

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 17, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Michael Berry presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell and Ronald C. Green; Ms. Connie Acosta, Division Chief, Labor Division, Legal Department; Ms. Claudia Vasquez, Director Citizens Assistance; Mr. Terence H. Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; present. Mayor Bill White out of the city on city business. Council Member Ada Edwards absent on personal business.

Note: Council Member At-Large Position 3 vacant.

At 1:56 p.m. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry called on Council Member Holm to begin presentations; and Council Member Holm invited the Mayor's Youth Council 2006-2007 led by their Chair Ana Vasquez-Trejo to the podium and stated that they would share their report. Miss Vasquez-Trejo introduced the Youth Council Members who were present Miss Giselle Robleto, Miss Jana Hermann, Mr. Zachary Garber, Miss Cindy Dinh and Miss Alaina Fielder and stated that they were proud to present their youth survey; and the Council Members summarized their survey which dealt with issues and concerns of college preparation, youth employment, crime, health and environment; and suggested recommendations and thanked Council for their support. Council Members Johnson, Garcia, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Khan stated he thought it appropriate to say many of them did belong in the Council chairs and congratulated them; and upon questions, Mr. Garber stated that regarding flooding they thought it an important issue because of the numerous floods in past years and hoped to resolve the issue with one means being widening and deepening the streets so houses would not flood and on crime sexual predators had a higher ranking than gangs. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Brown thanked the group and stated that they made some good recommendations and he hoped they would be able to make some changes. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Green invited those present with the Santana Dodson Foundation to the podium and stated that Mr. Dodson was a local celebrity who did great wonders on and off the field; that the foundation raised local funds for scholarships and provided financial and emotional support needed; and presented him a Proclamation saluting and commending them and wishing them continued success and proclaimed April 18, 2007, as "Santana Dodson Day" in Houston, Texas; and Ms. Dodson thanked all for the Proclamation. Council Members Garcia and Lovell absent.

Council Member Green invited members of the Houston Real Estate Association to the podium and stated that today they had been meeting with Members of Council and Housing and Real Estate and they had been very active in the community and was the largest minority trade association in America, at one time African Americans were barred from membership in the National Association of Realtors and was composed of mostly African Americans but embraced all qualified real estate practitioners; and presented a Proclamation celebrating and proclaiming April 15 through 21, 2007, as "Realtors Week"

which was dedicated to bringing minority real estate professionals together and promote fellowship and networking; and president, Dale Malloy thanked Council for their meeting and for the recognition. Council Members Garcia and Lovell absent.

Council Member Brown invited winners of Go Green Houston and Mr. Buck Buchanan, Director of Solid Waste to the podium and stated that it was his pleasure to announce Go Green Awards for recycling and presented checks to winners to go towards their neighborhood improvement projects with the winner being Braesmont in District C, highest paper recycling Meyerland in District C and most improved commingled area being Ashford Hollow, District G and highest overall commingled area being Shepherd Park Plaza, District A; and thanked all for their efforts and reminded Earth Day was Sunday April 22, 2007, and all should do their part. Council Members Garcia and Lovell absent.

At 2:27 p.m. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry called the meeting to order and stated that several citizens asked if Council on behalf of citizens of Houston would express thoughts and prayers to those in the great state of Virginia and asked all to join him in a moment of silence.

At 2:28 p.m. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry called on Council Member Holm who invited Pastor Doug Ferguson of Grace Presbyterian Church to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Holm led all in the pledge.

At 2:31 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor White out of the city on city business. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business.

Council Members Khan and Alvarado moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor White out of the city on city business. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Holm absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Garcia stated that as a point of personal privilege he wanted to recognize Mr. LongVeSung who was a representative of the China International Cultural Communications Center and primary person making this years International Festival, which was hosting China, possible visiting from Beijing, China, and Mr. VeSung stated that he was now a Houstonian, welcomed all to his country of China and thanked all for receiving him. Council Members Holm, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

At 2:33 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the speakers. Council Members Holm, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Mr. Richard Cowan, 8155 Hartford, Houston, Texas 77017 (713-649-2000) appeared and stated that he was owner of City Cab and was asking that Council delay the taxicab ordinance change on tomorrow's agenda for one year; that the ordinance was hard to understand and not fair to all participants who applied and needed to go to committee; and on another issue he noticed in other cities the city seal behind the elected officials in their meetings and would like the City of Houston to consider placing their beautiful seal on the wall behind them and allow people to know which City Council they were. Council Members Holm, Garcia and Lovell absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that he had a great suggestion on the seal and his input on the cab permits were appreciated; that the city was looking at her doing a taskforce; and upon questions, Mr. Cowan stated that maybe someone from the companies, the city and the council should be on it. Council Members Holm and Garcia absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Mr. Cowan stated that he was representing himself, but they had all gotten together and seemed to feel the ordinance difficult to understand and wanted it postponed one year to get a better understanding; that they could leave the numbers the same and distribute them on a more equal basis. Council Members Holm and Garcia absent.

Mr. Jerry Brady, 827 E. Rogers, Houston, Texas 77022 713-696-0177 appeared and stated that he was present representing Liberty Cab Company; that he had operated taxicabs in Houston since 1971 and was requesting Council support the recommendation of the F & A Department for a one year delay on the issuance of taxicab permits, it would not affect those previously approved for shuttle companies but would affect the 201 additional permits issued to current taxicab company operators and the delay would enable a study group to recommend appropriate action as to how the public would be best benefited; that the market now had no place for additional vehicles for hire and one solution would be to issue the permits over a 4 year period; that the current formula and ordinance worked well for the last 9 years, however, the time the ordinance was written no one could foresee 9/11 or additional population because of 2 hurricanes, but the those events used to calculate the permits were skewed by events of nature which could not be predicted. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that Houston had 144 companies and San Antonio had 24 companies and that was the second largest amount of cab companies for a city in the State of Texas and she appreciated his points. Council Member Garcia absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Garcia and Lovell absent.

Ms. Lucy Salazar, 1419 Munger, Houston, Texas 77023 (832-466-4307) appeared and stated that she was from the Eastend and wanted to request someone come out and look at the bus depot on the corner of Dumble and Telephone Road, it was not accompanying the people, it had no parking facilities and people bought their tickets and then had to stand out on the corner; that there were no crosswalks, no police and it was a danger and an eyesore; and at the corner of Dumble and Munger there were no crosswalks and there were 3 schools and a nursery within a two block radius; that her neighborhood had no welcoming signs, no palm trees, etc., and she hoped in the future the city may look at that. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that relating to the bus company she knew where it was and they probably did not have enough parking spaces and she would make sure someone from Public Works went out to look at the crosswalks, etc.; and Ms. Salazar stated that also heavy trash was placed out even a week or two ahead; and Council Member Alvarado stated that she should call 311 to report the trash out. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Garcia absent.

Ms. Leticia Solis, 919 Aaron, Houston, Texas 77017 (832-588-5833) appeared and stated that she and her husband were present as they were desperate; that they did not have money to cover the violations they were accused of, the setback lines, that they thought everything was in accordance with the law and had hired an architect to design the house and research the deed restrictions, the architect also took care of permits and they paid South Texas Surveying Associates to survey, but then a lady came to her property screaming and threatening them without identifying herself and saying she did not like the construction and claimed to have the power to tear it down; that an investigator came the next day and measured and said he did not know why he was sent there because it was good and then allowed them to continue; that the next day she received a red tag for violations of the deed restrictions with no explanation as to what part they were violating so they contacted Michael Martin, who according to the City of Houston was the one in charge and was supposed to inform them of everything but did not, on the contrary he made fun of her problem and said what she did was not his problem; that they took pictures of 47 houses violating setback lines and when they were going to present them were told they could not be accepted and Legal said whatever they did nothing would change their decision; that they had no money to repair such a problem and would offer community service in any area she could; that the city required 3 feet of property line and she had 3 feet and 6 inches; that she did not think she was violating any laws and would ask for Council's assistance in making her dream come true. Council Members Clutterbuck and Holm absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that it appeared they had taken all the right steps with surveying, deed restriction research and spoke with building inspectors and got the go-ahead several times; that the inspector said all was fine and then they were red tagged; and he would ask Public Works to look into this and why there were so many okays and then the door be shut. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that Alvin Wright, a Public Works representative was present and she would like him and her chief of staff to visit with them before they left the Chamber and have some things clarified; that they sent her information April 3rd to Public Works and the red tag received was not from the City of Houston but from someone in the neighborhood who had no legal authority to do so and the setbacks she understood the city was not enforcing deed restrictions of that nature in her neighborhood and she wanted that clarified; and upon questions, Ms. Solis stated that the lady who red tagged her was past president of the community association and there was no association any longer, but she said she could go to the city and have the house torn down; that the person who hung up on her husband was Michael Martin in Legal; and Council Member Wiseman stated that no one would tear down her house and she should speak with Mr. Wright and her chief of staff at this time. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan and Holm absent.

Ms. J. B. Boykins, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-439-7799) appeared and stated that she was again present requesting Council's assistance; that she was founder and executive administrator of the In Action Shelters Fellowship Home, a 13 year grassroots organization and she housed, fed, clothed, encouraged and assisted the addicted, mentally challenged, juvenile delinquents, etc., with emergency housing and was in need of funds; that Council had her assisted and she filed her 501c3, but now she had to let one of her 4 homes go because of lack of funding and she was now embarking on a campaign "One in a Million Partnership" and she was asking Council Members to

support her by using their influence, she was asking everyone to join in the "One Million Partnership" for all to give \$1.00. Council Members Johnson and Holm absent.

Ms. Claudia Price, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-697-6217) appeared and stated that she was present today from New York on behalf of In Action Shelters and standing in agreement with Ms. Boykins; that they were in need of finances and she had the "One in a Million Partnership" and was asking all to give \$1.00 and for the Mayor to stand with them in support of the shelter. Council Members Johnson and Holm absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to recognize Ms. Boykins and Ms. Price; that there was much need in this city and not enough money to help and he would encourage her to continue; that he was not sure the city could do this as a project but certainly could be supportive; that he knew she always took those who came and turned no one away and he would do what he could and would encourage his colleagues to do the same. Council Members Johnson and Holm absent.

Ms. Angela Land, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-697-6217) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called; and Ms. Boykins stated that she had a letter from Ms. Land which she would like to read. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that he was sorry she could not read the letter but could present it to Ms. Vasquez. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Garcia and Green absent.

Evangelist Beverly Broadus Green, 7550 Smallwood Place, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730 appeared and stated that she was from California and drove here as they saw a need; that she had been to the shelter and there was a need and she was asking all to help the shelter and allow the city to be blessed. Council Members Johnson, Holm and Garcia absent.

Ms. Michelle Hollander, 13159 Rummel Creek, Houston, Texas 77079 (713-569-7307) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Holm and Garcia absent.

Mr. Peter Boudreaux, 5009 Caroline # 200, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-523-8787) appeared and stated that he was speaking on behalf of the American Institute of Architects and they did not support the sale and demolition of the buildings at the Center serving persons with mental retardation, the Center and City of Houston were in disagreement over the validity of the site lease and they were historically and architecturally significant, it was the Center's first class urban design and environmental use of open land were concepts the AIA Houston supported vigorously and they were in good condition and had a long future for those with special needs; and urged the City of Houston renew its lease and continue essential services to Harris County. Council Members Johnson and Holm absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that what he said was another reason to support the Center and not attempt to take away the very home which it was for hundreds who resided there; that she did support his position and appreciated him taking time to come share that information. Council Members Johnson and Holm absent.

Council Member Brown stated that architects contributed a great deal to the quality of life and he thanked him and the AIA Houston Chapter for saying what needed to be

heard and he did believe he had the support of Council and would appreciate a copy of his speech. Council Members Johnson, Holm and Garcia absent.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that he thought he would find no one wanted to see the buildings demolished and certainly there was no intent to evict anyone, much less the mentally retarded, from the community; that the City of Houston had begun a review of all submarket leases as there was a fair amount of money due to the taxpayers. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Garcia absent.

Dr. Sherry Vinson, 5430 Valkeith, Houston, Texas 77096 (832-822-3425) appeared and stated that she was in support of saving the West Dallas Campus of the Center serving persons with mental retardation; that she was a physician and pediatrician at Baylor College of Medicine and often the person who must tell a tearful parent his or her child had mental retardation and one of the first questions was how would they prepare for their child's adulthood, especially when they were no longer around and over the years mention of the Center had brought great comfort and she could not imagine the high anxiety which would come to residents of the Center if their current routine was broken; and urged Council honor the lives of those with mental retardation by saving the West Dallas Campus of the Center. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Dr. Vinson for coming and being a voice much needed hearing; and stated that if this particular issue had done nothing else it had shown the tremendous support the community gave to what otherwise was a very lonely existence being the parent or loved one of a mentally retarded individual; that they received much mail all in support of the Center and she would take this opportunity to encourage those expressing support to do so with donations to the nonprofit which supported the mentally retarded. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Garcia absent.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that he hoped she would take the message back that no one wanted to close the facility and the Mayor was negotiating and even though it may continue to be submarket to put some lease legally binding and effective. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Alvarado moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Becky Crissman out of order, but a vote was not taken as a quorum was not present. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Becky Crissman, 2031 Arlington, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-503-7593) appeared and stated that she was present as she was a victim of identity theft and had now lived 8 months in the streets of Houston; that she was White, 55 and no children and 6 HPD reports had never been filed; that she had been referred to various places but no help and she was unable to work as she needed surgery and the person who ran into her did not have insurance and HPD would not pick him up. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Green absent.

Ms. Cindy Perez, 8501 Broadway, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-644-7581) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Green absent.

Mr. Jerry Harper, 2003 Dectur, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-880-5861) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Green absent.

Mr/Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Green absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-453-6376) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Green absent.

Ms. Sue Kinney, 17435 Imperial Valley, Houston, Texas 77060 (281-405-8394) appeared and stated that she had the same problem and wanted to know why; why the lady went to the post office to get her son's information, he was in the war and they should go to her house for the information. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:20 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Mayor White out of the city on city business. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2007, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, M. J. Khan, P. E. , Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present. Council Member Ada Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Addie Wiseman absent due to being ill.

Note: Council Member At Large Position 3 vacant.

At 8:28 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 17 out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0376 ADOPTED.

Council Member Lovell moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 35 out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0377 ADOPTED.

Council Member Alvarado moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 12 out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Johnson and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0378 ADOPTED.

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **ROCKWELL COMMUNITY 26, LP** to provide a \$4,375,000.00 loan of Federal "CDBG" Funds and a \$5,222,700.00 loan of Federal "HOME" Funds for eligible costs in connection with the acquisition and renovation of the Camino Real Apartments located at 7520 Cook Road, Houston, Texas, to house qualified low income residents - **DISTRICT F – KHAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0476 ADOPTED.
  
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendments to the 1993 and 1994 Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds and the 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 Consolidated Plans, including the grant applications for the Community Development Block Grant Program submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended – (**This was Item 28 on Agenda of April 11, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOVELL**) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Johnson and Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0477 ADOPTED.
  
12. ORDINANCE relating to the issuance of Taxicab Permits; delaying the 2007 Taxicab Permit Issuance Process – was presented. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he would request to the administration and Chairman Green that when they went through the process of looking into revisions of the ordinance that they give some consideration for giving opportunities for individual taxi cab drivers to apply for the permits also. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he knew Council Member Khan had taken a detailed interest, that they were interesting and challenging public policy issues, that in light of experience and customers and drivers who would do the right thing, but it would not be easy so he was heartened that Council Member Khan would participate in some way to try to guide them in the process.

A vote was called on Item No. 12. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0478 ADOPTED.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 31**

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to the **TOWER PERMIT COMMISSION** for terms expiring two years from date of confirmation:

Position One	-	<b>MR. TODD C. LITTON</b> , and as Chair
Position Two	-	<b>MS. BESSIE M. SWINDLE</b>
Position Three	-	<b>MR. RAY BAILEY</b>
Position Four	-	<b>MS. EVA GARCIA NINMAN</b>
Position Five	-	<b>DR. SHIN-SHEM STEVEN PEI</b>
Position Six	-	<b>MS. ELAINE GASKAMP</b>

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Alvarado and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0379 ADOPTED.

2. RECOMMENDATION from Chief of Police for approval of release of funds in the amount of \$25,982.00 to **MALUENDA MOTORS** - HPD Auto Dealers Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Alvarado and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0380 ADOPTED.

Mayor White and Members of Council congratulated the new appointed Members of the Tower Permit Commission and thanked them for their service to the City.

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 4

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,449,278.61 and acceptance of work on contract with **TROY CONSTRUCTION, L.L.P.** for Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal, WBS S-000035-00V1-4 - 2.0% under the original contract amount - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. MOTION 2007-0381 ADOPTED.

**PROPERTY** - NUMBER 5

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY5-121, located at 10451 Aldine Westfield Road, owned by Zulem Gomez and Silvestre Gomez for the **ALDINE WESTFIELD PAVING PROJECT**, N-000577-0001-2-01 - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. MOTION 2007-0382 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 6 through 8

6. ORDINANCE appropriating \$858,815.82 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Emergency Repair of Force Mains at Three Locations for the Public Works & Engineering Department, WBS R-000266-00U5-4, R-000266-00U6-4, R-000266-00U7-4 **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and F - KHAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0479 ADOPTED.
  
- 6a. **TROY CONSTRUCTION, L.L.P.** for payment for Emergency Repair of Sewer Force Mains for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$534,065.82 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and F - KHAN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. MOTION 2007-0383 ADOPTED.
  
7. **AGS SCIENTIFIC, INC d/b/a NIPPON INSTRUMENTS NORTH AMERICA** for Mercury Analyzer System for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$41,225.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. MOTION 2007-0384 ADOPTED.
  
8. **AMEND MOTION #2005-265, 3/30/05, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$241,170.00 to \$337,638.00 for Replacement Parts for Existing Metering Pumps and Analyzers for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **MACAULAY CONTROLS COMPANY** - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. MOTION 2007-0385 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 14 through 31

14. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 12,680 square foot portion of Ovid Street, Parcel No. SY5-044, located in the John Austin Survey, A-1, Houston, Harris County, Texas, as shown on the plat recorded at Volume 482, Page 564, Harris County Deed Records; vacating and abandoning said parcel to Sawyer Heights Village, Ltd., the abutting owner ("Owner"), in consideration of (a) Owner's conveyance to the City of (I) a 35 foot wide hike and bike trail easement, Parcel No. AY3-561, (II) a public street right-of-way easement containing 161 square feet, more or less, Parcel No. AY5-059A, to widen Taylor Street, and (III) a public street right-of-way easement containing 3,837 square feet, more or less, Parcel No. AY5-059B, to widen Sawyer Street, all situated in said John Austin Survey, A-1, Harris County, Texas; (b) Owner's executing an amendment to the Parcel No. AY3-561 easement conveyance agreeing to maintain a drainage system on the property; and (c) other good and valuable consideration; granting a \$1,434.00 Carryover Credit to Owner for the excess value of the property it is conveying, to apply only toward the future abandonment and sale of street rights-of-way and/or easements in Phase Three of owner's project that this ordinance is related to - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards

absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0480 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Land-Use Restriction Agreement (Restrictive Covenants) between the City of Houston and **HOPWA HOUSING CORPORATION** regarding facility located at 3939 North Freeway, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0481 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **GARRISON ENTERPRISES, INC** for Software Product License and Software Product Support Services for the Digital Health Department System; providing a maximum contract amount - \$283,333.36 - Health Special Revenue Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0482 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing International Facilities Agreement at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston by and between the City of Houston and **AEROVIAS DE MEXICO S.A. DE C.V. (AEROMEXICO), SOCIETE AIR FRANCE, BRITISH AIRWAYS, PLC., CAYMAN AIRWAYS, LTD., CONSORCIO AVIAXSA S.A. DE C.V. D/B/A AVIACSA AIRLINES, DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA AG,** and **TACA INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES S.A.** - Revenue **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0483 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$50,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$800,000.00 out of Metro Project Commercial Paper Series E Fund No. 4027 and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SPARKS-BARLOW-BARNETT, INC** for Design of Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project NSR 451, WBS N-000383-0001-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and the Metro Project Commercial Paper Series E Fund No. 4027 - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0484 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON INC** for Brookline Park, WBS F-000610-0001-4, setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed out of the Federal Government-Grants Fund - \$113,445.50 - CDBG Fund - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0485 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **RESICOM, INC** for Tony Marron Park, WBS F-0504D2-0001-4; setting a deadline for the bidders execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing; and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed out of the Federal Government-Grants Fund - \$98,850.00 - CDBG Fund - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0486 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$324,987.35 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Construction Services for Various Fire Department Facilities, WBS C-000089-0001-4 under an existing contract with **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION L.P. - DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - WISEMAN; F - KHAN; G - HOLM and H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0487 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$275,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TEDSI INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP, INC** for Design of City-wide On-Call Transportation Engineering Services, WBS N-000650-0028-4; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0488 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE granting to **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION, DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS OPERATIONS**, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, install, retire, operate, and maintain its facilities within the public rights-of-way of the City of Houston, Texas for the transportation, delivery, sale and distribution of natural gas; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; providing for severability and providing an effective date - **FIRST READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. ORDINANCE 2007-0489 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ACCEPT WORK**

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$758,008.61 and acceptance of work on contract with **MERIDIAN COMMERCIAL, L.P.** for Cloverland Park, WBS F-504A12-0012-4 - 15.02% over the original contract amount **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

Council Member Khan on Item No. 3 he noticed that it was 15.02% over the original contract amount and would like for someone to brief him as to why it went over that much, and Mayor White stated that he would make sure that Building Services review that with him.

A vote was called on Item No. 3. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0386 ADOPTED.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

9. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ("CJD")** for the After-School Achievement Program through the After School Matters! Project; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks & Recreation Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. RESOLUTION 2007-0016 ADOPTED.
10. RESOLUTION approving the issuance and sale by Houston Housing Finance Corporation of Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds (GNMA, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac Mortgage-backed Securities Program) Series 2007A and approving the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to such bonds – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Garcia. Council Member Berry absent.
11. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Emergency Management - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0490 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE establishing City of Houston Election Precincts and designating Polling Places for the City of Houston Special Election to be held on May 12, 2007 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0491 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 115.535 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 188**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0492 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE accepting the individual proposals from **UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS LONDON, SR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS INSURANCE COMPANY, GREAT LAKES REINSURANCE (UK), RSUI INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY, NUTMEG INSURANCE COMPANY, AXIS SURPLUS INSURANCE**

**COMPANY, INTEGON SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, ARCH SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY** and approving and authorizing the purchase of an Excess General City Property Insurance Policy - \$1,175,104.81 - Insurance Revolving Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0493 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Lease Agreement between **HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM as landlord**, (“Landlord”), and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant (the “City”), for space at 3100 Main Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77002, for five (5) years, extending the term of the lease and providing for a monthly rental of \$4,539.78, for use by the City of Houston Municipal Channel - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0494 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between **6201 BONHOMME LP, a Texas limited Partnership, as Landlord** (“Landlord”), and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant (the “City”), for a total of 17,700 square feet of space located at 6201 Bonhomme, Houston, Harris County, Texas, at a monthly rental of \$23,600.00 during the eighty-four (84) month rental, with an option to renew for an additional five (5) year period at the then current market rate, for use by the Department of Health & Human Services’ Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program - **DISTRICT F - KHAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0495 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,282,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Water Line Construction in Garden City Park Area, WBS S-000035-00N7-4; setting a deadline for the bidder’s execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, project management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0496 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$275,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **GUNDA CORPORATION, INC** for Design of City-wide On-Call Transportation Engineering Services, WBS N-000650-0029-4; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on

personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0497 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$800,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HNTB CORPORATION** for Design of Parker Road Paving Improvements from Hardy Toll Road to US 59, WBS N-000708-0001-3 and Fulton Street from Tidwell Road to Parker Road, WBS N-000542-0003-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and H - GARCIA** - was presented.

Council Member Brown stated that the project included sidewalks on Parker Road, that within the last couple of months they had tried to find out what the situation was as far as putting sidewalks on Parker Road and it was impossible to get an answer then he looked into what was included in the contract and sidewalks were included, that he wondered whether they should have a map or plan of existing and proposed sidewalks, that he thought it would help every neighborhood in the City so they would know what was there and what was coming, particularly in areas that were underserved by sidewalks. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that when comments were made around the table he did forward it to the Public Works Department saying it was a concern, and Council Member Brown's point, which was good, was that they should be diligent in making sure they got back to Members of Council on issues such as this, that there were comments made around the table about sidewalks before. Council Member Berry absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 30. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0498 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 32 through 35

32. RESOLUTION approving the creation of the **LELAND WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; approving the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws thereof; confirming the appointment of the Initial Directors and Chairperson - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON – (This was Item 21 on Agenda of April 11, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. RESOLUTION 2007-0017 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-two, City of Houston, Texas (Leland Woods); authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON – (This was Item 22 on Agenda of April 11, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0499 ADOPTED.

34. RECOMMENDATION from Director Library Department for approval of Change Order in the amount of \$144,260.00 on contract with **MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY (3M)** for Materials Security Systems and Maintenance Contract for Library Department - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; B - JOHNSON; D - EDWARDS and I – ALVARADO** – (**This was Item 27B on Agenda of April 11, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOVELL**) – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0387 ADOPTED.

### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Lawrence stated that tonight there would be a fundraiser for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park at Willie G's on Post Oak starting at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to take a moment of personal privilege for a moment of silence for the father of Richard Cantu, that Richard was a long time servant of the City and worked hard on behalf of the constituents of the City and his father was very proud of all that he had accomplished.

Council Member Holm stated that she received from Scenic Houston about the proposal of moving the scenic district forward on the Katy Freeway and she wanted to go on record that if Mayor White brought it forward she would support it, that her concern remained that the actual stakeholders who would be affected by this had no contact or information but she was assuming that it had been taken care of and she was not aware of it, that she wanted to make sure that when they did something that it was affectively done and everyone that would be impacted had some chance to participate in the decision. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Holm stated that last night they were in the district at a homeowners association meeting and the big concern continued to be crime in the City and as they went into the budget process the realization was that they could not control crime, that it was not necessary the lack of good police protection or police force it was the result of the people who were committing the crimes and their personal perspective on life and their inability to cope with life and as they moved forward she thought it was important that while public safety was their biggest concern that they really search their hearts and souls and make sure that every dollar they spend was effectively spent and not just adding dollars to sustain programs that maybe should be reevaluated. Council Members Clutterbuck and Garcia absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she was sending around the MS150 Pledge form, that she was riding this weekend and thought that Council Member Berry was joining her, that Houston had the largest MS150 ride in the Country, which raised about \$9 million a year and it went to a good cause so she hoped her colleagues would take an interest and make a pledge. Council Members Clutterbuck and Garcia absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he was out of the Country in Qatar last week and it makes them so proud to be an American when they were in other country's and societies, that he would request everybody to get to know about the various systems

around the world and maybe it would help them appreciate their great system and country even more so. Council Members Clutterbuck and Garcia absent.

Council Member Green stated that the next Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting would take place on May 1, 2007, that about a month ago they got a preliminary schedule of the budget hearings which would take place at the middle of May, so please govern themselves accordingly and govern their travels accordingly. Council Members Clutterbuck and Garcia absent.

Council Member Green stated that on April 28, 2007 Southern University would have their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Crawfish Boil and it would be held in Kitty Hollow Park in Missouri City, Texas, if they needed information they could contact Mr. Lawrence Snoden at 713-302-1463. Council Members Clutterbuck and Garcia absent.

Council Member Green stated that CH2M Hill was having their annual golf tournament on May 21, 2007 and they use the money to buy bikes for underprivileged children, that it would be held at Wild Cat and they could email Chris McCarthy at [chris.mccarthy@ch2m.com](mailto:chris.mccarthy@ch2m.com). Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to concur with Council Member Holm with regard to the stakeholders on I-10 because he did agree, that he was getting calls from Scenic Houston Board Members and he respected the work all the way back to Billboards Unlimited that they were doing, that they just wanted to make sure that everybody had an opportunity to speak to the extent that they wanted to. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Berry stated that with regard to the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park, that there were several news items of late that were related but more importantly they related to precedent at the City of Houston, that they had to be careful when they treated one group one way that they were consistent across the board, that they were not perfect but they should strive to be so that citizens, even if they did not get what they wanted, felt like the process was fair, that HISD sold the park and those revenues went in to educating kids, that the community got involved to raise money for the park, but the precedent that was established in that case, the City's involvement said that they wanted to assist organizations that were serving the public good but they could not use general revenue tax dollars to do it, and they simply would not, they could not do it and still be good fiduciaries of the public taxpayer dollars, that he knew that the Center for the mentally retarded issue was on all of their minds and they all wanted to do the right thing and he thought they were proceeding toward a healthy resolution, that first and foremost that they continue to respect, honor, take care of and provide for the mentally retarded adults in their community, that he had gotten calls from family members and out of fear they did not know the whole story yet, that he wanted to assure taxpayers and residents that they were going to do the right thing, both by the taxpayers and the residents of the Center for the Mentally Retarded and thought they were going to have at the end of the day a negotiated deal that was good and proper and right by everybody. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Berry stated that if they did not have a problem on their paycheck this past week or no members of their teams had no problem with their checks, then they might think about calling Mr. John Silva, F&A, because his entire office and Katie Dorfman and a number of people were working on Easter Sunday and for the two weeks

prior to that, were working literally around the clock to make sure that it went along seamlessly, that he wanted to thank Mr. Silva, Ms. Dorfman, Ms. Vernita Jones and all of the people in F&A for making sure that they did notice that it went of seamlessly, that the SAP project was up and running and fully implemented and he thought it was going to be great in the long run. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Brown stated that there was a planning search that was taking place in Houston, that Urban Transit Corridor Planning, that they were developing some principles for smart growth, planning and design principles that he thought were really going to carry the City forward the way they should go in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, that one of them was Go Green, a sustainable development aspect of transit corridor planning as they make their City more dense. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he got an email from a constituent saying that recycling was inaccessible and practically non existent in the City even for those who were actively trying to recycle, that he thought the reference was not just paper but glass and plastics, compost material and aluminum cans, that he would suggest recycling bins in supermarket parking lots, that in Philadelphia there was green glass and white glass separated as well as paper and aluminum cans and plastics, that it really worked, that he had talked to HEB about it and they said they would like to consider it, that it was convenient for people who were going to the supermarket and could take their recycling and deposit it in different colored bins, that he thought the supermarket retailers could be brought together. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Brown stated that a developer came to him and said that the City of Houston was crisscrossed with pipeline easements, and there was a group who would like to take the initiative to turn pipeline easements into part of their parks, open space and green networks and the developer felt that arrangement could be made with the pipeline companies, that they could also function as linear regional detention as well as walking trails and interconnecting and greenspace, that he thought it was a very interesting idea. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to mention a waste to profit program that was being initiated in a number of cities and was promoted by the United States Business Council on Sustainable Development where large scale producers of scrap materials and industrial waste, who did 200,000 to 300,000 tons per year, start talking to each other and exchanging their waste so they were taking less of the large tonnage of materials to their landfills, that it seemed to be working in Chicago and seemed to be profitable and thought it was another initiative they could take in terms of the greening of Houston. Council Members Lawrence, Holm and Garcia absent.

Mayor White stated that on the last item if Council Member Brown could get that information to Mr. Uckster, that they made a lot of product just in a couple of weeks on wood waste and what they could do to reduce the long run landfill costs; that on the developer who he assumed wanted to pay for at his own expense the development of some of the pipeline trails or right-of-ways, that he would say to get the information to him first and he would assign it out, if somebody was wanting to invest in trail development along those pipeline easements, there were some legal issues but they would work through those legal issues. Council Members Lawrence, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that the International Festival would going on this weekend; also the Grand Prix of Houston which was going to be conducted this weekend and believed it was the second year of a five year contract and it brought in a lot of business and merchant dollars to their community, that there were going to be some neighborhood friendly changes that were going to be made to the grand prix, that there would only be one evening this year on Saturday and would end by 9:45 p.m. and there would be no activity on the race track after 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, in addition they had adjusted the schedule to Friday through Sunday. Council Members Lawrence, Khan and Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that on Monday, April 23, 2007 the Parks and Recreation Department would be holding a public forum for District C residents about the Park Master Plan, it was an opportunity for communities to give their input on park renovations, that it would be at the Marian Community Center at 11101 South Gessner. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that with Metro responding positively to many of their concerns she wanted to thank Mayor White for putting her in charge of helping to get a response for bike racks on buses and was pleased that Metro had listened, that they would be holding a press conference on Friday to take advantage of the federally funding that was set to expire in August. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that the shootout on Highway 59 between two rival human smuggling gangs, that it was the second high profile shootout that they were familiar with in the District C area and it made people wonder how many other crimes such as this were being addressed that they may or may not know about, that it was truly the ugly side of their extremely dysfunctional immigration policy that they had, that she heard about this concern at every community meeting she attended, that it made people feel unsafe, that it would have a tremendous impact on their economic growth if they could not get it under control, that she would like to start with a discussion about what their Police Department was currently doing and what they could do in the future, and how did they as a collaborative body come together and make suggestions about having a dialog and putting an end to this kind of violence and to the tragic human suffering that was at the core of the violence. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:04 a.m. Council Member Edwards absent on personal business. Council Member Wiseman absent due to being ill. Council Members Lawrence and Garcia absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary