

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 10, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ann Clutterbuck, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega and C. O. "Brad" Bradford; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Mr. Nelson Espitia, Director Citizens Assistance, Mr. Xavier Herrera, Citizens Assistance Office; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Mayor Annise D. Parker, Council Members Mike Sullivan and Al Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Jarvis Johnson, Wanda Adams, Stephen C. Costello and Jolanda "Jo" Jones absent on personal business.

At 1:30 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called the meeting to order and stated that presentations would begin with Council Member Rodriguez. Council Member Rodriguez invited representatives present with the Coalition for the Homeless to the podium and stated that it gave him great pleasure to recognize an outstanding organization; that the Coalition for the Homeless was very engaged throughout the city and he was impressed with their commitment; that they would focus 2011 efforts on uniting for permanent solutions to homelessness and address community identified priorities which would transform the local response and get solutions to end homelessness; and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented a Proclamation to the representative and proclaimed today "Coalition for the Homeless Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Clutterbuck, Pennington and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Representative for Coalition for the Homeless thanked all for the recognition and stated that they wanted to serve their community well and they knew many were homeless and it was their job to prevent and end homelessness. Council Members Clutterbuck, Pennington and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Members Lovell and Noriega thanked the representative for all their efforts and stated that it was a difficult and serious issue of all ages. Council Members Clutterbuck, Pennington and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez invited Ms. Diana Frinzetti, Executive Director for the Texas Regional Office of National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to the podium and stated that he was honored to do this presentation; that according to the U. S. Department of Justice in one year it was estimated nearly 800,000 children were missing and an estimated average of 2,200 were reported missing daily; that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children existed as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation and to assist them and their families; that May 25, 2011 was a time to remember children still missing and give hope to their families and the City of Houston was urging participation of local government, law enforcement, schools, community organizations and families in the protection and education of all; that this was a serious problem across the country; and presented a Proclamation to Ms. Frinzetti and proclaimed today as "National Missing Children Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Clutterbuck, Pennington and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig thanked Ms. Frinzetti for all their work and stated that there was a case in her district she witnessed and all were concerned about children; and Ms. Frinzetti stated that on behalf of the Texas Regional Office located in Austin and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children located in Washington they greatly appreciated all the support and the Proclamation and appreciated all law enforcement. Council Members Clutterbuck, Pennington and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 1:48 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called on Council Member Stardig who invited

Pastor Dave Mason with St. Peter United Church of Christ to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Stardig led all in the pledge. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 1:52 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Costello and Jones absent on personal business. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 1:53 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Linda Scurlock, 4747 Knotty Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-433-5737) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Dr. Laura Murillo, 1801 Main #890, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-644-7070) appeared and thanked Mayor Parker and her staff and Council Members Noriega, Gonzalez and Rodriguez for working so closely with the Hispanic community and stated that they made sure all voices were in a room together to address issues regarding the proposed revised redistricting map; that she knew they still had information to review and all appreciated their thoughtfulness and the Houston Chamber of Commerce was happy to serve as conveners for a group which too long went without a voice. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell thanked Ms. Murillo for organizing and convening and facilitating meetings and many ideas were received; and thanked the Administration for an open process. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Murillo stated that thanks really went to the people in the community and Council Members who all came together with a common cause. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Marc Campos, 816 Raltallen, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-861-2244) appeared and stated that he could not add a lot to what has been said, but the process was fair, open and transparent; that instead of meeting the normal fierce opposition this Mayor worked with them and they felt they now had a fair plan and not just for Latinos and he supported it; and urged a vote in favor when the time came. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig thanked Mr. Campos for attending the meetings and stated that she appreciated everyone's input from all groups represented. Council Members Clutterbuck and Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Dr. Dorothy Caram, 2603 Glen Haven Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-665-5398) appeared, presented a Miller Outdoor Theatre Calendar of Events and stated that she did thank all for their work on redistricting but today was present because of Miller Theatre, for about 40 years she had been an active member or emeritus member and active on the board and she was so concerned because it was a jewel of a theatre in the United States and free to all; that the city was looking at the

budget, but when deliberating and making contracts for privatization she would ask they make sure all in the contract would keep the system going to fund the performing arts, maintain the wonderful crew and staff they had and keep a citizen run board and encourage all to attend. Council Members Swardig and Clutterbuck absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Dr. Caram for coming and stated he too shared some of her concerns, he was not briefed on the process and it was a fast moving proposal, but he thought the Administration and several departments owed taxpayers an explanation, they need to say why this was in the best interest of the city arts groups and organizations and how did it impact the organizations, convention business, hotel rooms, etc.; that they needed to see numbers and it deserved a broader discussion. Council Member Clutterbuck absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell thanked Dr. Caram for serving on the board and stated that she too shared Council Member Rodriguez's concerns and all needed to hear more, but since the zoo was privatized it was a show piece and one of the best in the nation and this may work for the Miller Theater, but she did want to hear more. Council Member Clutterbuck absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Linda Scurlock, 4747 Knotty Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-433-5737) who was not present when her name was previously called was now present and appeared and stated that she was present on redistricting; that she participated in meetings and citizens were told they could draw their own redistricting maps, but they were not told what would be done with them and most citizens did not have the expertise, but if the proposed map released April 6th was changed how would the public know; what changes were made and why; which citizens maps were considered; before the final map was presented to the Department of Justice would it be available to the public; and she was asking all be fair to citizens. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that Ms. Scurlock always did a good job expressing herself and they appreciated her feedback; that the process did need to go further in communicating with the public and she would like to also hear what the process was and if Planning could give some feedback on line or something; and Ms. Scurlock stated that they presented the Harris Plan and met with Mr. Wood after they discovered they could. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Bradford stated that as a Council Member he had in front of him a document entitled "A Report To City Council On Revised Redistricting Staff Plan as of May 9, 2011" by Mr. Jerry Wood the hired consultant and the document indicated there were 13 plans submitted by deadline and 9 were evaluated and determined to meet requirements and 4 did not and it did a pretty good job in his view of answering her questions and he would ask the Vice Mayor Pro Tem whether the document would be made available to the public because he thought it should be as it answered questions as to which plans were received, how they were evaluated and how they were determined to not be in compliance with the statute; that Ms. Scurlock mentioned she was a part of a plan Ms. Harris submitted and he would say the document indicated that plan was not recommended, but he would like her to be able to read why; and he would

recommend it be make available to the public; and upon questions, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he made a good point and it should be posted on line along with the revised map being submitted by the Administration by close of business today; and Ms. Scurlock stated that she had a problem because Mr. Wood said the plan was fine and she would like to know what the problem was. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the map and report the Council Member referenced would be on the City Website by close of business today and they would follow-up with her by phone about her concerns; and Ms. Scurlock stated that she would prefer they follow-up on line; and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he wanted to be sure they had a good email address. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Mark Smith, P. O. Box 896, Bellaire, Texas 77402 (713-867-5998) appeared and stated that he was disabled and aggravated at some city policies such as allowing METRO to spend billions in these times based on information from 1982; and he traveled with a folding shopping basket he needed to aid his getting around and the Downtown Library said to him about eight times he could not take the basket in, once he was told the basket was okay but he had too many bags; that rules adopted in 2005 said bags measuring two feet in length or width could not be allowed, but his was not that and he asked for reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and even tried to get help from the Mayor's Citizens with Disabilities Office and was told his cart did not meet ADA standards. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Noriega stated that Mr. Smith should continue; and Mr. Smith stated that one person said he could not do that and a library person called someone who said they usually went with whatever the security people said, but the city could save money by eliminating security there as he was able to take his cart in other libraries; and Council Member Noriega stated that she remembered him present prior; and upon questions, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would refer Mr. Smith to the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office and the Mayor's Persons With Disabilities Office as well and they would try and help navigate through the problems. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that she thought city Legal needed to get involved, he was making a reasonable accommodation request and a determination needed to be made so they could be consistent; that the Americans With Disabilities Act should cover this, but she was not an attorney; and she would appreciate one decision; and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would like to make sure Legal could coordinate and he get an response. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Norman Nelson, P. O. Box 681424, Houston, Texas 77268 (713-854-7246) appeared and stated that he was an attorney and used to work for a company which was awarded a job order contract to perform construction services on city facilities and he resigned in June of last year after discovering his boss was marking up construction bids or "bid rigging" to steal money from the city; that HPD did begin an investigation which subsequently stalled and the officer in charge said the city needed to perform an

audit of company records and hand over their findings to HPD who could then hand it over to the DA to find out if they wanted to press charges; that he was present asking Council to get the ball rolling on an audit and immediately suspend the job order contract if it was reinstated and to prohibit them from bidding on any construction projects related to their contract or other city projects and that their computers be seized and their business records taken and to talk to current and former employees as to his knowledge none of this was done during the investigation and each day nothing was done it provided time for his former employer to cover up. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Nelson stated that he did not know if the Controller was the proper office for the audit but it was needed, the officer at HPD said he could not go in and request business records, it all had to go through the city and then be handed to HPD; and Council Member Bradford stated that the Controller Office had official auditing authority and in front of Council Members they had a memo indicating the Controller Office referred the matter to HPD because of allegations involved and additional it indicated that HPD concluded its investigation March 2011, so they had conducted their investigation; and Mr. Nelson stated it was his understanding they concluded or suspended their investigation because they did not have enough evidence; and Council Member Bradford stated that HPD had full criminal investigation authority and could do the types of audits he was talking about or had access to city resources to conduct that type of audit; that they would not label this complete unless they in fact had concluded there were no criminal charges sustainable or there was simply not enough evidence to move forward, but he would commit to doing a follow-up with HPD to determine the status of the investigation. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they would make sure to ask the Administration if there was any other additional steps needed; that at this point he would refer him to Mr. Humberto Bautista with the General Services Department and who was present at this time as he may have additional information. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Victoria Lastee, 14635 Brockwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77047 (713-416-8350) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Leola Burroughs, 2514 Woodsdale Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77038 (832-282-4416) appeared and stated that her concern was insurance benefits; that the city just changed benefits as of May 1st and she had gone to her doctor on May 28th and advised she would need emergency surgery and at that point she informed Kelsey Seybold which was supposed to be, well CIGNA which was supposed to be doing the new takeover as of May 1st and she informed them on April 28th and spoke to three representatives; that she spoke to them on April 29th and spoke to three representatives and from the advise there was a 90 day waiver that could be passed if you had an outstanding illness prior to the changeover and requested the form; that CIGNA told her for four days they were mailing the form out and she never received it and as of the fifth day she contacted CIGNA's office and they informed her how to download the form and then she submitted the form; that when she tried to call Health

and Benefits and the representative Omar Reid's Office voice mail was completely full and you could not get through, could not speak to anyone and no one returned calls, but it was saying someone was in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and she called yesterday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. five times and no response and called two city numbers, the one for Benefits and the one for Human Resources; that Mr. Reid finally called her about 6:45 p.m. and she had to commend Council Member Jones office as they were very helpful and without that representative she would have never gotten in touch with Mr. Reid and something needed to be done; that CIGNA got benefits as of May 1st so as of May 10th why was it so hard to get anyone with the city or the insurance. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that she would like a report on this issue; that one thing they talked about when accepting this agreement was service and if this was their service she was going to have an issue; that if anyone was listening from CIGNA they would do well to contact her office and the Administration and she would ask the Administration to contact...; that she wanted to be sure there was a positive message and positive transition for employees because this was an issue she discussed with representatives, this did not sound like a smooth transition and anyone with an illness did not need added stress; and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that she made good points and both the H. R. Director Mr. Reid and CIGNA were listening and they were aware of this and this was unacceptable and they apologized. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Reverend Joe Angel Lopez, 13334 Wells River Drive, Houston, Texas 77041 (832-891-2724) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Noah Ratter, 5230 Madden, Houston, Texas 77048 (832-748-8765) appeared and stated that he was present speaking on behalf of a delegation from the Crestmont Park Civic Association; and they were the voice of the Crestmont Park community and those present with him stood to be recognized; that they were in southeast Houston and for the most part African American and consisted of 1,200 homes with few apartment complexes and five schools, one of which was private; that as an organization and larger community they wanted to impress the importance of their park and community center and that they needed to be open; that they understood during hard economic times it was often necessary to cut funding for programs and facilities, but their park was not just a line item, they were individuals who worked, paid bills and taxes and played and retired there and the park was important in the process; that the facility had been a home to children through summer programs and after school programs and they were present asking Council to remember them as an organization and not just as a far away group, their community was full of life and they were having a meeting June 7th and all were invited out. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Noriega, Mr. Ratter stated that four schools were HISD and one was a private school; and Council Member Noriega thanked Mr. Ratter for coming and stated that he was doing what was needed as they went through the budget process. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO

QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Ratter was doing a great job advocating for his community and based on notes he had the Parks Department had spoken with him and were aware of the community center and working hard to keep as many centers opened as possible and it was still a work in progress. Council Members Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Christopher McAllister, 1907 Freeman, Houston, Texas 77007 (281-857-4258) appeared and stated that he was a Houston firefighter and engineer operator at Station 73; and those present with him stood to be recognized; that he was present speaking on behalf of 238 brother and sister firefighters whose jobs presently weighed in the balance; that they had committed themselves to this city and with the financial situation there would be cuts, but it was his belief cuts should never cause a decrease in safety for the general populous; that according to the NFPA staffing levels they were already inadequate and that was not even considering events such as hurricanes, flooding or terrorism; that releasing employment further thinned out the manpower and a reduction of force equaled indefinite closures to specific fire stations or day by day closure of different stations and it could prove catastrophic even if it was for a single day; that the greatest reassurance to returning home was the crew they were with; that company or team was pivotal to their safety; and urged Council consider the impact on the firefighters, EMT's, paramedics and their families. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Bradford thanked Mr. McAllister and those present for their service and stated that he believed Houston's fire department was the finest in the country; that he had mentioned 200 plus jobs hanging in the wings and the staffing model in HFD was based on the ISO standards and he wanted to make sure that stayed in place and in his view they did not have 200 plus firefighter jobs hanging anyplace; that the city had to provide core services and they provided a number of things beyond core service activities, but before he would support losing a single firefighter he would do all to make sure the other areas in the city were looked into. Council Members Clutterbuck, Pennington and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Noriega stated that she would echo her colleague's sentiments; that Council Member Bradford did a beautiful job discussing the issue and all understood how important the firefighters and EMT's were; that they did not pay into social security and their 6.2% came out of their pension discussion; and they needed to hang on to all. Council Member Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Rodriguez thanked all for coming today and for what they did on a daily basis; that he supported them all and he would work with the union, etc., to make sure they kept their jobs and he would like to hear from their Chief as he had been too quite on the issue. Council Member Pennington absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Bonnie Richter, 1907 Freeman, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-501-5680) appeared and stated that she was a captain for the Houston Fire Department at Station 10 and served for over 15 years and was also present to discuss layoffs; that the department plan involved layoffs of 200 plus members beginning July 1st and one was her rookie and three was from her district and the 2009 class of which she was a

training officer would all be included in that group; that she understood they were due to fiscal needs of the city who initially set a 5% reduction goal for HFD and then the target was lowered to 3.9% after Finance and Administration determined they underestimated tax revenues by \$45 million; that in the priority list HFD was 6th based on how funds would be redistributed and labor and management worked hand in hand to find a solution meeting the budget reduction target set by the city and both sides agreed layoffs would have a detrimental affect on the ability to provide the level of care and protection currently being provided to citizens; that the city spent between \$13,000 and \$18,000 each year to give civil service exams to qualify the individuals for entry into the Fire Department and prerequisites mentioned added to the cost to graduate one cadet was \$32,500 and add another \$740,000 for man hours put into recruiting, processing and training each class and then additional cost if he was added to paramedics; that much was spent training them to serve citizens and if laid off they spent money to give another city well trained civil servants; that they also excelled in providing rescue, hazmat, airport rescue, etc., and yesterday morning 255 firefighters were called into action responding to a four alarm fire at an apartment complex and the number responding to that one incident was the number being considered to be placed out of their job.

Upon questions by Council Member Noriega, Ms. Richter stated that on a daily basis they responded to six cardiac arrests and their save rates often exceeded 50% so basically they had to decide which three they would be willing to give up; and Council Member Noriega stated that they were working hard to get more women and everything was of concern it was all a serious problem.

Council Member Stardig stated that she recognized issues facing the fire Department and many firefighters; that they had addressed dangerous buildings and they did care about their safety, they also understood the cost of replacement and the business aspect of this; that she would not support laying off firefighters or police, but there were hard decisions and they were working to make this right.

Council Member Pennington stated that he met with Mr. Canyon this morning and encouraged he and they as a group were providing input on ways to reduce cost; that he told him he would be supportive of it and he hoped they could reduce without reducing any classified people; that he thought there was waste in emergency services and he brought it up before to the Chief and he would encourage them to give their best thoughts.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that now Council had a quorum and asked for a motion to adopt the minutes; and Council Member Lovell and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Costello and Jones absent on personal business. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION ADOPTED.

Ms. Katie Alaniz, 2800 Kirby Drive #A503, Houston, Texas 77098 (281-785-8292) appeared and stated that she was present regarding the proposed layoff of Houston firefighters; that layoffs of such magnitude would erode services significantly; that her grandmother's life was saved by HFD being able to respond quickly to her 911 call after a heart attack and her mother and father had been treated and transported several

times in the past 25 years and also owed their lives to the men and women of HFD; that her husband was among the courageous men and women of HFD, he resigned from a well paying job and they made sacrifices for him to become a firefighter and make sure others were safe and fulfill his dream; and urged Council find other ways of fixing the city budget, other than closing stations or dismissing firefighters; that when your life was at risk or your home was burning down all other matters became secondary.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mayor Parker sent her regrets today as she was sent to Austin to deal with the legislature; that she mentioned this morning her goal was to not lay off any classified, but it was still a work in progress.

Ms. Kerry Sinegal, did not wish to give address had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Rhonda Barron, 407 Arlington, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-230-7927) appeared and stated that she lived in the Houston Heights South Historic District and was present asking when their district would come before Council for a vote regarding the historic ordinance; that they were coming on a year now dealing with the ordinance and she would remind all that their opposition was overwhelming and they were told they could vote on the ordinance, but then the Mayor passed the ordinance to all alleged historic districts deemed by the Planning Department; that they were to get 10% signatures on a reconsideration petition so that all could vote on the ordinance, but then they got the 10% and they knew how flawed the revote process was with a three page letter being sent in a nondescript envelope with a survey saying only return if you were against the ordinance and was due back December 23rd and the transition document had stated that a card would be mailed to all homeowners asking for a yes or no vote to measure support and opposition and it did not happen and those who did not return what was sent unknowingly voted in support of the ordinance and Planning and the Mayor did not give Council adequate time to review the Heights South data before mailing it out and in addition thought it a high priority to get this done two weeks before Christmas so it could be wrapped up at the first of the year, but they should not be imposed upon or subject to the ordinance until it was voted on and here now in May they were no closer to ending this than in December; and urged a vote so they could move on. Council Member Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that all were good points and he thought all wanted to resolve this; that this was in the hands of the Administration, but it was the Mayor who set the Agenda and the Administration would make the decision, but they would pass on that she wanted closure. Council Member Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. David Barron, 407 Arlington, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-869-8377) appeared and stated that his wife got fired up about this, but he was also present asking when this would come for vote; that the historic ordinance process was confusing and verging on unethical in his opinion; that the repeal survey form was mailed in December and looked like the reconsider petition and confusing, it was even confusing to Council Members and it was all rushed at the holiday season and he did not see how a no vote could be a yes vote or how support could be counted using that method; that the support was artificial; that the overall process was wrong and the people were not fairly represented;

and urged a no vote on the Heights South Historic District as the majority did not want this and they should not play politics with their property rights. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Shannon Cunningham, 407 E. 5th, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-282-2625) appeared and stated that she too lived in the South Heights and they were delivering an invitation to Council for a year now to hear everyone and it was on the record an attempt to make them a historic district was broad and overreaching and they had data to show support was under 50%; that it appeared Planning and Council was in a rush for a longtime; that Randy Pace with the city presented data at their meeting and right away there were concerns; that Jim Leader a citizen in South Heights presented data showing many things were flawed such as renters signed, people did not live there any longer, city property was included, etc., a motion was made, Randy Pace left the room and boundaries were redrawn and they came back and said they had 51%. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Bradford thanked Ms. Cunningham for coming and stated that there was a rush through the holiday period and now they were in an absolute stopped mode and Council Members and some citizens had requested the Mayor place this on the Agenda and get it resolved, but the Charter gave the Mayor exclusive authority as to what went on the Agenda, but they would keep asking for a vote, but some of the Council did know the process was flawed and it did not represent due process in Houston or even in America and they would do what they could to get them out of their limbo status. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Pennington stated that his two main concerns were procedural which was the level of support and one he raised with the Director of Planning which was the impact on individual homeowners and he would welcome their data; that certain homes were contributing and some were not and he did not know what the information would show, but would like to have it; and Ms. Cunningham stated that they did have the data and the South map was one of the hardest to work with, but they wanted to be sure they had a good product to work with because they did not have it now and the effect on citizens was great. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Robert Spragg, 407 E. 5th, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-539-7194) appeared and stated that he was a homeowner and resident in Heights South and the homeowners were waiting and had been since December 23rd when the reconsideration surveys were due back in Planning and Council had a duty and responsibility to act on the people's business in a timely fashion; that the city rushed all this during the holidays when all were busy and now they had all the time in the world; that it had been five months since surveys were collected and ten months since Heights South had been a pending district which meant they were covered by the restricted ordinance even though it was never voted on; that he knew Council was busy but he did not want all to wait and forget how flawed all this had been; and urged a no vote when voted on. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Pennington, Mr. Spragg stated that he was

pro preservation, but did not like the city ordinance; that he believed in people having their say and their vote and if a majority of his neighbors wanted the ordinance he was behind it, but there had not been a fair vote and he did not believe the ordinance was supported; that he lived in a house there and was living preservation, but the ordinance was far too restrictive and put too much power on officials to decide; and Council Member Pennington stated that they would be interested in his ideas in what changes it would take to bring people around. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they would forward his comments to the Mayor and let her see what steps could be taken. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Aaron Kizer, 1314 West Forest, Houston, Texas 77043 (832-256-1584) appeared, presented information and stated that he lived in the Westwick Subdivision and had four small children and their neighborhood was wonderful; that I-10 was to the south and car dealerships to their west and when I-10 expanded their frontage road was removed and over the years traffic to the office complexes and dealerships found their way through their neighborhood; that they needed help and asked through the city NTMP Program for traffic counts and in 2009 they came back with 6,000 cars going down their street of Wickchester and the NTP became the NTMP Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and came with a design and it was implemented and they did exactly what the studies predicted and mitigated the traffic count down to 300 cars. Council Members Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that they met and she was with them; that they knew cars were driven through their neighborhood at 60 miles per hour as they were clocked and it pretty much started when Old Katy Road was shut down; that according to the letter she had from Mr. Gary Norman to Mayor Parker it said an excess of 200 vehicles a day were driving around the partial closure into an oncoming lane even with enforcement of HPD and her understanding was they pulled the devices to avoid any further danger and now the Administration assured them in District A that they would continue with the NTMP which she learned was an interesting process, but as far as she was concerned it was a burden on citizens though a part of the process; that they would communicate to office buildings, dealerships, etc. on behalf of the neighborhood, but the NTMP needed to be looked into as it could be years whatever the case was and it was supposed to be for safety and confidence and predictability was needed; and Mr. Kizer stated that starting April 11th it allowed 90 days for the program trial period and last Friday after three weeks Director Krueger found time and manpower to go rip the devices up and did not even contact them. Council Member Rodriguez absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez started that the Public Works Traffic and Transportation Division would be working with the community, the neighborhood traffic committee and there was a community meeting scheduled for mid July; and if Mr. Kizer could meet with Mr. Gary Norman who was present they could make sure he would be notified as well. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Robert Wallace, 11710 Wickchester, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-540-9161)

appeared and stated that his information was presented with the previous speaker's information and he was a resident on Wickchester; that they had endured 3,000 plus cars a day and it was very distracting and unsafe; that his main point was he wanted the traffic devices put back up, it was just as dangerous with them there as without; that he understood the argument, but Old Katy was turned into a one way and all got used to it and he did not know of any accidents on Wickchester since the barriers were in, but he did notice officers giving ticket after ticket and they were people just violating the law; that there had been five accidents within six houses of him and three were at his address; that his next door neighbor had his car totally wiped out, destroyed by a driver hitting it in the front; that in front of his house yesterday in one hour there were 182 cars going one direction, he did not count the others; and something needed to be done. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig thanked Mr. Wallace for coming and stated that trucks were another issue, with dealerships you had trucks delivering cars and they were not familiar with the area and got into the neighborhood; that it was the same with Old Katy Road and neighborhoods and she was asking the Administration to give a hard look at the NTMP process; that it needed to be reevaluated and brought up a notch it was not getting the job done for citizens and this was public safety issues. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would like Mr. Wallace to also visit with Mr. Norman. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jon Incerpi, 11714 Wickchester, Houston, Texas 77043 (813-325-0888) appeared and stated that one thing which attracted them to their house was the quietness of the neighborhood, they had a 4 1/2 year old son and they were excited about the traffic barrier which got traffic to a trickle with increased safety; that those who went around barriers were very non-respectful of their community; that they would ask the barriers be put back through its testing period and then have another hearing for pros and cons of the barrier; that for them it was safety and crime issues and for others the issue was a small inconvenience. Council Member Rodriguez absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they were going to have a community meeting in mid-July to weigh alternatives and accept public comment; and asked that he visit with Mr. Norman. Council Member Rodriguez absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that all needed to be aware of this and they were doing a balancing act with large fairly new office buildings which brought jobs and value to the area so this was sensitive on both sides, there was a neighborhood, apartment community and office buildings in addition to dealerships which faced I-10. Council Member Rodriguez absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Awilda Lopez Victoria, 1334 Wickshire, Houston, Texas 77043 (281-556-6863) appeared and stated that she had been a resident of Westwick since 1988 and saw how traffic had gotten worse and worse; that they had two more buildings and another was coming and they were trapped; that they went through the whole process with the city and finally got their barriers and it was not perfect, but immediately there was a

noticeable change; that you could get out and walk around, but then the barriers were removed; that traffic lights were not taken out because people ran them, this was a matter of safety and they tried dealing with dealerships and apartment buildings; that yesterday was the first day with no barriers and they could not get out; that the buildings and dealerships had money and they could get officers to assist them going the other direction; that this was their children's and their safety and their pets safety and she hoped someone did not have to get killed before something was done. Council Member Rodriguez absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the traffic mitigation devices were placed on a test basis and they had more than 200 vehicles going into oncoming traffic and it raised concerns so they may need to reassess; that it did not mean they would not find another method, they were going to look for other methods for calming traffic for their community and a community meeting would also be held in July and hopefully they could get them relief sooner rather than later. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that the Vice Mayor Pro Tem was exactly right; that they were going to continue, this was not the end and they fought a long battle since 2007, they were trying to work within the guidelines and she appreciated them doing so and they should not give up. Council Members Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Dr. Carolyn Sion, 2300 Eastex Freeway, Houston, Texas 77026 (832-352-7605) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Francisco Valle, 4311 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-283-7067) appeared and stated that he was present to speak for people without a voice, his community, Miller Theatre was a place the community came together and he was concerned with the rising conception of discrimination with new legislation, County Sheriff Department and city government; that the Hispanic community was a peaceful and loving people and many were not sophisticated professionally, but their families went to the theatre early and stayed late and enjoyed events as a family; that they were simple hardworking people and their community enjoyed for over 20 years the Cinco De Mayo Celebration at Miller Outdoor Theatre, but this year sponsors did not want to participate due to the reduction of hours for the event; that it was a two day event and reduced to one day and their community was being diminished one piece at a time and their friends were looking the other way; that they needed more representation on Council and on boards and commissions; that they would like to return to the two full day celebration in September for their families to come together. Council Members Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Valle had been advocating for this for some time and they would reach out and see what was going on with the board and what impact they had on this; that he had made him aware of it and they were looking into it. Council Members Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Kathy Wilson, 701 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002 (no phone) appeared

and stated that she had been present twice on the Housing Authority and this would mainly be addressed to Mayor Parker because now she was at the Congressman level in Texas and in North Carolina concerning Section 8 from the Harris County Housing Authority; that they were telling her to drop the voucher and leave the city and state because they wanted to use the voucher, sell it, pimp it to anyone who could buy it; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Thirkield Thomas, 8171 Redfern Drive, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-733-6012) appeared and stated that she was a member of TOP Texas Organizing Project to help members in her community; that today she wanted to thank the Mayor and Council as the Mayor had said she would come to listen to them about saving their community and neighborhood; that she agreed to come May 21st at the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church located at 2201 Tuam at 1:00 p.m.; that she was also inviting Council Members to come and help with housing in their community; that they were seniors and they had not had any federal disaster recovery dollars and they were still asking for them. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Ms. Thomas for coming and stated that her information would be passed to the Mayor. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Deborah Walker, 5022 Edfield, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-733-9029) had reserved time to speak but passed when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77532 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he needed more time; that his case address was wrong and the City Secretary deliberately did it; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Tony Jones, 1950 Spenwick #318, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-329-9632) appeared and stated that he was present adamantly opposing any layoffs of firefighters and police officers; that in the last campaign Mayor Parker said if elected she would have sheriffs constables and METRO officers doing calls for HPD and he wanted to know where that was as of now; and since Osama had been killed our threat level was now up. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he could wrap-up with his additional points; and Mr. Jones stated that they were told they would have calls from other service agencies, it had not happened, he was recipient of EMS in 2003 and 2006 and he did not see how the public would be safe with layoffs of fire and police; and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he appreciated him being present and advocating for police and fire; that no classified fire or police had been laid off at this point and the

Mayor was working through the issues and she said she was working hard to keep that from happening. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Shirley White, 2505 Fannin, Houston, Texas (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:50 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Costello and Jones absent on personal business. Council Members Stardig, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Anne Clutterbuck, Mike Sullivan, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Members Jarvis Johnson and Wanda Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Al Hoang absent on city business.

At 8:27 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order. Council Member Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Rodriguez for a point of order. Council Member Bradford absent.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 1, 2, 41 and 41a out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays no. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTIO 2011-0366 ADOPTED.

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE ZONE):**

Position One - **MR. F. XAVIER PEÑA**, for a term to expire 12/31/2011, and to serve as Chair

Position Two - **MR. CURTIS V. FLOWERS**, for a term to expire 12/31/2012

Position Four - **MS. DEBORAH KEYSER**, for a term to expire 12/31/2012

Position Five - **MS. KATHRYN CHACE MCNIEL**, for a term to expire 12/31/2011

Position Eight - **MR. HAROLD A. ("AL") ODOM, III**, for a term to expire 12/31/2012

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2011-0367 ADOPTED.

2. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **REBUILD HOUSTON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:**

Position 1 - **MS. FRANCES CASTAÑEDA DYESS**

Position 2 - **MR. DWIGHT BOYKINS**

- Position 3 - **MR. EDWARD TARAVELLA**
Position 4 - **MR. C. P. "CHIP" BRYAN**
Position 5 - **MR. BERT KELLER**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2011-0368 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that in the passage of Item No. 1 they affirmed the Board of Directors for Reinvestment Zone No. 3, the Main Street Market Square Zone, and asked if anyone was present for that entity, and in Item No. 2 they confirmed the appointment of the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee and saw former Council Member Bert Keller and Mr. Dwight Boykins and Theldon Branch present, who was a Mayoral appointee, and asked that they come forward to the podium to be recognized and stated that they appreciated their willingness to serve on the Oversight Board and thanked them for being citizen volunteers.

41. MOTION to select the redistricting plan to be included as Exhibit A in the ordinance – was presented, and was tagged by Council Members Clutterbuck and Noriega. Council Member Sullivan absent.
- 41a. ORDINANCE approving and adopting a redistricting plan for the City of Houston, including the creation of two New City Council Districts to be designated as Council Districts J and K; establishing the boundaries of all single member districts from which district council members are elected – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Noriega and Clutterbuck. Council Member Sullivan absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 40

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 through 13

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,490,741.24 and acceptance of work on contract with **KENMOR ELECTRIC COMPANY, LP** for Intersection Modification at ten locations along the Caroline Corridor, and one at Bagby and Capitol-Rusk in the Central Business District - 0.62% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0369 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,116,636.06 and acceptance of work on contract with **HUFF AND MITCHELL, INC** for Hayes Road Reconstruction from Westheimer Road to Briar Forest Drive 4.53% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0370 ADOPTED.

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,632,563.50 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX, CORP.** for West District and Cedar Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - 11.64% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0371 ADOPTED.
10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,656,954.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L. P.** for Evaluation of Almeda Sims Treatment Plant Service Area - Dalmatian Lift Station Force Main and Ambrose Avenue Gravity Sewer - 1.20% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0372 ADOPTED.
11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,520,998.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Sandalwood Area - 3.13% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0373 ADOPTED.
12. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,148,138.03 and acceptance of work on contract with **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Sunnyside I - 3.24% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0374 ADOPTED.
13. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,193,085.19 and acceptance of work on contract with **ACM CONTRACTORS, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Port Houston Subdivision 3.36% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0375 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 14

14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mr. Floyd Guillory, for sale of ±7,277-square-foot parcel of fee-owned land , in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 15-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, from the south line of the existing 10-foot sanitary sewer easement running along the north property line, both out of Lot 3, Block 7,

Brentwood Addition, Section 3, out of the Joseph Kopman Survey, A-186, Parcels SY11-026 and DY11-023 **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0376 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 15 through 20

15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$246,135.75 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for Swimming Pool Improvements for the General Services Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0328 ADOPTED.
- 15A. **PROGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL AQUATICS, INC** for Swimming Pool Improvements for General Services Department - \$234,415.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$246,135.75 - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0377 ADOPTED.
16. **NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNICATION RESOURCE, INC** for Hardware, Software, Installation and Professional Services through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Information Technology Department - \$748,884.22 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0378 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,144,248.36 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Emergency Repair of a 30" Sanitary Sewer Line for Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0329 ADOPTED.
- 17A. **T. CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Emergency Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line along Westheimer Road at Fountain View Drive for Department of Public Works & Engineering - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0379 ADOPTED.
19. **AMEND MOTION #2007-518, 5/30/07, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$242,960.00 to \$340,144.00 for Traffic Signal Control Hardware for Department of Public Works & Engineering \$97,184.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0380 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 23 through 40

23. Omitted
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing sixth amendment to contract among the City of Houston, the **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **SPARK** to provide an additional \$275,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuation of the SPARK Program for the development of neighborhood parks on public school grounds - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0330 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to contract among the City of Houston, the **SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **SPARK** to provide an additional \$75,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuation of the SPARK Program for the development of neighborhood parks on public school grounds **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0331 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$9,995.14 out of TIRZ Uptown Series 2001B Bond Fund (Fund 2400); de-appropriating \$169,408.34 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (Fund 2409); and appropriating \$9,995.14 out of Fund 2400 and \$169,408.34 out of Fund 2409 to fund the continued implementation of the City’s Single Family Home Repair Program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0332 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-0132 (passed by City Council on February 23, 2011) to increase the amount appropriated; appropriating \$27,259.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Capital Equipment for the Houston Fire Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0333 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **ALERE TOXICOLOGY SERVICES, INC, FORMERLY, KROLL LABORATORY SPECIALISTS, INC;** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0662) for Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Services – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0334 ADOPTED.
32. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath one tract of land containing 1.1799 acres commonly known as 811 Main Street, Houston, Texas and portions of Rusk Avenue, Walker Avenue and Fannin Street rights of way, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0335 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$230,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KAVI CONSULTING, INC** for Local Drainage Project Negotiated Design Work Orders; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to Construction of Facilities financed by the Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0336 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$725,473.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **MICHAEL BAKER JR., INC** for Parker Road Bridge Widening over Hardy Toll Road; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to Construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0337 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$474,824.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of rehabilitation; 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, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4277-55) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0338 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$474,824.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of rehabilitation; 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, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4277-56) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0339 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$285,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Neighborhood Back Lot Wastewater Substitute Service Program - Eastwood Subdivision; 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, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0340 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE granting to **USAGAIN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0341 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$11,322,269.59 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Holcombe Blvd. Reconstruction W/Area Drainage Improvements - 1.91% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent. MOTION 2011-0381 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$653,602.42 and acceptance of work on contract with **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Safe Sidewalk Program D4 - 18.06% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0382 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$393,016.59 and acceptance of work on contract with **TJ & T ENTERPRISES, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program D5 - 6.14% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Member Sullivan absent.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$904,134.34 and acceptance of work on contract with **JIMERSON UNDERGROUND, INC** for Dora Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement - 0.87% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Member Sullivan absent.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

18. **AMEND MOTION #2007-588, 6/13/07, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$7,200,000.00 to \$9,000,000.00 for Chemical, Liquid Polymer Flocculent for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **POLYDYNE, INC** - Enterprise Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
20. **KELLOGG, BROWN AND ROOT, LLC** for On-Call Maintenance and Repair Services through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County

Department of Education for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 1 Year with six one-year options \$12,500,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Noriega and Jones.

ORDINANCES

21. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of one or more series of City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2011 to provide for the payment of the current expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012; prescribing the terms and form thereof and authorizing the Finance Working Group to determine certain terms and conditions relating thereto; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; approving and authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale to be used in connection with the sale of the Notes; authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; authorizing a Bond Counsel Agreement and a Special Tax and Special Disclosure Counsel Agreement; and making other findings and provisions relating to such Notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0342 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE approving a Supplemental Borrowing evidenced by City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2011A to provide for payment of current expenses of the City for a portion of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Notes; authorizing the procedure for determining the terms and conditions of such Notes; authorizing the execution of a Note Purchase Agreement; approving Bond Counsel and Special Tax and Special Disclosure Counsel; making other findings and provisions related to such notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0343 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase Agreement between the **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Purchaser**, and the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, for the sale of a tract of land with improvements located at 3300 Main Street in the Main Street Addition Subdivision, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for \$5,000,000.00; approving Lease Agreement between the Midtown Redevelopment Authority, as Lessor, and the City, as Lessee; approving a Special Warranty Deed - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Clutterbuck voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0344 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE changing the status of a certain area located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Houston in Harris County, Texas previously annexed for general purposes to limited purposes annexation status - **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that these were in his district, Item Numbers 28, 28a and 28b, that he had never heard from Public Works on it and he had asked them over and over again and had asked Mayor Parker to help him remind them that on water issues to come before the Council and talk to them about these issues, that they call them every month to ask if

they had anything to put on Water Resource Management Committee and they say no and then these items show up on the agenda, that he would be tagging Item Numbers 28, 28a and 28b.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 28 had been tagged by Council Member Sullivan.

- 28A. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Channel Area Industrial District Agreement between the City of Houston and the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY - DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Sullivan.
- 28B. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Channel Area Industrial District Agreement between the City of Houston and **VOPAK TERMINAL DEER PARK INC and VOPAK LOGISTICS SERVICES USA INC, A Delaware Corporation - DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Sullivan.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$301,372.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, \$200,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$53,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for minor construction, repairs, rehabilitations or alterations of various facilities under the Job Order Contracting Program – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$261,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$1,200,000.00 out of Water & Sewer Contributed Capital Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KLOTZ ASSOCIATES, INC** for Sims Bayou Widening Wastewater Utility Relocation Lift Station; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and the Water & Sewer Contributed Capital Fund **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2011-0345 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,763,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund and \$553,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC.** for Bellaire West Drainage Improvements Project; 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, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented.

Council Member Jones stated that she had tried to get an answer to this, why were they giving bonuses in a time of really hard economic times, and Mayor Parker stated that they typically, on a major thoroughfares where there is significant traffic impact, put bonus and penalty provisions in the contract, that it was a best practice because the longer the crews were out there the more impact there was on their citizens, that these were bond funds, not General Fund, that obviously bond funds had to be replaced out of tax dollars, that they would continue to put bonus and penalty provisions in their contracts.

A vote was called on Item No. 36. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0346 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 41 and 41A

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 42 and 43

42. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD, LLP** for Professional Services relating to representing the Houston Airport System in Washington, D.C.; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with 2 one-year options - \$446,400.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – **(This was Item 22 on Agenda of May 4, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS SULLIVAN and NORIEGA)** – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he had tagged the item last week and had been trying to look at all of their lobby contracts to see if they were getting good value for them and wanted to thank Saba Abashawl and Kathy Elek for educating him on the importance of the contract with Akin Gump and the issues that they would be working on for them as well as what they had done for them already.

A vote was called on Item No. 42. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2011-0347 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE granting to **PHOENIX POLLUTION CONTROL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – **(This was Item 31 on Agenda of May 4, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented. Council Member Clutterbuck voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2011-0344 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to remind them that he would be hosting the Third Annual East End Classic Golf Tournament on Friday, June 3, 2011, that it would start at 8:30 a.m. and would benefit the Wortham Golf Course and Renovation Project, that they would be taking it on the road this year because they would be doing some work at Wortham during the time the tournament was scheduled to happen, that they were taking it to Wild Cat. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that District E would conduct a townhall meeting in the Southbelt and Ellington area tonight, and if the redistricting map passes as proposed it would be his last townhall on the Southbelt, that they would still have a flooding and drainage townhall meeting and a hurricane preparedness meeting, that the meeting was from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at San Jacinto College South, the Marie Flickenger Fine Arts Theater Building; that a dog friendly family fun walk would be coming up, that Lauren Oak, the south sector manager, entered a Purina Dog Chow Contest and won and one of the things she gets to do was designate a charity to receive some dog food so she chose BARC, that he wanted to publicly thank her for that, that the dog walk would be on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at T.C. Jester Park, 4201 West T.C. Jester Boulevard. Council Members Costello and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank her, that was very generous of her. Council Members Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced the following events: May 12, 2011, the reopening of West End Park, 1418 Patterson, that the celebration would begin at 6:30 p.m. and would unfold new playground improvements; the Greater Heights Relay for Life on Friday, May 13, 2011 at Delmar Stadium at 2020 Magnum, that together with the American Cancer Society, the Greater Heights Relay for Life would celebrate the lives of Cancer survivors; that the award winning Ballet Folklorico Dance Groups, Compania Folklorico Alegria Mexicana and Grupo Folklorico Xochipili would be coming together for one night only, Friday, May 13, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. for the future presentation of Mexico Tradicion y Espectaculo at the Talento Bilingue de Houston Center, 333 South Jensen Drive; the M.D. Anderson Y.M.C.A. was hosting a family based program promoting healthy activities and nutrition, that MEND, Mind Exercise Nutrition Do It, would kick off at the Y on Saturday, May 14, 2011 located at 705 Cavalcade, 281-839-8472; that Near Northside Healthy Community Partnership would be hosting it's second annual Dia de la Mujer Latina Health Fiesta on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Marshall Middle School, that last year they served more than 1,000 people with health screenings, that they needed their help in volunteering time, there were several shifts and positions to sign up for, please contact his office at 832-393-3003 for more details on how they could volunteer; that he wanted to thank all of the Northline Commons Cinco de Mayo sponsors and participants, that it was a great event and they had a great turnout. Council Members Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that Landon Taylor had left her office and was now heading up Council Relations and those sorted responsibilities for their Neighborhood Services Department, that she wished him the very best and sincerest congratulations on his being named to that position and thanked him for his service to District C; that she wanted to wish congratulations to her daughter, Caroline Clutterbuck, who was graduating from high school next week, that they were having a number of celebrations in honor of that, that in addition she was tremendously proud to have been the mother to Caroline Clutterbuck and to have some relationship with her many dear friends, that out of Caroline's class there were 14 students going to Rice University, that it was an outstanding and amazing group of young students, that her daughter Caroline would be going to Ohio, Denison University in Granville, Ohio and they were tremendously proud of that, that she wanted to say congratulations to these fine outstanding graduates across the City, that it was a reminder that school would be getting out soon and they needed to keep that in mind as they were driving around the various school districts. Council Members Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig announced the following events: Thursday the Spring Branch Community Health Center would have their ribbon cutting event to commemorate the opening of their dental services at 8575 Pittner Road facility; that on Thursday the groundbreaking for Pine Shadows Elementary School would be taking place, that Spring Branch ISD had been in the process of renovating elementary schools to respond to the growth and change in their community, that she wanted to commend Superintendent Dr. Duncun Klussmann in their ongoing effort to increase the quality of life for all of their neighbors; that every Friday in June they would be having a Farmers Market and movie night series at Agnes Moffett Park at Hammerly and Beltway 8, the Old Springwoods Park, for more information call the District A office at 832-393-3010. Council Members Rodriguez, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that his brother, who was a Clear Lake resident and civic leader was going to be present today with his son, but he did not see him yet, that he thought he was accustomed to their meetings going on longer; that he and his wife, Beverly, would be attending the Rice Associates Dinner on Saturday night where the Mayor would be honored; that his office staff would be joining Council Member Costello's staff for one of his

Saving of the Green Projects, a cleanup of Walter Rasmus Park, at 3721 Jenetta Street, south of Richmond Avenue on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; that last week he and Council Member Stardig attended the 70th Anniversary of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, that there were a number of Cancer survivors and children of Cancer survivors, one being Sam Champion, who most knew was the weather man on the Today Show, whose father was diagnosed as having untreatable Cancer and came to the center and was saved; that he wanted to thank the Port Authority for hosting his staffer, Mary Harmon, who attended the Port of Houston Terminal in Seabrook; that he knew they did not pass the Redistricting Ordinance today but hopefully people were satisfied with that and while they still had a moment and before it was over he would sincerely like to thank the Mayor for initiating what he thought was a very transparent process and a process that a lot of people got to participate in and have their say, and to her staffers who were involved with that, and Mr. Jerry Wood and all the representatives of the different groups. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that Sam Champion was at Good Morning America and stated that he would be very glad to come back and visit at any time, he was very happy with Houston. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that since Council Member Pennington mentioned Rice Laureates, County Judge Ed Emmett, was also being honored, and she was glad to share the stage with him. Council Members Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to give a shout out to the kids at Blackshear Elementary, she went there last Friday and they had Lemonade Day, that they had to work on entrepreneurship and branding; that on Saturday she went to a wonderful Cinco de Mayo Parade; that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Jerry Wood on the whole redistricting process; the she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for allowing her to have a visit with the Vice Mayor of Wendeng, China; that she attended the 63rd Anniversary of the Independence of Israel and had the opportunity to meet the new Counsel General and his wife; that she and Council Member Stardig were at the International Festival; that she would have a free seminar on May 13, 2011 so for people who had misdemeanors and felonies, if they needed help with job searches she was bringing in Victor Pratt, who was a job lead generator and specializes in criminal background job search help, that it would be at the Acres Homes Chamber for Business Development, Inc., the Beulah Ann Shepherd Building, 6112 Wheatley Street on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Council Members Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that last week they had a ground breaking for a new community center at Sagemont; that Pine Shadows Elementary was where he had gone to school; that yesterday there was an important meeting at Ellington Field that could have a very strong positive impact not only on Ellington but the region, the Mayor's Office Buddy Grantham led the discussion with the Veterans Administration about bringing a satellite health clinic to Ellington; that last Thursday they celebrated National Day of Prayer on the steps of City Hall, that he wanted to thank the Mayor's Office of Special Events for working around all of the International Festival setup, they made sure that everything worked; that Jeff Weatherford of Traffic Transportation and his group had been working with their office on traffic issues; that next week was Police Week and they start out with award ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. Council Members Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that his brother, Jerry and his son Jason, who were real estate investors in Clear Lake and Houston were present in the Council Chamber and thanked them for coming. Council Members Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:43 a.m. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang

absent on city business. Council Members Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary