

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 27, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Carol M. Galloway, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Mark Ellis, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Daniel Doherty, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Tax and Revenue Division, Legal Department; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Members Mark Goldberg and Gordon Quan out of the city on city business.

At 1:53 p.m. Mayor White stated that Council would begin with presentations and called on Council Member Lawrence. Council Member Lawrence stated that it was a great honor to recognize businesses which worked with neighborhoods and added to the community and invited those present with the Houston IKEA to the podium. Council Member Lawrence stated that they would be increasing their employees from 200 to 350 and presented them a Proclamation congratulating and wishing them continued success; and proclaimed July 27, 2004 as "IKEA Day" in Houston, Texas. Mr. Scott Wagner with the Afton Village Homeowners Association stated that they worked with IKEA for over three years now and presented them a plaque "Good Neighbor Award" for being aware of their concerns and being a good neighbor. Council Member Gordon Quan out of the city on city business.

Council Member Garcia stated that it was his honor to recognize a group of young people and invited all with the Empowering Teen Leaders Program to stand to be recognized. Council Member Garcia invited the spokespersons of the group to the podium and stated that young people were the future to this city and presented a Proclamation to them for their contributions to society, wished them success; and proclaimed July 27, 2004, as "Youth Leadership Week" in Houston, Texas. The spokespersons thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and asked that they promote education on how to attain financial means to attend college because motivation and money were not mutually exclusive and if they believed they had the financial means they would have the motivation. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he had been following the AAU Teams of Houston and today they would be recognizing three teams; that the Houston Chronicle said Houston's AAU basketball was the top in the nation and they saw that now there were several championship teams; and Council Member Ellis would start with the youngest teams. Council Member Ellis stated that the Houston Jaguar Team won first place and invited Coach James Robinson and the team to the podium. Council Member Ellis stated that Coach Robinson brought the white and blue teams together and their motto was "One team, one dream"; and presented them a proclamation congratulating and wishing them continued success; and proclaimed July 27, 2004, as "Houston Jaguar's Ten and Under Day" the Champions, in Houston, Texas. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated they were not the only champions; that all the young people present understood the report card was the most important score card and among the twelve and under bracket Houston's team placed seventh and tenth best in the whole nation; that their Proclamation would come later, but he wanted to invite all the sixth grade, twelve and under to the podium. Mayor White stated that two guys started this without much support and now was seventh in the nation and they began and ended each game in prayer giving thanks. Mayor White stated that the next team was Team Houston and they were tenth graders twelve and under and invited them to the podium. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White invited Maurice "Termite" Watkins to the podium and stated that he was a former professional boxer who had spent the past seven months coaching the Iraqi Boxing Team for their shot at the Olympic games and presented him a Proclamation for what he did to bring the countries together with sports and common activity transcending stereotypes; and proclaimed July 27, 2004, as "Termite Watkins Day" in Houston, Texas. Mr. Watkins thanked all

for the Proclamation and stated that he had a young man going to the Olympics now and he thanked God he lived in Houston, Texas within the U. S. A. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that in asking what needed to be done as a city they were told time after time children wanted somewhere to go and do something constructive so thanks to foresight from Mr. Fontaine and the Parks Department he was able to announce starting a week from Saturday the Fonde Rec Center would be opened Saturdays; and asked if some of the teams would consider putting on an exhibition game that first day. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that as a point of personal privilege she wanted to present a certificate to a community member who gave generously of his time and money; that a constituent needed assistance with a new electrical line to his home and had his power cut off so she contacted a good friend, Mr. Chris Bean with Independent Electrical Contractors and he came to the rescue bringing a contractor, Mr. Butch Poscove, with Houston Stafford Electric who got permits and had all done within a couple of days and invited them to the podium and presented Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding service. Mayor White and Council Member Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

At 2:26 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado called the meeting to order and Council Member Galloway led all in prayer and in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor White and Council Member Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

At 2:27 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Goldberg and Quan out of the city on city business. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Council Members Green and Garcia moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Goldberg and Quan out of the city on city business. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Mary Jo May, Ms. Elaine Gaskamp, Ms. Nancy Letness, Mr. Mark Kirschke, Mr. Michael Zomcik, Mr. John Branch and Mr. Otis Jordan out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Goldberg and Quan out of the city on city business. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. MOTION 2004-0840 ADOPTED.

Rev. Elmo Johnson, 1106 Valentine, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-651-1215) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Mr. John Cogdill, 13422 Sterling Park Lane, Houston, Texas 77429 (713-225-0565) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Ms. Mary Jo May, 5001 Navigation, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-926-1849) appeared and stated that she was executive director of El Central de Corazon which was the new federal qualified health center for Houston and was present to thank Council for their support in getting to this point and asking for support in getting the Community Development Block Grant they applied for and which was on tomorrow's Agenda; and urged Council's consideration. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that there was only one federally qualified health center when she came to Council and Mayor Brown understood it was important and worked with them to get a letter of support started; that she believed the CDBG money was instrumental in getting the designation from the federal government; and upon questions, Ms. May stated that

they had merged with the Eastwood Health Clinic which had dental services and now they had all in place for people to make one stop. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that the Agenda Item was a fulfillment to them as a commitment the city made to them and their board and the people of the east end. Mayor White and Council Member Wiseman absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Ms. Elaine Gaskamp, 9315 Petersham, Houston, Texas 77031 (832-423-9671) appeared and asked if Mr. Brian Cweren could also be moved up to speak with those on the same subject; and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs moved to take Mr. Brian Cweren out of order, seconded by Council Member Alvarado ; and Mayor White stated that with no objections they would hear Mr. Cweren out of order. Council Member Wiseman absent.

Ms. Elaine Gaskamp presented information and stated that she was Super Neighborhood 36 president and present regarding the Refino Hills Transfer Station; that they hired an environmental attorney, Mr. Jim Blackburn, who on Friday, July 23, 2004, faxed to Council Members a copy of the motion he filed with the TCEQ on their behalf to revoke the Refino Hills permit.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, Ms. Gaskamp stated that on behalf of Super Neighborhood 36 they were asking for the Mayor and council's support. Mayor White stated that they were aware of the motion and the grounds for the motion. Council Member Berry absent.

Ms. Nancy Letness, 9430 Portal Drive, Houston, Texas 77031 (713-348-3654) appeared and stated that they were present in June and hopefully the information on the Refino Transfer Station was given out; that it was a 24 year old permit being activated and they did not know who would be running it and they were extremely concerned; and they would appreciate any help from the city getting a copy of the development plat presented to the city two months ago to see where the transfer station was to be located and also the construction plan to see where the roads were to be located that they could not get the construction plans filed with the city. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that regarding when and how they could make available a copy of the plat filed, if someone would call Planning; and Mr. Doherty stated that he would speak with the land use attorneys and they should be able to provide that; and Mayor White asked that he try and do that now so that the information could be provided before the speakers left. Council Member Berry absent.

Ms. Letness continued that they also would like the construction plans which would describe where the roads and entrances would be; and Mayor White stated that some of the construction plans may be broken up and there was also legal review going on, but when Ms. Stein received information she would relay it to Mr. Cantu so if she would check with him in about 30 minutes. Council Member Berry absent.

Mr. Brian Cweren, P. O. Box. 20207, Houston, Texas 77225 (713-667-3330) appeared and stated that he was also present to speak against the Refino Hills Trash Transfer Station; that they resubmitted items in their application that were originally rejected by the Planning Department and they were asking the application to be placed on hold until a decision was made by TCEQ regarding the motion made to revoke their 24 year old permit; also requested seeing the plans; and stated that it used to be a golf course and would be good to turn into a park. Council Member Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she would ask that the Legal Department look to see if they would even be allowed to issue a building permit to an entity which had their permit under forced review by an outside entity. Council Members Galloway and Berry absent.

Mr. Mark Kirschke, 3302 Chris, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-787-9035) appeared and presented information regarding a complaint against barriers at Richmond and Freshmeadows in which he was requesting on behalf of himself and many concerned residents of Briar Meadow the "Temporary" water-filled barriers at Richmond Avenue and Freshmeadows, Houston, Texas 77063 (Key Map 490Z) to be immediately removed and stated that the most important thing he was to discuss was under his tab six which was an ordinance that governed how you went about placing traffic barriers in neighborhoods and there was due process and under tab seven it showed how almost every element of that was violated by the city and their home owners association; that at the time this Mayor and their Council Member was no in office, but there was a long list of things to follow which had never been done. Council Members Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm thanked Mr. Kirschke for coming and stated that her office was very proactive and concerned about the input from stakeholders in the community; that they were addressing the issue of whether or not to make the barriers permanent and in doing so they would be going through all the information as well as a community meeting; that they needed to work together to find a good remedy; and Mr. Kirschke stated that she had refused them an audience and Council Member Holm stated that she met with anyone who made a request and she would come out at this time and schedule with them. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he took it there was a difference between Mr. Kirschke's perspective and the city's on what did constitute a major thoroughfare; and Mr. Kirschke stated that he received no response as to whether there was another statute other than what he referred to. Mayor White stated that Council Member Holm stated that first there was a process that would involve citizens and he did call for a legal review to see whether the neighborhood traffic projects applied to them and he would review it and provide a copy to the Council Member. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Mr. Michael Zomcik, 7814 Meadowvale, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-629-4777) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Mr. Sam Plummer, 3218 Chris, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-977-0521) appeared and stated that he lived there a longtime and knew the history of the area; that they did not want all the traffic taken off Fresh Meadow allowing it to run down their street; that they bought on that street because there was not much traffic; that they were thankful Mr. Kirschke was looking after them and they were aware of what he was doing and appreciative of his help. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Council Member Holm thanked Mr. Plummer for coming and stated that she would like to see both of them and would step outside to speak with them. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Mr. Richard Vela, 4039 Erby, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-645-7109) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway and Ellis absent.

Mr. Otis Jordan, 7663 South Glen Willow, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (281-438-4124) appeared and stated that he was president of the Houston Black Firefighters Association and present to state that the organization supported the new chief and felt they were headed in the right direction; that pretty soon they would be appointing assistant chiefs and they were asking that a background investigation be done on all by HPD and wanted their work record also investigated along with community involvement; that Mayor White wanted politics out and they would like that replaced with integrity, honor and fairness. Council Members Galloway and

Holm absent.

Council Member Edwards thanked Mr. Jordan for coming and asked that he get her his points in writing. Mayor White stated it was a background check, preferably by HPD; work history including HR file and community involvement in the City of Houston; and Mr. Jordan stated that was correct along with some fairness. Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent.

Mr. McNeal Adams, 610 E. 32nd, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-861-8979) appeared and stated that he was with the Independence Heights Super Neighborhood Council and present to discuss activities they were doing in their neighborhood which was located at I-45 North and the Loop 610; that they were one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city and the first Black city incorporated into the State of Texas; that they were low income and trying to revitalize; and discussed their housing rehabilitation program; that they wanted to further that program and had submitted to the Planning Department a Housing Receivership Program permissible under Chapter 214 of the Municipal Code; that Planning had been very receptive to the proposal and they felt the program was very vital to theirs along with every depressed neighborhood within the City of Houston; that they had not had the same participation from other departments and very little from Housing and Development and they were asking for assistance. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Council Member Garcia stated that what they were doing in their community should be a long and strong message what others should be doing; that they were setting up defenses and making sure their community did not get displaced; and Mr. Adams stated that to successfully move their program they needed more financing and that was why they were speaking with Housing; and their program could be transferred to other neighborhoods and they would like the City to take that under consideration. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Mr. Frank Barnett, 507 Spell, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-503-6922) appeared and stated that he was president of Independent Heights Super Neighborhood 13 and they were awarded a contract with City of Houston and Keep Houston Beautiful to mow their own lots and it was a success and they were trying to get other Super Neighborhoods to start doing the same, but now they also wanted to start boarding up abandoned buildings and tearing down the abandoned houses and save the City more money; that they submitted their SNAP Plan and no project was approved and they were asking Council to look into that; and they were asking for help in keeping a lot clean, each time they cleaned it trash was just dumped again. Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Lawrence commended Mr. Barnett for all he and his area were accomplishing. Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that they had driven the Super Neighborhood areas and they had seen a tremendous effort in the neighborhood mobilization, they were teaching each other about programs, etc., and there were still needs. Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent.

Council Members thanked Mr. Barnett for all they were doing in the community; and Mr. Barnett stated that Mr. Litke was doing a great job and working with them; and they saved the City \$40.00 each time they mowed a lot, but they were wanting barricades placed on property so people could not dump. Council Members Galloway, Holm and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, Mr. McNeal stated that their proposal to the Housing Department was to create a Housing Receivership Program and it was a provision under Chapter 214 of the Municipal Code where dangerous structures could be placed in such program where a nonprofit organization could then become the receiver of the

property, rehab the property and then act as manager in leasing such property and ultimately sell such property; and they were asking that they be allowed to do it and demonstrate that it could be done and the city would come out ahead by making it a revenue producer; and Mayor White stated that he appreciated that being brought to his attention; that he was not familiar with that section of the Code. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that many groups were trying to revitalize and instead of each doing it in pieces she would like the Mayor to have a meeting held with HCC and ask that they set up a curriculum on deed restrictions, etc., to be able to explain how to do things and give solutions and allow people to share insight and information and have a neutral place they could go anytime. Council Member Garcia stated that maybe they could use the E. B. Cape Center. Council Members Galloway, Holm, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that to catch dumpers and fine them he asked that all Public Works and Solid Waste people be given training to catch people and they just received a grant and he had thought of an incentive program and he wanted an inventory of city property where people could take branches to the lots and then the City would pickup from those lots; and Mr. Barnett stated that he would like concrete barricades so people could not backup and dump; and Mayor White stated that if they had one place with a fixed camera that was not going to work, people figured it out, but maybe if Super Neighborhoods had cameras and could catch people. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Green and Berry absent.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-215-5646) appeared, presented information and stated that Independence Heights was a leader and initiated many plans including a two year commitment with Clean Houston to do continued cleanup for two years; that McNeal was redeveloping housing and they worked with the Super Neighborhood Council; that they invited them to the yearly Heritage Festival which was pushed out of the park last year because they did not have \$5,000. and they were not asking for it this year; that they were being pushed away and instead they wanted to be listened to and their ideas used; that the taser guns he did not think were needed and instead more training and money; and they did not need to be charged for meters downtown. Council Members Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that Independence Heights had it together; that she was excited and would be at the parade. Council Members Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that the community was talented and no nonsense; that what those with Independence Heights talked about was about neighborhood and community and the city should support and empower them. Council Members Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she agreed the people were the city and the issue she wanted to address was that numerous communities were trying to revitalize and departments were impediments to that and it was frustrating; that she wanted to encourage the Mayors Administration to pull departments together and get out of the people's way; that they did not have the moral, legal or ethical right to marginalize or stop organizations or communities and the park situation was obscene; that it was the people's park and people should be put before policy and programs and if such did not work they needed to be changed; and Mayor White stated that nothing could be changed overnight and they needed to be in it for the long run and have weekly progress; and the issue of parks he got the message and you want someone responsible to clean up, but if someone said they would and gave names of who was responsible then they should be able to figure out a way to not charge them for the facility; that in fairness no one should be treated special and they should have a uniform policy, but if they knew who to go to and say they could not use it again because they did not clean up then such

fees should be waived. Council Members Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that as a point of personal privilege she wanted to introduce the children joining them today as a part of the Summer Paige Program which were Marymarie Keimig, Gabriela Pinto, Manpreet Kaur, Kimberley Marie Flickenger, Sarah Cook, Christopher Jardine, Sarah Jardine; and a student assisting in her office today from Kingwood Middle School, Jefferson Wiseman; and asked all to stand to be recognized. Council Members Galloway, Garcia, Green and Berry absent.

Mr. Edwin Brace, 6623 Rolling Mill, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-744-4514) appeared and stated that he owned a small power wash business and found there were ordinances against wastewater runoff so he found what he needed and bought the equipment, had an inspection on the equipment and bought the permit from the Health Department; that restaurants he dealt with were glad to be in compliance, but some did not care about ordinances, etc., and had other power wash services; that it would be nice if the city would enforce ordinance and educate restaurant owners on the wastewater issue and if they educated the wastewater services then they would need permits and the city would get more money; that Health said they were going to try and issue a bulletin to restaurant owners and he would like a copy. Council Members Galloway, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Mr. Carl Jordan, 5601 Chimney Rock #324, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-666-6234) appeared and stated that he lived at the Fountain Oaks Apartments and was present asking Council to consider legislation making it an offense for anyone to interfere with the free flow of water to anyone's residence without timely written notice with a severe penalty; that he was in his apartment and the water went off all over the complex and it was off for two days and one night and then five days after his initial call Neighborhood Protection called. Council Members Galloway, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that it was a good suggestion and would be taken under consideration. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Mr. Prentice Goods, 2616 S. Loop West #504, Houston, Texas 77054 (281-507-6742) appeared, presented information and stated that he was executive director of The Houston Launch Pad and they did community outreach and enhancement; that they dealt with the homeless and transitional housing trying to take them from homelessness to self-sufficiency and they had job development and placement; that today he was asking Council to work with him on knocking down barriers regarding sufficient housing as many were stuck with them because they could not find suitable housing because of the prison records or past and hoped the city could also work with them by employing some of their clients; that certain backgrounds such as sex offenders paid their debt to society. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mr. Goods stated that he was a member of the Homeless Coalition; and Council Member Edwards stated that it was very hard to place sex offenders. Mr. Goods stated that a person was not supposed to stay in transitional for the rest of his life; and Council Member Edwards stated that the only one responsible was that person, but offered suggestions as to other organizations who may could help him and that Council Member Quan may could give him some support and information. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White thanked Mr. Goods for what he did and stated that he dealt with the most difficult issue in the community. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Olevia Randle, 6023 Beldart, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-733-2348) appeared and thanked Council Member Edwards for having streets repaired in the Sunnyside South Park area

and stated that they hoped to have others reconstructed; that she was hopeful for the basketball roof in their park, but was really present regarding the taser guns; that jailers were laid off and police took their place, but Houston was growing and she felt officers needed more training to all cultures and that taser guns would not make a difference; and she had not seen 100% of anything done at one time in the City of Houston and she understood that was how they wanted to do the tasers, but most things were done as pilot programs; and she wondered if Council Members knew of anything was done 100% at a time. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia thanked Ms. Randle for coming and stated that when the community asked for something it was not always just done at a drop of a hat, but in defense to the tasers or some other mechanism there was a need to improve the police department on such an important issue; that this city was in front on some of the shootings and it did need to be looked at; and Ms. Randle stated that she was about saving lives, but if someone was going to do something to the max they would do it with tasers or whatever. Council Members Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards thanked Ms. Randle for her work and for coming and stated that the issue of the tasers she thought needed more study; that she did think there needed to be a new attitude developed and thought it was in the works; that there was less than 1% of the officers who did what she considered to be inexcusable acts but it made it hard for everyone and she appreciated the community being aware and looking into it; and she hoped they were more committed to having a police department representative of what they wanted instead of being right on an issue; and regarding her question she did not think anything was done at 100%. Council Members Galloway, Green and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that one reason he respected her comments was she organized from the precinct up and she watched what they did and understood there needed to be tradeoffs and her input was valuable and he did understand her point; and regarding something they spoke on before, the train stopped across street, if people had photos they were having the person in charge of the transportation board down here and if he had pictures and times of day, etc., it would be of assistance; and Ms. Randle stated regarding that she could not understand why they did not now have underpasses or overpasses; that you could not stop train production, but things should be kept up. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Green and Berry absent.

Mr. Tony Jones, 5000 Milwee #68, Houston, Texas 77092 (713-682-4958) appeared and stated that twice he went to the Municipal Courts and once there were four officers at the metal detector and he asked if they were there for court and they said no they were working the metal detector, the second time there were two to three metal detectors with nine officers and he asked again about court and they said they were working the metal detector; that his question why at City Hall, Mykawa, etc., there were contract workers at the metal detector and at 1400 Lubbock nine to 15 officers when they could be out on the streets; that also he was at a Randall's on Victory at Antoine and a police car was parked in the disabled parking and he asked if there was a reason and the officer said it was none of his business and if he wanted to he could, then later at the same store two police units were sitting there and officers talking and all disabled parking was full with some not having the proper tags to be there and he asked those officers if they would write tickets to them and they said no, they were not traffic officers. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she appreciated the issues he brought and regarding parking in disabled parking and not being disabled they did a show on the municipal channel showing the abuse of those spaces and it was a serious issue; that they interviewed a disabled person who said they were willing to relinquish the whole system because it was so broken and Mr. Jones stated that he felt the same way. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she did not know the outcome of the taskforce Mayor Brown had set up to review those spaces but it may be worthwhile to revisit; and Mayor White stated that they would ask Ms. King. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he had a friend wheelchair bound who suggested that for those who used the spaces illegally they should be sentenced to be in a wheelchair for at least 60 days; that in his opinion they had one of the finest police departments and if such happened again he hoped they would get the badge number, etc., as this should be unacceptable and though they could not legislate morality they could put people to shame. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Garcia, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lawrence stated that Randall's was where she shopped and she would be very observant and talk to the management about such places being abused and see if they were doing something about it. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Garcia, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Lloyd Jones, 3839 Southmore, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-524-3771) appeared and stated that on behalf of the Westbury Swim Team they were asking that the competitive swimming program be reinstated; that it once was a part of the Parks Program but was phased out; that the children with him began when some did not even want their faces in the water and now were in competition; that the Mayor asked what was it they were not doing in the City of Houston and as far as aquatics they had 43 outdoor pools and they were used to a minimal manner; that it could be used to generate income from swim meets and larger state competitions; that they also failed to partner with community centers and the city had no year round pools because they had no indoor pools and they would like to get that off the ground also; that also the children had never received recognition by Council when they competed at city and regional meets and some having advanced to state levels and a few to the nationals; and reviewed all the trouble one child went through just to be able to learn to swim and now had earned ribbons and medals and had qualified and swam in three championships; and urged that the program be reinstated. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Garcia, Alvarado, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Jones stated that they rented pool time from the City of Houston at the Sharpstown pool; that they went from 40 to 43 swim teams to having one because other than those who can get to Sharpstown there was no opportunity for them to learn to advance from the learn to swim program; that coaching and having programs in place at all the other pools was what was needed for children to have the opportunity to compete. Mayor White stated that they were trying to do a good job at getting physical facilities out there and to see what they could do to get organizations able to fully utilize such facilities, but he thought there were many competitive swimming programs; and Mr. Jones stated there were a few which were very expensive and then some HISD middle or high schools had such, but the city did not have them; and Mayor White thanked Mr. Jones for coming and addressing this and they were going to be building a big indoor facility and the county would run it; that they did not want aquatics to be second fiddle. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Alvarado, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan congratulated the swimmers and stated they were not recognized as it was Council's fault, but if Mr. Jones would contact him or the Council Member for their district they would be happy to recognize those swimmers with him along with others. Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Green and Berry absent.

Ms. Teresa Pollard, 5019 Briarbend, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-236-0098) appeared and stated that she was coach for the Westbury Team for the past 26 years and what concerned her the most was that up until one year ago they had a competitive swim team in the City of

Houston; that the Mayor said other programs were available in the city and there were to those who could provide money to participate, but nothing free; that pools were available for the public and lifeguards were required and during the pool breaks why could not the lifeguards work with the kids, it was not a personal break, but a break for the pool to close; that children needed their support and the lifeguards, children and Parks and Recreation personnel all wanted it; and the most important thing was that the City of Houston was and had been for years a charter member with the Texas Amateur Federation and their mission statement was to promote amateur athletics through the City Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Linda Walker, 4823 Austin, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2577) appeared and stated that her child was a part of the Westbury Swim Team; that at the Y he had not learned to swim, but at Westbury he did and enjoyed it; that he made it to City and she was very proud of him and the whole team; that they earned the right to go to State; and she asked that the program be reinstated as she thought many children would enjoy it. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado stated that they would pass the information to the Mayor's Office. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Linda Bennett, 5714 Belarbor, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-943-1342) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Gilbert Irizarry, 8048 Glenview Drive, Houston, Texas 77017 (713-847-8500) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Jennifer Nguyen, 10619 Zircon Court, Houston, Texas 77099 (281-933-2392) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Nancy Almanza, 723 W. 21st, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-618-1909) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Janet Honn, 18 Ninth Avenue N., Texas City, Texas 77590 (409-941-9276) appeared and stated that this was her third time to speak on the exact issue and she would be back again, she was waiting for a determination by the Attorney General concerning criminal history background checks for school bus drivers, but she was present as she had a conversation with Blanton Daniels at the first part of the year and asked him questions about things that took place and he said they did not pick on her they did hearings on two other companies, but she checked and found over the last 2-1/2 years they were brought up on an administrative hearing under ordinance 46295d3 and they were at the hearing and suspended for eight days, but in that time 16 other companies were in violation of the same ordinance and they were the only one selected to be enforced against so it was selective and they wanted to know why; that she also found one company who was revoked twice in seven months and yet within that time still transported children for Harris County with absolutely no insurance; that also some companies had more citations than she and were never brought up; and that when she took her money to

601 Sawyer and handed it to Jerry Jones at the window he turned to Bianca Santos and asked her to write a receipt and she refused so he asked again and she said she would get half of everything he got if she put her name on it; that Denise Jenkins came through and saw she was seeing the whole thing and shut them down; and she wondered if that was the MO, if they were to get percentages. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado stated that representatives with F and A were present if she would like to speak with them. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77020 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Joy Randle, 4306 Cadmus, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-446-1959) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Lydia Howard, 3200 Truxillo, Houston, Texas 77004 ((713-741-8533) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. John Ryan, 816 Old Genoa Red Bluff, Houston, Texas 77034 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-741-5728) appeared, displayed an example of a sign and stated that he was present to file a complaint on an abandoned sign individual, Scott Woozer, the individual had been prosecuted for the last eight years through the City of Houston and also had been the number one offender; that he found through the Sign Enforcement Department he was going to court and he said he wanted to file a motion to intervene into the criminal case so he could be heard and what concerned him was the records showed he had only had to pay between 10% to 15% of the fine through the years and was a habitual offender; and his violations could fall under the nuisance act and he was asking Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado to order a temporary restraining order to take his business phone number away for one year and was asking Council to refuse reappointment of Judge Timberlake from Court 11. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Jeff Hill, 4058 Woodfox, Houston, Texas 77025 ((713-850-0700) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Garcia, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Marie LeBlanc, P. O. Box 111785, Houston, Texas 77293 (713-330-7476) appeared, presented pictures and stated that she and others were present a few weeks ago about air pollution and now a pipe had been added making it taller; that some were now having extra things in their water and no matter how high they put it things were still coming down and people were at risk in that community; that also every time Council Member Galloway saw someone

there on the issue she disappeared and the situation needed to be addressed. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado stated that Mr. Gary Norman with Public Works was present and he and his staff had been out there and she understood tomorrow they would be conducting test and he could provide her more information; that Mayor White was concerned about the issue and someone in his office was monitoring. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. James Huhammad, 3706 Brookfield, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-480-0113) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Henry Mamukuyomi, 3611 Yosemite, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-498-1211) appeared and stated that he had lived in Houston for the past 28 years and he was present regarding hatred by Houston police; that he was a cab driver in downtown and an officer said he hated him and called immigration on him, he took his ID and passport and his money and he did not know his status; that he was locked up and said he needed to speak with an officer and a sergeant was sent and after hearing him said they would need to investigate; that they were only interested in investigating his status in America and when his ID was returned his money was not; and he wanted to call this to Council's attention. Mayor White, Council Members Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Council Member Khan thanked Mr. Mamukuyomi for coming and stated that this was not the first time he heard such; that Houston had one of the finest police departments in the nation but such things made everyone look bad; and upon questions, Mr. Mamukuyomi stated that they had an organization, the officer's name was J. Wood. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Holm, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado stated that Captain J. G. Jones was present and it would be helpful if he gave the information to him. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Council Member Khan stated that he would request the officer follow-up and then let him know the outcome and he would stay in touch to let Mr. Mamukuyomi know what was going on. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Council Member Holm moved to add Ms. Ponitha Benton to the end of the speakers list and Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado stated that would be allowed. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Njeri Shakur, 2901 Fulton, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-222-0749) appeared and stated that she was again present regarding Nanon Williams, August 1st would be his 30th birthday and he was sentenced when he was 17 to death by lethal injection and it was barbaric; that he was able to prove the Houston Crime Lab deliberately and maliciously said he committed the crime when Robert Baldwin knew he did not; that they would be celebrating his birthday August 1st at the reflection pool and all were invited; that two judges on two occasion recommended he be freed or retried but the Court of Criminal Appeals refused and they were

waiting on the Federal Court to give relief; and they were asking for help. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Darrell Lucas, 2411 Green Rock Road, Houston, Texas 77032 (281-832-2640) appeared and stated that he had a couple of things on his heart today besides Houston with one being Henry B. Gonzales, who passed away sometime ago, he was one of the greatest statesman in the State of Texas; that he had boxes of records donated to a Catholic College in San Antonio, but they were too small and now they were going to the University of Texas, but he thought they would be lost there; that he studied his work and his laws and felt he was neglected and he should be as important to Houston as to Texas; that he was a "Small Giant" and urged that something be done to honor him. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Pam Curvey, 7607 Moline, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-847-8369) appeared and stated that she was present several weeks ago concerning her water quality and now the situation was worse and people were sick and dying and she had now asked others such as the President, etc., for help. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Pastor Carolyn Sion, P. O. Box 111785, Houston, Texas 77293 (832-876-4494) appeared and stated that she was again present regarding air pollution; that raw sewage released a gas which ignited and exploded and another which smelled and could kill with high concentration; that they wanted it out of their community; that instead of removing it they extended it and all were at risk. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Council Member Galloway stated that she had been working on the problem since Pastor Sion first came; that air quality testing was being done tomorrow as she arranged it; that she lived in the community and went to the site to get a whiff of the smell and knew what was there; that their community was very old and she had been working to get the infrastructure upgraded in the Fifth Ward and District B as a whole; that on her last visit she said such pipes were nowhere else in the city so she investigated and found there were many around the city; that she tried to speak with her earlier today to show where all the sites were located as she had addresses and pictures, but she was unable to speak to her at the time, but she still did have the information and would like to share that with her; and they would get to the bottom of what was wrong and take care of it. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Mr. Robert Horton, 3714 Bain, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-2606144) appeared and stated that the elections were fraud; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 52437, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-203-7738) appeared and stated that he was the U. S. President and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Ponitha Benton, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that she had been trying to be heard for the longest and was spiritually, mentally and physically tired and did not know where to go or who to trust; that she wondered where the cameras, Council Member Edwards and others had gone; that she had been conversing about many people about her and her mother's health; that their lives were in danger; that today she was served a 30 day eviction notice because she refused to sign an addendum lease which was giving away all her rights; that she asked if she could go get her glasses so she could read what she was signing and was told no she did not have time and she would be back with an eviction notice; that Ms. James from Housing called and asked why she did not sign the addendum and she said it seemed she was signing away her rights and she continued discussing the situation until her time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

Ms. Benton stated that her mother was hospitalized and vents were fumigated with drugs, it was a crack house over them and she wanted to know what to do and asked if they purposely waited for the news media to leave; and upon questions by Council Member Galloway, Ms. Benton stated that the property was at 2640 Fountainview and both her and her mother lived at 2819 Dennis apartments one and two; that they were both on Section HHHAP; that after they started fumigating the vents with drugs they would call the police out and that was when their trouble started; that she spoke with Council Member Alvarado's office. Council Member Galloway stated that they did not handle that housing, but there was someone present with the Housing Department and she could be referred to Housing to get a clearer understanding and she would speak with her when Council adjourned. Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

At 5:20 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 28, 2004. Council Members Goldberg and Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESIDING.)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, July 28, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Carol Mims Galloway, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Mark Ellis, Gordon Quan, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Member Mark Goldberg out of the city on city business.

At 8:22 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:20 Mayor White reconvened the meeting of the City Council and stated that there would be no Mayor's Report but from time to time they would be putting, outside the Council Chamber, some boards showing updates on actions that the Council had taken, the progress they were making on things, that this week it was on the whole program of traffic light synchronization, where they were, what was going to be done next, etc., that he knew they had one on the abandoned houses and weeded lots that would be up there so that they and the public who came to the meetings could keep track of what they were doing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 55

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 3

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the

following to the **MUNICIPAL ART COMMISSION**, for terms to expire on January 1, 2006 for Positions One through Nine and January 1, 2005 for Position Fifteen:

Position One - **MR. REGINALD C. ADAMS**, reappointment
Position Two - **MR. FLOYD E. NEWSUM, JR.**, appointment
Position Three - **MS. ARTIE LEE HINDS**, reappointment
Position Four - **MS. SARAH CORTEZ**, appointment
Position Five - **MR. DAVID W. ROBINSON**, appointment
Position Six - **MS. JANE A. CURTIS**, appointment
Position Seven - **MR. GUS KOPRIVA**, appointment
Position Eight - **MS. EMILIE S. KILGORE**, reappointment
Position Nine - **MS. SHUNNEY H. NAIR**, reappointment
Position Fifteen - **MR. JOHN C. MORINIERE**, appointment
- was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0841 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that he wanted to recognize the new members of the Municipal Arts Commission and requested that those members present stand and be recognized. Council Member Garcia absent.

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Human Resources to approve the thirteenth 90 day period for pay differential for employees called to active duty status during a time of war or state of emergency - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0842 ADOPTED.
3. RECOMMENDATION from Chief of Police for approval of Law Enforcement Agreement between **HARRIS COUNTY** and **EAST END IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION** for Law Enforcement Services of 1 Sergeant and 7 Deputies from Harris County Constable Precinct 6 - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0843 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 5 through 10

5. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,590.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund Number 413 to supplement the funds needed to pay the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners and all costs of court in connection with the eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Eli Cortes and Ana Cortes, et al., to acquire Parcel Number HY2-001, for Fire Station No. 26 Expansion Project; GFS/CIP C-0142-01-1 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0780 ADOPTED.
- 5a. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and not file any objections to the Award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Eli Cortes and Ana Cortes, et al, Cause No. 811,583, for acquisition of Parcel HY2-001; for **FIRE STATION NO. 26 EXPANSION PROJECT**, GFS/CIP C-0142-01-1 - \$51,890.00 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0844 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Stephanie A. Funk of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., on behalf of Houston Independent School District, for abandonment and sale of: (1) a ±139-square foot portion of Providence Avenue, along

the northeast boundary of Solo Street; (2) a portion of Sharon Avenue, adjacent to Lot 21, Block 10 and Lot 12, Block 12; (3) a portion of Vernon Avenue, adjacent to Lot 2, Block 8 and Lot 10, Block 10; and (4) three 3-foot-wide sanitary sewer easements, all within Pinecrest Court, Second Addition, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of right of way to widen Finnigan Drive and three utility easements, all within the Harris and Wilson Survey, Abstract 32, Parcels SY4-030A, SY4-030B, SY4-030C, SY4-030D, SY4-030E, SY4-030F, AY4-060, VY4-014A, VY4-014B and VY4-014C - **STAFF APPRAISERS - DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented, moved by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0845 ADOPTED.

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from John Ross Palmer, for abandonment and sale of a 9-foot-wide portion of a 38-foot-wide alley, located at 722 West 17th Street, adjacent to Lots 10 and 11, Block 127, Houston Heights Addition, Parcel SY4-038 - **STAFF APPRAISERS - DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented, moved by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0846 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Chalmers R. Miller of Lederer-Miller & Assoc., Inc, on behalf of Bernardo Daniel, Gamaliel Cuellar, and Elsa Cuellar, for abandonment and sale of an unnamed street, located between Blocks B and C, Alameda Estates Subdivision, Parcels SY4-011 and SY4-042 - **STAFF APPRAISERS - DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0847 ADOPTED.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Kleber J. Denny of Terra Associates, Inc., on behalf of Property Commerce Development Company (S. Jay Williams, president), for abandonment and sale of Sawyerdale Street, from Crockett Street to Shearn Street, and a ±60-foot portion of Shearn Street contiguous to Lots 9, 14 and 15, Block 2, located within Shearn Street Addition, and a carryover credit for Property Commerce for the excess conveyance value to apply only toward the future abandonment and sale of street rights of way and/or easements, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of right of way and the construction of a cul-de-sac at the dead-end of Crockett Street, right of way for Summer Street, a 5-foot-wide waterline easement, and a 15-foot by 25-foot water meter easement, located within Shearn Street Addition and Howard Haynes Addition, Parcels SY4-040A, SY4-040B, AY4-040A, AY4-040B, KY4-179A and KY4-179B - **STAFF APPRAISERS - DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented, moved by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0848 ADOPTED.
10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Marvin Lisnitzer of McDonough Engineering Corporation, on behalf of Bayou on the Bend, Ltd. [5209 Apartment Management, LLC (Matthew G. Dilick, Manager Member), general partner], for abandonment and sale of a portion of a 5-foot-wide utility and drainage easement and the attendant aerial easements, located within Unrestricted Reserve A, Block 1, Bayou on the Bend Addition, John Reinerman Survey, Abstract 642, Parcel SY4-045 - **STAFF APPRAISERS - DISTRICT G - HOLM** - was presented, moved by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0849 ADOPTED.

14. **GOMEZ FLOOR COVERING, INC** for Ceramic Tile Project for Building Services Department \$33,500.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$35,175.00 - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Holm. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0850 ADOPTED.
16. **LETGO GROUP, L.P. (aka) LIVING EARTH TECHNOLOGY** for Playground and Jogging Trail Surface Material for Parks & Recreation Department - \$191,250.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Holm. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0851 ADOPTED.
17. **AMEND MOTION #2000-180, 2/9/00, as amended by Motion Nos. 03-0077, 03-973 and 03-1478, TO EXTEND** expiration date from August 7, 2004 to August 6, 2005, for Chemical, Aqua Ammonia and Liquid Ammonium Sulfate Contract for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **SOUTHERN IONICS, INCORPORATED (formerly Shrieve Chemical Company)** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Holm. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. MOTION 2004-0852 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 24 through 54

24. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement containing 2,706 square feet of land, more or less, Parcel SY3-045, vacating and abandoning said parcel to WMJK., Ltd., the abutting owner, in consideration of (i) its dedication of an easement for street right of way purposes containing 1,410 square feet of land, more or less, to widen Sage Road, Parcel AY3-627, and (ii) its payment of \$300.00 and other consideration to the City; both the abandonment and dedication parcels being out of Lot 4, Block 32 Tanglewood, Section 7, Houston Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT G - HOLM** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0781 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE establishing the east side of the 1200 block of Harvard Street within the City of Houston as a special building line requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0782 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment No. 1 to lease agreement by and between the City of Houston and **FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION** at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0783 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$537,292.72 out of Airport System Consolidated 2001 NON-AMT Construction Fund (549); authorizing the purchase of land and improvements thereon out of Greenview Manor Sections One and Two, and the R. F. Beeler Subdivision, McAuley Survey, A-577, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for a Noise Compatibility Program at Bush Intercontinental Airport, CIP A-0476-40.1, Project 617; approving purchase and sale agreements with the owners of the land (Robert G. Lubkeman and Deborah J. Lubkeman; Lubkeman Construction Inc; Saturnino Campuzano and Clarita Campuzano; Randolph D. Cones and Karen R. Cones and Marjorie N. Akers) - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0784 ADOPTED.

36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 96** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0785 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Treated Water Supply Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 96** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0786 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CDI MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC** for Implementation of the Water Intrusion Relief Service Program - \$200,000.00 - Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent.
40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing City of Houston to accept grant of funds in the amount \$1,576,800.00, if awarded, from the Shelter Plus Care Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the authority of Title IV, Subtitle F, of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0787 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE authorizing payment to **ANTIOCH PROJECT REACH, INC, FOURTH WARD COMMUNITY COALITION, INC, MIRACLE OF HOPE** and **UPLIFT FOURTH WARD, INC** and/or their respective contractors for Eligible Water and Sewer connection costs in the City's Fourth Ward using up to \$174,615.00 of a previously awarded federal special project grant - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent.
42. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **JEFFERSON DAVIS ARTIST LOFTS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** using Federal "CDBG" Funds to provide a loan in the amount of \$500,000.00 to finance a portion of the costs to acquire and /or renovate the Jefferson Davis Hospital Building located at 1101 Elder Street, Houston, Texas to provide affordable housing units - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0788 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Legal Services Agreement with **ANDREWS & KURTH, LLP** to provide additional funding in the amount \$50,000.00 from available Federal Economic Development Initiative ("EDI") grant funds in connection with the City's Participation in the Federal Sec. 108/EDI Program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0789 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **LANDCO JEFFERSON HOUSE DEVELOPMENT, LLC** using Federal "Home" and "CDBG" Funds to provide a loan in the amount \$1,000,000.00 and Grant in the amount \$900,000.00 to finance portion of the costs to acquire and/or renovate 308-Unit apartment building at 6200 Gulfton, Houston, Texas, to be rehabilitated to house low and very-low income residents - **DISTRICT F - KHAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0790 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2004 Bulletproof Vest Partnership

Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to accept grant funds and to apply and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0791 ADOPTED.

50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$55,000.00 out of Convention & Entertainment Construction Fund; allocating/appropriating additional funds for Program Management to **PARSONS INFRASTRUCTURE** (Contract No. 55369) for Continuation of Project Support and Management Services for Ongoing Convention and Entertainment Department Projects, CIP B-0064-01-5; providing funding for contingencies related to construction of facilities financed by the Convention & Entertainment Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$75,400.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, determining that the formal taking of competitive bids is not required for the work described herein; and awarding construction contract for Asbestos Abatement & Special Demolition of Ley Road R.O.W. Expansion Project, GFS N-0587B-03-5 to **AAR INCORPORATED**; providing funding for project management, air monitoring and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0792 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$75,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **PIERCE GOODWIN ALEXANDER & LINVILLE, INC** for Lift Station Repair and Replacement (approved by Ordinance No. 98-0676); CIP R-0267-05-2 (WW4728); providing funding for contingencies relating to the construction of facilities financed by Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - KHAN and G - HOLM** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0793 ADOPTED.
54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$315,585.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between City of Houston and **MILLER AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for the Design of Fuqua Road Paving from Telephone Road to Mykawa Road Grade Separation; CIP N-0490-01-2 (SB9077); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.

Council Member Alvarado moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 12, 12a, 13, 13a, 29, 39, 45, 58, 59, 61, 62 and 63 out of order, seconded by Council Member Galloway. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. MOTION 2004-0853 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$64,859.55 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund for the Foundation Repair at the Riverside Health Clinic for the Building Services Department, CIP H-0052-01-5 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0794 ADOPTED.
- 12a. **PELTIER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LTD.** to Repair the Foundation of the Riverside Health Clinic for Building Services Department - \$61,771.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$64,859.55 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Alvarado, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs. All voting aye. nays none. MOTION 2004-0854 ADOPTED.

13. ORDINANCE appropriating \$344,925.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund for the HVAC Replacement at the Riverside Health Clinic for the Building Services Department, CIP H-0052-01-5 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0794 ADOPTED.

Council Member Edwards asked if the construction problem they had been having on the project been cleared up and Mayor White stated yes.

- 13a. **CARRIER CORPORATION** for the HVAC Replacement at the Riverside Health Clinic for Building Services Department - \$328,500.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$344,925.00 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs. All voting aye. nays none. MOTION 2004-0855 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to thank her colleagues for passing Item Numbers 12, 12a, 13 and 13a, that it was another step along the long road to reopening the Riverside Clinic, that in addition she wanted to bring up a new partnership that seemed to be evolving in that area, that partnership was moving along the lines of potentially sharing with Harris County Hospital District a dialysis facility, that it would be a big step for access for people who had severe kidney disease to be able to receive dialysis outside of an inpatient setting, which was very nice and an opportunity for the City to work together with the hospital district.

29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing lease agreement between the City of Houston and **ROCKETMAN AVIATION, LLC** at Ellington Field - Revenue - **DISTRICT E – WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Holm and Wiseman.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$525,000.00 out of Low Income Housing Fund (Fund 872); appropriating \$90,000.00 out of Housing Special Revenue Fund (Fund 207); approving and authorizing a Land Assembly Acquisition Fund; approving the Land Assembly Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and the **LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; approving the project relating to the purchase of certain tax delinquent properties; creating an oversight committee to review such purchases; approving the appointment of special counsel and engagement letter relating to same - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY; D - EDWARDS; H - GARCIA and I – ALVARADO** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Berry. (Note: Council Member Berry released his tag later in the meeting.)

Mayor White asked Mr. Tinnermon if the tag would effect the timing of the foreclosure sale, and Mr. Tinnermon stated that no, they could pull the properties bag and Mayor White asked if he could confer with Council Member Berry if there were some questions or issues.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor White stated that Item No. 39 had been tagged. Council Member Berry absent.

45. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **EL CENTRO de CORAZON** using Federal “CDBG” Funds to provide a grant in the amount of up to \$250,000.00 to finance a portion of the costs to Renovate Two Public Health Care Facilities **DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0796 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to thank her colleagues and the administration, especially the Housing Department and Ms. Daisy Stiner and all of her team for helping to work with the El Centro de Corazon to help move the item along. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he also wanted to commend Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, that he knew how hard she had worked with Sister Mary Jo May and the people at El Centro de Corazon in getting the item to the table and was glad that CDBG funds had been made available to support the matter. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to congratulate the center, which in her life had been a very strong institution that had worked with youth in the area, in health issues and overall issues of living and wanted to congratulate the staff and folks who ran it. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that it was a great day to be supporting El Centro on the particular initiative, that El Centro had been doing good work with young ladies for a long time. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to recognize a group in the audience, the Chocolate Bayou Camp Kronk interns and asked that they stand and be recognized. Council Member Berry absent.

58. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Karen D. Riddle of Able Permits, on behalf of Urban Storage L.P., [Meeks + Partners, Inc. (Don Meeks, president), general partner] for abandonment and sale of an excess portion of the West Dallas Street right of way, from Buckner Street to Valentine Street, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 10-foot-wide water line easement, contiguous to Block 15, Castanie Addition, Parcels SY4-039 and KY4-130 **APPRAISERS - DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – was presented.

Council Member Alvarado named Mr. George Coleman, Jr. and Mr. John Fox as appraisers and Ms. Julie Nagle as alternate and moved approval of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2004-0856 ADOPTED.

59. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Megan Sigler of Perry Homes, a Joint Venture (Gerald W. Noteboom, senior executive vice president), for abandonment and sale of a portion of McCormick Avenue, from ±80 feet east of Collier Street to its terminus, contiguous to Blocks 5 and 6, Beverly Park Subdivision, Parcel SY4-043 - **APPRAISERS - DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – was presented.

Council Member Alvarado named Mr. Frank Flores and Ms. Jasmine Quinerly as appraisers and Mr. Robert Ellis as alternate and moved approval of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2004-0857 ADOPTED.

61. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Municipal Court Security Officers – **(This was Item 11 on Agenda of July 14, 2004, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELLIS, WISEMAN, GALLOWAY and SEKULA-GIBBS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0797 ADOPTED.

62. ORDINANCE **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the use of Traffic Control Personnel – **(This was Item 12 on Agenda of July 14, 2004, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0798 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that on Item No. 62 he wanted to thank Council Member Garcia and a

number of Council Members around the table for helping them craft it in a way that balanced all of the interests that were involved. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to extend his appreciation to Mr. Saperstien for his willingness to work with them on the item. Council Members Alvarado and Berry absent.

63. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Parking Meters; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability – **(This was Item 13 on Agenda of July 14, 2004, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN, QUAN, SEKULA-GIBBS, GALLOWAY, GOLDBERG and EDWARDS)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 63. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2004-0799 ADOPTED.**

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

ACCEPT WORK

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,238,693.98 and acceptance of work on contract with **TROY CONSTRUCTION, L.L.P.**, for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Point Repair Method, GFS R-0266-26-3 (4235-14) - 00.39% under the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Alvarado absent. **MOTION 2004-0858 ADOPTED.**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

11. **THE HON COMPANY** for Office Furniture from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Airport System - \$36,823.22 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. **MOTION 2004-0859 ADOPTED.**

Council Member Berry stated that he would release his tag on Item No. 39 and Mayor White stated that if there was no objection they would take up Item No. 39 at this time.

39. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$525,000.00 out of Low Income Housing Fund (Fund 872); appropriating \$90,000.00 out of Housing Special Revenue Fund (Fund 207); approving and authorizing a Land Assembly Acquisition Fund; approving the Land Assembly Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and the **LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; approving the project relating to the purchase of certain tax delinquent properties; creating an oversight committee to review such purchases; approving the appointment of special counsel and engagement letter relating to same - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY; D - EDWARDS; H - GARCIA and I - ALVARADO** – was again before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. **ORDINANCE 2004-0800 ADOPTED.**
15. **R. H. TONETTI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Kingwood Communication Towers and Communication Rooms for Houston Fire Department - \$560,000.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$588,000.00 – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. **MOTION 2004-0860 ADOPTED.**

18. **AMEND MOTION #2001-0903, 8/8/01, TO EXTEND** expiration date from August 15, 2004 to August 14, 2006, for Tools, Lawn, Garden and Striking Contract for Various Departments, awarded to **GROVES INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY** – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
19. **W. W. GRAINGER, INC** for spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,025,205.33 to purchase Maintenance, Repair and Operating Supplies from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - General, Enterprise, Fleet Management, Parks Special Revenue and Building Inspection Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Quan, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
20. **HALL'S LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE LLP (Bids #1 and #2) - \$388,025.18 and BWI SCHULENBURG (Bid #14) - \$94,948.47** for Landscape, Plants, Trees, Grass and Associated Materials for Various Departments - \$497,910.98 minus a commission fee (3% for Internet-based reverse action services) for a net award amount not to exceed \$482,973.65 - General, Enterprise and Parks Special Revenue Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.

ORDINANCES

21. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit "A" of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2004-583 by adding one hundred eighty-two Fire Fighter Positions; substituting the amended Exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0801 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Glenwyck Drive, from the south to the north boundary of Brentwood Place Apartment Subdivision, Parcel SY3-054A, and of a 10-by 20-foot fire hydrant easement, Parcel SY3-054B, vacating and abandoning said easements to Brentwood Way Developers, L.P., the abutting owner, in consideration of (i) its dedication of right of way to realign Glenwyck Drive, Parcel AY3-626, and (ii) its payment of \$600.00 and other consideration to the City; the two abandonment parcels and the dedication parcel all being located within Brentwood Place Apartment Subdivision - **DISTRICT D – EDWARDS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
23. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide utility easement, within the Samuel D. Smith Survey, A-737; vacating and abandoning said utility easement to JEC Texas, Ltd., by and through its general partner, JEC Development, Inc., the abutting owner, in consideration of the owner's payment of \$3,202.00 and other consideration to the City; Parcel SY4-013 - **DISTRICT E – WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
26. ORDINANCE authorizing issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Water and Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A-1 and Series 2004A-2, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of certain Commercial Paper Notes; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Escrow Agreement; authorizing the purchase of and subscription for certain Escrowed Securities; authorizing Bond Insurance and a Bond Counsel Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0802 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE accepting and designating **UNITY BANK, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., METRO BANK, N.A., and UNITED CENTRAL BANK** as authorized depositories for the City's funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0803 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 6 to lease agreement between **FRAYDUN ENTERPRISES**, as landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for Space at 3838 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas; providing for an extension of the term and exchanging and adding space to accommodate the Houston Airport System Public Safety Division - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0804 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Houston and the **STATE OF TEXAS**, acting by and through its Commissioner of Agriculture - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0805 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,155,000.00 out of Houston Airport System Consolidated 2001 AMT Construction Fund, and approving and authorizing amendment No. 1 to construction Contract No. 55406 between the City of Houston and **STEWART-MATL, LTD.** for Central FIS building related projects at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project 500M); CIP A-0203 and A-0422 - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0806 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,200,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund, and approving and authorizing amendment No. 2 to construction Contract No. 53811 between the City of Houston and **CLARK/MISSION, a Joint Venture** for ISEP FIS Building Superstructure/APM Station & Platform at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Proj. No. 500F/536C); CIP A-0091, A-0203, A-0354, A-372, A-0422 and A-0483 - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented.

Council Member Quan stated that on Item Numbers 32 and 33 he knew they were change orders for the airport and did not know if there was any way they could get their hands around what was going on, he knew it was a huge contract which they had increased contingencies on several occasions, that he had met with Mr. Potts before and knew that with the Department of Homeland Security things changed on a regular basis but it seemed frustrating that they were constantly being asked to authorize more monies and there was no end in sight, that he thought they were powerless as far as making any changes because TSA and DHS said they had to do those things, that the FIS, the Federal Inspection Station was taking longer and longer and was about a year and a half behind schedule, in his opinion, that he just wanted to let the administration know that he was concerned about what was going on there, and Mayor White stated that they had a brief discussion, early in his administration concerning some of the issues involving delays and thought it would be appropriate to have a brief Mayor's Report on Aviation to see if they were on schedule on the project.

A vote was called on Item No. 33. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0807 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **PETDATA, INC** for Animal Licensing Services for the Health and Human Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$954,050.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0808 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **TEXAS**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORIES, for Prenatal Screening Services – was presented.

Council Member Khan stated that he would like for someone to tell him what it meant to provide money for prenatal services, and Mayor White stated that it was a reimbursement from the State to provide the service.

Council Member Khan moved to postpone Item No. 46 to the end of the agenda, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0861 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **THE O'BRIEN'S GROUP, INC** for Bioterrorism Exercise Consulting Services for the Health & Human Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$300,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she supported the item, that it was one of the exercises that the City would be embarking upon to be better prepared for a potential bioterrorist attack. Council Member Wiseman absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 47. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman absent. ORDINANCE 2004-0809 ADOPTED.

49. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Contract #C54689 between the City of Houston and **TEXAS PROCUREMENT CENTER, L.L.C.** for Internet-based Reverse Auction Services – was presented.

Council Member Ellis stated that he wanted to recognize Mr. Calvin Wells, who he thought had done a great job in the renegotiation of the contract, that the contract had now been taken from 3% to 2% with a cap of \$20,000 per purchase, that it was his understanding that they were still going to move forward with a projected goal of 50% and asked if that was part of the contract and Mr. Michel stated that was true according to Mr. Wells. Mayor White absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to add his kudos to Mr. Wells. Mayor White and Council Member Holm absent. Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado presiding.

A vote was called on Item No. 49. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0810 ADOPTED.

52. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LTD.** for construction of Water, Wastewater and Drainage Facilities serving Section One of the San Pablo Subdivision; approving and authorizing an assignment of the construction contract to **LENNAR HOMES OF TEXAS LAND AND CONSTRUCTION, LTD.**, CIP S-0800-99-3 and R-0800-99-3 (DPC-047) - **DISTRICT D – EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0811 ADOPTED.

55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, as additional appropriation under construction contract between the City and **TEXAS LIQUA TECH SERVICES, INC** for Roof Replacement Health Department Headquarters Building and Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center; CIP H-0018-02-3 (approved by Ordinance No. 2004-0690); providing for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2004-0812 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

56. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Dr. L. James Bankston, pastor of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, for abandonment and sale of Calumet Drive, from San Jacinto Street to Fannin Street, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a full-width utility easement and right of way to widen Binz Avenue, within Hermann Annex to the MacGregor and DeMeritt's Southmore Addition, Section 2, Parcels SY3-066, VY4-002 and AY4-053 **APPRAISERS - DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to name Ms. Jasmine Quinerly and Mr. George Coleman Jr. as appraisers and Mr. Samuel Stewart as alternate and moved approval of recommendation, seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she had concerns about the closing of Calumet between San Jacinto Street and Fannin Street and would tag the item and ask that someone meet with her about the item because it was a significant street closing and would like to understand the logic behind the sacrifice of the street.

Mayor White stated that Item No. 56 had been tagged.

57. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from David Evans of McDonough Engineering Corporation on behalf of HCFCD, for abandonment and sale of various streets in exchange for the conveyance to the City of the abandoned portion of Deutser Street, from Shady Lane to ±150 feet west of Royal Pine Drive, and temporary street closings, all located within Bretshire Place Subdivision and/or Lakewood Estates Subdivision, Parcels SY4-037A, SY4-037B, SY4-037C, SY4-037D, SY4-037E, SY4-037F and BY4-006 - **APPRAISERS - DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** – was presented.

Council Member Galloway named Mr. George Wyche and Mr. Travis Cooper as appraisers and Ms. Jasmine Quinerly as alternate and moved approval of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0862 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 60

60. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,121,112.72 and acceptance of work on contract with **ALLCO, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods, GFS R-0266-78-3 (4257-15) - 01.98% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; C - GOLDBERG; D - EDWARDS; E - WISEMAN and I – ALVARADO** – (**This was Item 6 on Agenda of July 14, 2004, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**) – was presented, moved by Council Member Alvarado, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2004-0863 ADOPTED.

Item postponed until end of the agenda

46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF LABORATORIES**, for Prenatal Screening Services – was again before Council.

Council Member Khan moved to suspend the rules to hear from a representative of the Health Department and Mayor White stated that hearing no objection the rules were suspended.

Upon questions by Council Member Khan, Ms. Kathy Barton stated that the service

provided was a genetic screening that identified certain genetic abnormalities that might exist, that when they got the results they could have a counseling session with the mother and make decisions about what kind of care she should have, that it identified Downe Syndrome, Trisomy 18 and very significant health issues related to the baby, that if it was something very serious she would be referred to the Harris County Hospital District for further care because they only did low risk pregnancies, that every mother was provided information regarding the health of her child and they did not counsel for abortion and did not make those kind of referrals, that it was the standard of care for all pregnant women in the State of Texas, that she did not know if it resulted in any abortions in the past. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he would tag the item because he really wanted to know a little more as to what they were doing.

After a lengthy discussion by Council Members Mayor White stated that Item No. 46 had been tagged.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor White stated that he wanted to thank the work of the Council Members who had given their time to the Fiscal Affairs Committee and Chairman Ellis, that they would be on a time schedule, that they would be circulating drafts to various Council Members and reviewing with Council Members next week a Capital Improvement Plan of the City of Houston, which had been formed a lot based on the input that they got from the civic groups and associations and individual Council Members, that there would be some more formal public presentation of the draft early next week and Council Members input would be sought before, during and after that time, up until the hearing that they had scheduled for the Fiscal Affairs Committee, that Ms. Sara Culbreth had done a great job, and the F&A Department, that they had tried to use objective criteria based on needs and relative needs on the Capital Improvement budget, that they would see a very ambitious drainage program.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to encourage her colleagues to please fill out the ballots for the Houston Hall of Fame, that Houston would be celebrating its 168th birthday on August 26, 2004 and that was the day they would induct two Houstonians into the Hall of Fame, that for the first time they were also including a Houston Spirit Award, which was recognizing a local person and that was Mr. Bob Eury.

Council Member Alvarado stated that week before last there was an article in the newspaper and she was very pleased to see that their Visitor and Convention Bureau were doing a great job in attracting more conventions and conferences to the City that it looked like the numbers were up 42%, that she wanted to congratulate Mr. Jordy Tollett and his staff in their work of bringing more business to the City.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that Houstonians had an opportunity to help their community by signing up for a program called Americorp Volunteers, that the program offered the volunteer extensive training and then they had the privilege of working in the community with medically underserved individuals for one year, that for one year they would receive a stipend, a living allowance and an education award opportunity, that they could apply for an Americorp position through Gateway to Care, if they were interested in becoming a volunteer they could contact Ms. Noemi Fuentes with Gateway to Care at 281-820-4616 or contact her office at 713-247-2005. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank Mayor White for directing the Houston Airport System for making all the arrangements last Sunday for his Holiness Dr. Syedna Burhanuddin who was the spiritual leader of Dawoodi Bohras Community in Houston, a revered figure for all Muslims all over the world, that he also wanted to thank Council Member Berry who was at the airport to receive Dr. Burhanuddin, that they welcomed his Holiness to

Houston, that he wanted to thank the people at the airport who were very instrumental in making the arrival smooth and safe and the Department of Homeland Security. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Quan stated that the Neighborhood Housing and Redevelopment Committee would be meeting on Thursday at 9:30 a.m., that they had an aggressive agenda so he encouraged members of the committee to attend, that they would have a report by the LARA group as to its progress. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues for their support of Item No. 42, that it was a project that they had been working on for about two years and would allow artists in the City to have affordable housing at the old Jeff Davis Hospital building. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he had been in contact with the City Attorney's office and they would be having a townhall meeting with the Forfeiture Asset Support Team as well as the Small Retail Grocery Community about what was expected of the community, that a lot of merchants would like to comply but were not aware what the City expected of them, that the meeting would be in early August. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to recognize the work of Attorney Savita Rai, that she had tendered her resignation and had been head of the FAST team and while they had not always agreed on the methodology he certainly believed that she was dedicated and a hard working City employee. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Quan stated that the White Commission on Asian Americans would be visiting Houston next week, that invitations would be extended to all Council Members to meet with the commission to talk about how things were proceeding in the Houston area and concerns of the community. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to echo what Council Member Khan stated and to thank the Mayor for the direction given to the Airport System, that he was proud of the way His Holiness was treated, that there were a lot of people packed into a small area and thought that the Airport System and HPD and the Federal Customs group handled it very well and the event was a huge success. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that if anyone had a suit they wanted to get rid of they had a great place for them to end up, that Dress Up Houston on Monday would have a press conference at Kirby and Bissonnett and would run from August 2, 2004 thru August 13, 2004, that they were teaming with 100 Black Men, A Rocket Movers, Pilgrim Cleaners and Custom Collections to make it happen, if they did not want to go to Pilgrim Cleaners they could drop them off at their Council office. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he was out of the Chamber when Item No. 62 passed and he was very supportive of the ordinance and thought it would make a huge difference in the way they moved traffic. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that as to the contractor surety bonds, the Legal Department had been at their disposal working very hard and there was a lot of expertise to bring him and some other people up to speed and thought they were very close to having a result, per Mayor White's request, that was going to move the projects along much sooner and the same could be said about the railroad crossing. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Hugo Malenga in the Traffic Department for consistently doing a good job. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he was very happy with the airport signage, that he was at the airport during the weekend and the signs now promoted the City and offered great directions for helping people get around. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to congratulate Ms. Katy Dorfman for giving birth to Ryan Henry Dorfman, 9 lbs. 1 oz, yesterday at 6:38 and mother and child were healthy. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that to follow up on the comments the Mayor made with regard to the CIP process had the Mayor appointed a point person and Mayor White stated that Ms. Sara Culbreth, that she was the most knowledgeable and would be the point person. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that his committee along with Council Member Edwards committee were going to have a joint meeting on August 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. and would be a public forum for all of the Council Members to attend and if they had questions of the different department heads or Sara Culbreth or Issah Dadoush, that would be the opportunity to do it publicly. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado and Quan absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that they would have a meeting on August 11, 2004 to address some of the items that may or may not be placed on the November ballot for referendums for the City of Houston, that it would be at 2:30 p.m. Council Members Lawrence and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that as to Item No. 18, he wanted to thank Council Member Wiseman for tagging the item, that it was a renewal for a company that owed the City of Houston \$22,280 in ad valorem property taxes and owed the County \$25,878 in ad valorem property taxes, that it was a loop hole that they never fixed when they started dealing with contractors and vendors that owed the City ad valorem property taxes, that he would encourage the company to at least take care of the City taxes and set up some type of payment plan. Council Members Lawrence and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that they approved \$1.5 million for a law firm to represent the City on the true up issue with the PUC and Centerpoint and it was his understanding that after they had spent \$500,000 they would come back to the Fiscal Affairs Committee and say that was what they spent their money on and wanted to move forward, that he was presented with a brief that the law firm presented to the PUC, that they issued a bill to the PUC of \$1.9 million of which he thought the Council had to appropriate the full amount and did not understand, that he and Mr. Michel had a brief conversation about it, that they already had expenditures exceeding \$600,000, that it was a commitment that was made at the table and thought they all understood, that he wanted to make sure the law firm realized that the Council was the body that offered them the contract and they represented the City of Houston and therefore not to discard the Council and file the bill with the PUC, that he was concerned about and wanted to make sure they had further discussion about it. Council Members Lawrence and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that this weekend was the Houston International Jazz Festival, that it would start on Friday with a kickoff at the Red Cat Jazz Café, 902 Congress at 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday would be Latin Jazz at Jones Plaza in the evening and on Sunday would be the Mayor's Brunch at the Wortham and on Sunday afternoon would be more jazz at Jones Plaza from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Member Lawrence absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she had reported on several occasions the traffic signal on Kingwood Drive and Green Oak and this morning it was completely out, that she wanted to commend Public Works for how quickly they reacted. Council Members Lawrence and Ellis absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that they would have a public townhall coffee meeting to share the results of the Kingwood Mobility Study, that Public Works along with Parsons Transportation did an excellent job of conducting a comprehensive mobility study for Kingwood, that it would be on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at the Heritage Center in Kingwood from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Members Lawrence and Ellis absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that they would be hosting a Nickel Polish Cleanup in the Fifth Ward Community on Saturday, July 31, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. and the kickoff location was at the Fifth Ward Multi Service Center located at 4014 Market Street. Council Members Lawrence and Berry absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that they seemed to be having some type of problem with the Super Neighborhood Councils in her district and wished the administration would get some written policies, that she thought there should be something specific written as to who were the stakeholders in any Super Neighborhood Council. Council Members Lawrence, Sekula-Gibbs and Ellis absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted the administration to put together a meeting for her because she needed a complete update and status of the Crane Street storm drainage project with all of the parties involved. Council Members Lawrence, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Council Member Green stated that from August 1, 2004 to August 7, 2004 the American Tennis Association would be holding its national championships in the City, that they would be using various City parks to play the matches, that there would be about 1,200 individuals from all over the Country who would converge in Houston to play their national championships, that Ms. Zina Garrison would be chairing the event and there would be a gala on August 5, 2004, which was a roast and toast to honor Ms. Garrison, that she will be the U.S. Tennis Team's coach in Athens, Greece, that the gala would be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to lift up Mr. Terrance Fontaine, Mr. Anthony Hall and Mr. Roscoe Edwards, who used to be in the Police Department, that the three men were very instrumental in a strong group working with youth in the community encouraging aviation. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Alvarado, Ellis and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that there would be a convention in Houston starting August 2, 2004, the Progressive National Baptist Convention hosted by Mr. Willie Davis of Greater Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that the Houston Comets won last night and it was a great game, that on Saturday the Comets would be on Olympic break and would be off for a month, that they would have a game on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and there was going to be a special send off game for them, a lot of them would be on the Olympic team and their coach would be the coach of the Women's Olympic Basketball team. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that starting in August every week they were going to be talking about Chocolate Bayou and would have a question a week on Chocolate Bayou trivia, that she wanted to congratulate the Chocolate Bayou Committee who had a very successful economic forum. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he also wanted to congratulate Ms. Dolores Mendola, one of the project directors of the Northside Village Weed and Seed Program in the Anti Gang Office just delivered a brand new baby girl. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green

and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to extend his appreciation to the Mayor for taking time out last week and meeting with the Denver Harbor Collaborative, that they were doing great work and very committed to serving the community. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he had been having some good discussions with the new Health Department Director and they had a meeting set for tomorrow afternoon. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that on August 2, 2004 they would be having a health fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., that it was an important initiative. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to congratulate State Representative Jessica Ferrar who would be getting married and having her wedding reception at a union hall. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that as to Ms. Savita Rai he wanted to say that her contributions to the City of Houston, the FAST team in particular, had not been unnoticed and would not be forgotten. Council Members Lawrence, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that the World Coffee Queen International Pageant preliminaries would be held on Saturday in Houston at the Wortham Center. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Alvarado, Ellis, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that Mr. Frank Anthony in the District G office coordinated and sponsored with a group of students from the University of Houston Project Cool and they gathered supplies for the homeless, that they had been informed that it was such a success that there was a State convention in San Antonio in September on homelessness and the project and the students from the University of Houston had been asked to address the convention in order to show how to embrace and education in a community and municipality the challenges they faced as they go towards ending homelessness. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Alvarado, Ellis, Quan, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that on Tuesday, August 2, 2004, was the National Night Out, that it was a proactive program to provide crime awareness and for neighborhoods to get together. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Alvarado, Ellis, Quan, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:23 a.m. Council Members Lawrence, Galloway, Alvarado, Ellis, Quan, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary