Houston. In addition, to what we are doing in law enforcements, he also wants to solicit the Council Members for their help because they know their Districts very well and they know the areas that can be hot spots. Mayor Turner wants to encourage the people in their District if they know something or they know people that are committing crimes, intend to commit crimes if they will make that information available. It's a community response and not just law enforcement response, it's going to take all of us to clamp down on this increase in crime.

Mayor Turner stated on a brighter note, he wanted to acknowledge Council Member Robinson; he has been offered and has accepted to be a Senior Warden in the Episcopal Church which is the highest honor you can receive based on his commitment and dedication to the Church.

Council Member Robinson congratulations and he knows how committed he is to his Church. Yesterday, he joined with the Consul General of India to celebrate their 72nd Public Day, Independence Day from the British rule that took place signing of the Constitution in 1950. So, to the Consul General of India to the 150,000 plus Indians that live in this City and region, he wanted to extend to them Happy Republic Day.

Mayor Turner stated since this is the last day Council Meeting before January 29, 2021, he wanted to use this forum to say Happy Birthday to his Daughter Ashley Paige Turner. He is looking forward to taking her to lunch and dinner. Happy Birthday Ashley Turner.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mayor Turner about the Mayor's Report.

At 9:52 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the Interim City Secretary to call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 34

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 6

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL/ALMEDA CORRIDORS ZONE (TIRZ NO. 7)**:

Position One - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021

Position Two - **HEXSER J. HOLLIDAY II**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2022

Position Three - **ZINETTA A. BURNEY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021; and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2021

Position Four - **BRIAN G. SMITH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2022

Position Five - **LAUREN HALLER FONTAINE**, appointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021

Position Seven - **ANTOINE BRYANT**, appointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021

Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0031 ADOPTED**

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL/ALMEDA CORRIDORS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**:

Position One - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021

Position Two - **HEXSER J. HOLLIDAY II**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2022

Position Three - **ZINETTA A. BURNEY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021; and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2021

Position Four - **BRIAN G. SMITH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2022

Position Five - **LAUREN HALLER FONTAINE**, appointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021

Position Seven - **ANTOINE BRYANT**, appointment, for a term to expire 5/6/2021

Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0032 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **VICTORIA LARA** to Position Three of the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire June 30, 2023 - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0033 ADOPTED
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of the 2021 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LUCE BAYOU SYSTEM PROJECT** operated by the Coastal Water Authority \$3,708,700.00 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0034 ADOPTED**
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Fire Chief, for approval of Extension of Injury on Duty Leave (Salary Continuation) for **Firefighter ELBERT HOWARD**, for the period January 24, 2021 to April 23, 2021 - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0035 ADOPTED
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Fire Chief, for approval of Extension of Injury on Duty Leave (Salary Continuation) for **Engineer/Operator REGGINAL BROWN**, for the period January 12, 2021 through April 11, 2021 - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0036 ADOPTED

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 7

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,137,789.49 and acceptance of work on contract with **McKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Binglewood Area - 3.17% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A – PECK** - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0037 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 8

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court and pay all costs of court in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. Akshaj Hotels, et al.; Cause No. 1158115; for acquisition of Parcel DY19-021, for the **WESTRIDGE REGIONAL LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0038 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 through 15

9. **THE SPENCER TURBINE COMPANY** to provide Purge Blowers for Houston Public Works \$193,830.00 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0039 ADOPTED

10. **TRANTEX TRANSPORATION PRODUCTS OF TEXAS INC** for purchase of one Pavement Marker for Houston Public Works - \$15,500.00 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0040 ADOPTED**
11. **DIARCO LLC** for the purchase of a Belt Press Conveyor for Houston Public Works - \$39,730.00 Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT F – THOMAS** - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0041 ADOPTED**
12. **PLANET CELLULAR INC** for purchase of Radar Sensors for Liquid Level Detection in Wastewater Operations for Houston Public Works - \$21,060.00 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0042 ADOPTED**
13. **TRANTEX TRANSPORATION PRODUCTS OF TEXAS INC** for purchase of Fire Hydrant Pavement Markers and Adhesive for Houston Public Works - \$45,840.00 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0043 ADOPTED**
14. **SOUTH WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS (SWEET) - \$285,000.00; ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, INC - \$117,500.00; JDC FLUID EQUIPMENT - \$95,736.00; SMITH PUMP COMPANY, INC - \$1,121,233.00; JERSEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY OF HOUSTON - \$13,500.00; GLOBAL WET, LLC. - \$533,669.40; HAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC - \$967,578.00; OMNI-PUMP REPAIRS, INC - \$993,952.00; WASTEWATER SOLUTIONS, LLC. - \$428,124.00 and NEWMAN REGENCY GROUP, INC - \$266,719.00** for Various Types, Sizes of Pumps and Accessories for the Houston Public Works - \$4,823,011.40 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0044 ADOPTED**
15. **PPG ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES, INC - \$934,911.96; SOUTHWESTERN PAINT AND WALLPAPER CO., INC - \$144,000.00; and ENVIRONMENTAL SORBENTS, LLC - \$209,423.57;** for Paints, Solvents, Supplies and Equipment for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - General and Enterprise Funds - **The Interim City Secretary advised that the Administration had pulled Item 15 and will not be considered.**

RESOLUTIONS - NUMBER 16

16. **RESOLUTION** amending Exhibit B of Resolution No. 2007-0048 relating to designating Houston Heights Historic District West as an historic district by changing the building status of the structures located at 1441 Ashland St. - **DISTRICT C – KAMIN** – Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2021-0001 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 17 through 35

17. **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the ability of City of Houston employees to participate in certain City of Houston Assistance Programs and enter into agreements with the City regarding the same – Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2021-0044 ADOPTED

18. **ORDINANCE** creating “CAA 2021” Fund; establishing the sources and uses of the funds therein to aid in the economic relief pertaining to the COVID-19 Pandemic - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0045 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY**, extending the term of the contract and providing up to \$130,000.00 in additional Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Funds for the continuation of Strategic Homeless Planning Services/Activities - - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2021-0046 ADOPTED

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing partial release of lien and first amendment to Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Financing Statement, first amendment to agreement and Land Use Restriction and first amendment to Memorandum of Agreement and Land Use Restriction between City of Houston and **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA TEXAS, INC** to partially release the lien on 0.7789 acres, being a portion of land encumbered by that certain Deed of Trust executed pursuant to Ordinance No. 1998-524 and correct an error contained in that certain Deed of Trust, Agreement and related documents executed pursuant to Ordinance No. 1998-524 -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0047 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Grant Contract between City and **TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** for the Implementation of Projects for the Older Adults Opioid Grant Program -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0048 ADOPTED**

22. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2019-0843 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between City and **THE HOUSTON RECOVERY CENTER** for the First Responder Opioid Overdose Naloxone Training and Linkage into needed Evidence-Based Services (“Frontlines”) Project - \$588,000.00 - Grant Fund -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2021-0049 ADOPTED

24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **ORRICK HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP** for Bond Counsel Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (“Orrick”), 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. Orrick has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations since 2018, and prior to such time the same attorneys represented the City in connection with the issuance of bonds at a prior firm. The engagement of Orrick is in the best interest 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 2021-0050 ADOPTED

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **BRACEWELL LLP** for Bond Counsel Services related to replacement of a Credit Facility for Various City Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, Bracewell LLP (“Bracewell”), 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. Bracewell has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations since 2012, and prior to such time the same attorneys represented the City in connection with the issuance of bonds at a prior firm. The engagement of Bracewell is in the best interest 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 2021-0051 ADOPTED

26. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **McCALL, PARKHURST & HORTON LLP** for Special Disclosure Counsel Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance various public projects. The proposed special disclosure counsel, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP ("McCall"), is a nationally recognized public finance law firm and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as special disclosure counsel for the City. McCall has represented the City and various issuers in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations. The engagement of McCall is in the best interest 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 2021-0052 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,509,689.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding Construction Contract to **DNB ENTERPRISES, INC** for Underground Storage Tank Removal and Remediation and Underground Storage Tank Installation at Southeast Patrol Station; 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 contingency, materials and engineering testing professional services, and project management and construction oversight services relating to construction of facilities financed by the Police Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0053 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of the 2000 block of Alabama Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0054 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 576**, containing approximately 617.0 acres of land within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas authorizing the district to issue bonds, subject to certain conditions -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0055 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 131.516 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 168**, for inclusion in the district -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0056 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** issuing permit to **BAYMARK PIPELINE LLC** to Construct, Operate, Maintain, Improve, Repair and Replace One New Pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0057 ADOPTED**

34. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,150,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **HR GREEN, INC** for Wastewater Operations Engineering Support Services; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0058 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$200,000.00 from the Contributed Capital Project Fund for Professional Services supporting **INFOR** Enterprise Platform for Houston Information Technology Services and Various Other Departments -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0059 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston, Texas and **HARRIS COUNTY** for Placement and Maintenance of Air Monitors in Hartman Park - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0060 ADOPTED**
33. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,533,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **AMANI ENGINEERING, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Improvements Engineering Services Package 1; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0061 ADOPTED**
35. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,828,940.77 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund – Drainage Charge; and \$411,059.23 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between City of Houston and **DL GLOVER, INC** for FY2020 Local Drainage Rehab Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) Work Orders #1 (as approved by Ordinance No. 2019-0933); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery and engineering and testing services relating to construction of facilities financed by Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund – Drainage Charge and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0062 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 36 through 38

36. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **BRACEWELL LLP** for Bond Counsel Services for Various City Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, Bracewell LLP ("Bracewell"), 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. Bracewell has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations since 2012, and prior to such time the same attorneys represented the City in connection with the issuance of bonds at a prior firm. The engagement of Bracewell is in the best interest 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.

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD

This was Item 7 on Agenda of January 13, 2021 - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0063 ADOPTED**

37. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **MCCALL, PARKHURST & HORTON LLP** for Bond Counsel Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP ("McCall"), is a nationally recognized public finance law firm and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the City. McCall has represented the City and various issuers in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations. The engagement of McCall is in the best interest 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.

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD

This was Item 8 on Agenda of January 13, 2021 -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0064 ADOPTED**

38. **ORDINANCE** approving agreement between City of Houston and **NORTON, ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** for Disclosure Counsel Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

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 disclosure 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 disclosure 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.

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER POLLARD

This was Item 9 on Agenda of January 13, 2021 -- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0065 ADOPTED**

For more information and details from the City Council Meeting, please click here:
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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Gallegos first

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:33 a.m.
Council Member Thomas, Travis, Pollard, Castex-Tatum and Knox absent.

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

Pat J. Daniel, Interim City Secretary

