

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 24, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2012, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello and C. O. "Brad" Bradford; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present. Mayor Annise Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Mike Laster and Andrew C. Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Melissa Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Jack Christie, D. C. absent on city business.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Sullivan for the first presentation; and Council Member Sullivan invited those present for his presentation to the podium and stated that it was a pleasure to recognize the 2012 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games in Houston and the general area; that there would be about 15,000 athletes between ages 8 and 18 competing; wished all a successful event; and urged all to support them; and introduced those present; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented a Proclamation to the group and proclaimed July 25 through August 4, 2012, as "2012 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Spokespersons for the groups thanked all for the recognition and stated that it would bring \$69 million economic impact to the city and over 50,000 people would be descending upon Houston. Council Members Davis, Adams and Green absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Branford and Council Members Pennington and Cohen stated Houston was proud to host the event; thanked all for their part in bringing the AAU Junior Olympic Games to Houston; and extended congratulations and wished all well. Council Members Davis, Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Member Cohen invited Assistant Fire Chief Bill Barry to the podium and stated that Assistant Chief Barry was a 32 year veteran of HFD, dedicated and loyal; and congratulated him on his retirement; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented him a Proclamation proclaiming July 24, 2012, as "Assistant Chief Bill Barry Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Adams and Hoang absent.

Assistant Chief Barry thanked all for the recognition and introduced his family members who were present. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Pennington, Costello, Rodriguez and Bradford congratulated Assistant Chief Barry, thanked him for his service and advised that he would be missed. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

At 1:59 Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Rodriguez who led all in the prayer and pledge. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

At 2:00 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Adams absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members Bradford and Hoang moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council

Members Laster and Burks absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Adams absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 2:00 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Maria Lopez, 5605 Rampart #8, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-669-0525) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Marlene Matute, 4704 Walker, Houston, Texas (417-619-6481) appeared and stated in Spanish with Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez interpreting, as others stood in support, that she cleaned offices 5 years and she wanted to thank those who fought to help them. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Zirilo Hernandez, 10550 Valley Forge #127, Houston, Texas 77042 (832-755-7013) appeared and stated in Spanish with Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez interpreting, as others stood in support, that he cleaned offices 13 years; that people were poor because they did not receive a dignified wage; and urged all be at the negotiating table. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Priscilla Atwood, 1802 Kipling, Houston, Texas 77098 (832-693-5711) appeared and stated, as others stood in support, that she was with the Peace and Justice Center and present to thank the Mayor for encouraging all back to the bargaining table for a fair and just agreement. Council Members Brown, Davis and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Laura Perez-Boston, 943 Woodland, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-755-7013) appeared and stated, as others stood in support, that she was the executive director of the Houston Interfaith Justice Worker Center and she was supporting the janitors struggle to improve their industry. Council Members Brown, Davis and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Lawrence Perkins Riggs, 7320 N. Jensen #216, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-691-1123) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Davis and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Perk Ostrewich, 6122 Heatherbrook, Houston, Texas 77085 (832-228-2621) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Davis and Sullivan absent.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 Dubarry Lane, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) appeared and presented information from which he read regarding a storm water drainage ditch for Section One, D1417, page 198 of the Dedication and Restrictions. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the Legal Department provided him two legal responses; that they would see if this had been addressed and if not get him an answer, but there was a difference between his and Legal's interpretation; and upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Mr. Heilman stated that they had looked at this a number of times and responded; that they would look at his new information and provide a response. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Derrell Durden, 3719 Audubon Place #4, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-668-5662) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Daniel Arp, 8273 Park Place Blvd., Houston, Texas 77017 (281-220-7542) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Michael Ashmore, 12114 Briar Forest, Houston, Texas 77077 (713-248-4329) appeared and stated that he was a principal from a firm which had existing contracts on disaster recovery consulting; that he had been present after Hurricane Ike as they had entered into a contract with DRC, etc.; and discussed problems with payment until his time expired. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he apologized for any inconvenience in collecting monies owed him; and hopefully it would be expedited; and invited him to speak with Mr. Daniel Hinajosa who was present with Solid Waste. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Members Davis, Pennington and Green expressed concerns with his collection of funds owed and with companies not paying subcontractors; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that vendors needed to know there was a smooth process and they would get this corrected going forward. Council Member Sullivan absent.

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 Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Joseph Moses, 16557 Highway 190E, Livingston, Texas 77351 (936-827-3297) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Robert Edness, 6221 Main, Houston, Texas 77020 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Deacon Leonard Lockett, 3208 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021-1125 (713-870-3212) appeared and stated, as others stood in support, that he was Deacon for the Roman Catholic Arch Dioceses of Galveston/Houston and present addressing a matter of human dignity and social justice regarding a sustaining livable wage for janitors. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Deacon Lockett stated that his request of City Council was that they speak to corporations to see they fulfill their obligation and pay the janitors a livable wage; and Council Member Adams stated she did support the janitor's movement and she was a member of the SCIU. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. David Williams, 5302 Saxon, Houston, Texas 77092 (832-423-2706) appeared, presented information and stated that his issue was having to build a retention pond based on him building a pool and garage; that he was present previously and discussed the same issue; that part of his property was in the bayou and he was near schools and a park and it would be dangerous. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he knew he had been present previously and always presented his case well; that based on information provided this fell in accordance with the City's infrastructure design manual and it appeared they were still at a standstill. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Brown, Mr. Williams stated that he had spoken with Ms. Sherrie Rice who got him to engineers who referred him to the manual; that he thought a reasonable solution would be a waiver on the requirement; and Council Member Brown stated

that she could see they needed to make things work out. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Cohen stated that they had been in touch and worked to try and resolve this, but unfortunately the message they were receiving was the city could not grant the waiver, but there was opportunity to continue going back and forth. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that for the moment they had to go on current design guidelines, he did not raise questions of the public safety aspects and maybe it needed to be reviewed; and he could speak with Mr. Gary Norman who was present with Public Works. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent.

Ms. Krystal Muhammad, 7125 Reed Road, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-261-3558) appeared and stated, as others stood in support, that she was with the New Black Panther Party and present as an advocate for the Almanza family regarding their son who was shot in the back by a security guard, March 21, 2012, allegedly trying to steal a car; that it had been over a month and the family received no response from HPD and the DA was saying they could not open an investigation as they had no information from HPD; and that would not be tolerated. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he was not privy to details of the investigation and it was hard to tell where it stood; that sometimes the investigations were waiting certain evidence. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that it was customary for HPD to keep the surviving members briefed; and upon questions, Ms. Muhammad stated that they spoke to Chief Hobbs of the Grand Jury who said he would handle that type of case, but he had no information and would call HPD, but he was still saying he did not have information and that was a month ago. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he worked homicide before and suggested their starting point be there; that they should attempt to address the investigators and reach out to even the captain; and Sergeant Baker was present and could speak with them at this time. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Sonia Almanza, 304 Tabor, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-689-4124) appeared and stated that Ms. Muhammad stated their case and yesterday she called HPD who was directed to the sergeants at the crime scene and she left a message and asked he return her call, but still nothing; that she had called the DA's Office yesterday and had not heard from him as yet; that she did not know where her son was, what they had done with him, how could they call it homicide if her son was not carrying a gun; and needed to know what to do to move forward as this was going on four months. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford extended condolences and stated that sometimes cases did get complex, but it was no excuse for her not to have received updates; and Ms. Almanza stated that her son was killed March 21, 2012, at 3:30 a.m. and she had received no updates; and Council Member Bradford stated that he would personally take it upon himself to dig through this and get a status report to her. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams extended condolences and stated that she did want to understand policy; that March to August there had been no contact. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales extended condolences and stated that he worked the cases for years, but they wanted to follow-up with her; that investigators hours were very different, but she deserved a response. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Kesha Rogers, 9100 SW Freeway, Houston, Texas 77074 (832-231-1613) appeared and stated that she wanted to know if Council was serious about protecting lives in Houston; that she was calling for the firing of Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and the removing and firing of Obama; that she was the Democratic Nominee and Candidate for the 22nd Congressional District of Texas and discussed solutions until her time ran out. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Jean Wilkins-Dember, 2612 Rosewood, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-942-0533) appeared, presented information and stated that Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, M. D. described and analyzed mental health; that after 250 years of enslavement this country owned them a better life; that Council needed to support an independent civilian review board to protect their people; and July 28, 2012, at Dupree Park, 7:00 p.m. there would be a silent march memorializing the murder by police of Carl Hampton. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2800) appeared and stated that they were obligated to provide him more time; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Rita Mitchell, P. O. Box 77221, Houston, Texas 77221 (no phone) appeared, presented information to Council Members and stated that if the Mayor wanted to give her a public thank you she was for it. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Anna Ashmore, 7815 Windswept Lane, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-953-9955) appeared and stated that she was again present regarding her water bill where the city owned her \$3,123.02; that her meter was replaced in February and now her bill was back down to nothing. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Davis stated that his office received phone calls about water issues; that he thought they should go back and look at the policy; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that it would be something they could refer to the Mayor; that if she concurred they could go through the appropriate committee for review and he would bring it to her attention. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he would like the Public Works Department to review this case again; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that it looked like they had reviewed and Mr. Gary Norman was present and she could speak with him. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that the Water Department received 40,000 calls a month about service and bills and it was a problem; that he, Council Member Laster and others were interested and spoke to the City Attorney and would pursue it; that he thought it would take a change in ordinance. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Ms. Ashmore stated that she was told she could not be reimbursed because of city ordinance. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

At 3:12 p. m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2012. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council

Members Laster and Burks absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2012, with Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Melissa Noriega and C. O. "Brad" Bradford; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Mayor Annise D. Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Mike Laster and Andrew C. Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Jack Christie, D.C. absent on city business.

At 8:21 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:09 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez called the meeting to order and stated that the first item would be a public hearing, that Ms. Nicole Smothers, Planning and Development, would speak relative to the hearing.

HEARING - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex certain territory in the vicinity of the Commons of Lake Houston near Kingwood Drive on the east side of Lake Houston, in Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – was called. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Ms. Smothers stated that the Planning Department received a petition from The Commons of Lake Houston requesting the general purpose annexation of approximately 148 acres into its development located immediately northeast of the city limits in the vicinity of Lake Houston, that the area to be annexed was owned entirely by the petitioner, the property was located entirely within Harris County, that the project included annexation of approximately 148 acres of undeveloped land that would be divided into 173 residential lots, that the annexation property would be developed as part of a single family residential community known as The Commons of Lake Houston, currently developing on property it owns immediately adjacent to the annexation property and within the city limits and the boundaries of HC MUD No. 415, that there were no residents or qualified voters currently living in the area to be annexed however, the plan anticipated 173 homes would be constructed in the annexation area, that 37 of these homes would be waterfront homes at an estimated value of \$500,000 per home, that 136 of the homes would be non-waterfront homes at an estimated value of \$300,000 per home, that upon full build out (in approximately 2021) and taking into account the homestead exemption, the total anticipated taxable value of the property proposed for annexation would be approximately \$55,840,000, that the annexation process was projected to be completed by October, that a second public hearing was scheduled for one week from today on August 1, 2012. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

The City Secretary stated that no one reserved time to appear at the hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to appear on the public hearing. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Council Member Hoang moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0590 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 39

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 through 4

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**, for terms to expire July 26, 2014:
- Position Two - **MR. LOUIS J. MAHER**, appointment
 - Position Four - **MR. STEVE KOLOGINCZAK**, appointment
 - Position Six - **MS. KATHY LADELL WALTERS**, reappointment
 - Position Eight - **MR. CHARLES H. A. LADAY**, appointment
 - Position Twelve - **MS. CLAUDIA MAGALLAN**, appointment
 - Alternate Position Two - **MS. JAZMIN ALMLIE-RYAN**, reappointment
 - Alternate Position Four - **MR. CORNELIUS K. BOOKER**, appointment

– was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0591 ADOPTED.

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department Public Works & Engineering to accept the July 2012 Semiannual Report and Recommendations of the Planning Commission, acting as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, relating to the implementation of the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees Program and to transfer revenues and interest generated by the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees in the amount of \$6,872,788.55 for Revenue Bond Debt Service as recommended in the Report – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0592 ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Green congratulated the newly appointed and reappointed members of the Houston Commission on Disabilities and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Member Noriega absent.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$245,966.40 and acceptance of work on contract with **REPUBLIC ELECTRIC** for LED Retrofit Traffic Signal Upgrades in Downtown, Midtown, Texas Medical Center and other various locations - 18.01% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ and J - LASTER** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0593 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 9 and 10

9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mark Kirkland, on behalf of American General Life Insurance Company and Knickerbocker Corporation (William Larry Mask, Vice President), for abandonment and sale of Wilkinson Street, from West Dallas Street north to its terminus, and West Lamar Avenue, from Wilkinson Street west ± 203 feet, all located in the American General Center Section One Addition, out of the John Austin Survey, A-1, Parcels SY12-076A, SY12-076B and SY12-094 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0594 ADOPTED.
10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Joe Turner, Director, City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department, for the declining of the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Alvin Avenue ($\pm 8,200$ square feet) and Maggie Avenue ($\pm 8,200$ square feet), from Comal Street west to their termini into Sunnyside Park, located within the Sunnyside Extension South Subdivision, out of the B.H. Freeling Survey, Parcels IT12-005A and IT12-005B **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0595 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 12 and 13

12. **LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS FL, INC** for Accurint® for Law Enforcement Investigative Services from the State of Texas Council of Competitive Government Contract for the Houston Police Department - 1 Year - \$75,600.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0596 ADOPTED.
13. **AMERICAN MECHANICAL SERVICES OF HOUSTON, LLC** to Remove, Furnish and Install a New Air-Cooled Chiller and associated equipment for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$159,900.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0597 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 15 through 39

15. RESOLUTION amending Resolution No. 2011-31, a resolution supporting the request of a waiver of the local match requirements in the Federal Off-System Bridge Program - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. RESOLUTION 2012-0022 ADOPTED.
16. RESOLUTION supporting the City of Houston’s request to place a segment of Aldine Bender/FM525 between Lee Road and US 59 on the Texas Department of Transportation’s Road Log - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. RESOLUTION 2012-0023 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE ordering and giving notice of a Special Election to be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of Council Member, District E, on the Houston City Council – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0649 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 12.4-foot-wide alley, from Florida Street north to its terminus, in the Fifth Ward Place Subdivision, S.M. Harris Survey, A-327, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the alley to Small Steps Nurturing Center, Inc, and Prince Complex, Inc, abutting owners, in consideration of payment to the City of \$26,334.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0650 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$57,078.45 out of Affordable Housing Fund 2409 for payment to **HARRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT** for Harris County’s Homeless Housing Program as authorized by the Interlocal Agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2011-74 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0651 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE authorizing amendment to an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **MENTAL HEALTH and MENTAL RETARDATION AUTHORITY of HARRIS COUNTY** to increase the maximum contract amount for the Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative - 4 Years \$1,023,532.32 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0652 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 3400-3500 block of South MacGregor Way within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0653 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 3600-3700 block of South MacGregor Way within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0654 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 2.186 acres of land to **HARRIS-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0655 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 19.810 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 249**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0656 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2002-695, as amended, to extend the term of the contract, increase the maximum contract amount and approve and authorize second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **PHYSIO-CONTROL, INC, Formerly known as MEDTRONIC PHYSIO-CONTROL, INC**, for Defibrillator Maintenance and Repair Service for Various Departments - \$743,408.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0657 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,150,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **DODSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC (A Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. Company)** for Mitigation Program for Capital Improvement Projects (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0815) and approving and authorizing first amendment to the contract; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0658 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,821,840.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CIVILTECH ENGINEERING, INC** for Memorial Drive Paving Improvements from North Kirkwood Road to North Eldridge Parkway (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-1332); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0659 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

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3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department for approval of FY2013 Budgets submitted by the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE, THE HOUSTON MUSEUM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, MILLER THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD, INC, and THEATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT, INC** for the support, advancement and promotion of the Arts – was presented, moved by Council Member Hoang, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0598 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$240,220.35 and acceptance of work on contract with **MILLIS DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Blackhawk Park Phase III - 4.79% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Hoang. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0599 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

7. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, pay the costs of Court and withdraw objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. NCNB Texas National Bank, et al., Cause No. 1002569; for acquisition of Parcel AY9-428; for the **LONG POINT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Pech - Hollister) DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0600 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to purchase Parcel AY11-124, pay the costs of Court in connection with the eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v.

DePriest Evangelistic Baptist Church, a Texas non-profit corporation, et al., Cause No. 1011367; for the **RECONSTRUCTION OF PARKER ROAD PROJECT (HARDY TOLL ROAD - EASTEX FWY) DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0601 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$298,601.45 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for purchase of Field Lighting Equipment through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative for the General Services Department - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0660 ADOPTED.
- 11a. **MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC** for Sports Field Lighting Equipment through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Buyboard for the General Services Department \$295,645.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$298,601.45 - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0602 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

14. RESOLUTION designating the **WALTER F. DALY HOUSE** located at 2938 Del Monte Drive and the **HELM-MCDONOUGH HOUSE** located at 2107 Looscan Lane and the **D.W. HOVEY HOUSE** located at 3395 Del Monte Drive within the City of Houston as historic landmarks - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. RESOLUTION 2012-0024 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2011-1170 relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain City Council meetings – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown moved to reinstate the break week of August 27, 2012 and after discussion by Council Members withdrew the motion and after further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 18. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0661 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE relating to the Retail Gas Utility Rates of Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex and as Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas; opening a formal Gas Utility Rate Inquiry; maintaining current rates in effect until changed – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 20 Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0662 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **RETIREMENT HORIZONS INC** for Pension Actuarial Consulting Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with one option year - \$395,000.00 - General Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Bradford, Rodriguez and Adams. Council Member Noriega absent.
22. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2012-383, relating to the annexation to the City of Houston, Texas for limited purposes a certain area located within Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 168 in Harris County, Texas, imposing the Sales and Use Tax of the City of Houston in the said area, and assigning annexed areas to adjacent district from which district council member is elected until such time as district boundaries may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0663 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract with the **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**, for the City’s Air Pollution Control Program; authorizing the Director of the Houston Department of Health and Human Services or his designee to act as the City’s representative for the program – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Member Brown a vote was called on Item no. 23. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0664 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **APV REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, to provide \$1,000,000.00 of Federal “HOME” Funds to assist with property acquisition and development of a 148 unit Affordable Housing Community, to be located in the vicinity of 4000 Wilmington, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0665 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Houston to submit a request to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** to borrow up to \$1,800,000.00 of Section 108 Guaranteed Loan Funds and to allocate up to \$5,550,000.00 of EDI Grant Funds to partially finance the redevelopment of the building located at 806 Main Street, Houston, Texas **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Adams.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant

assistance to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** for the 2012 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant Fund; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Brown, a vote was called on Item no. 27. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0666 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 38.8874 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 383**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0667 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2007-864 to increase the maximum contract amount between the City and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT of INFORMATION RESOURCES** for Telecommunications Services for Various Departments – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0668 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE authorizing the purchase of part of lot one of the subdivision of lot fifteen, Holman Outlots, J.S. Holman Survey, A-323, South Side of Buffalo Bayou, Houston, Harris County, Texas (2213 and 2215 Tuam) at a price, including due diligence and closing costs, of \$230,258.00, using Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant Funds, for the expansion of Emancipation Park for the Parks and Recreation Department; approving a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the land (George Saji) - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0669 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,661,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AECOM USA GROUP, INC** for services associated with the Storm Drainage Program Support (Approved by Ordinance No. 2003-1195, as amended); and as additional funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2012-0670 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 40

MISCELLANEOUS

40. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** for the second amendment to the Project Plan and

Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-ONE (HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE ZONE) - DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ - HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 8, 2012 - 9:00 A.M.** – was presented.

Council Member Hoang moved to set Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 9:00 a.m., for a public hearing on the second amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-One (Hardy/Near Northside Zone), seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2012-0603 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Green announced the following events: the PIP Program meeting, Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the South Gessner Police Station, 8605 West Place; Saturday, July 28, 2012, Epiphany Community Healthy Outreach Services, Echos, would sponsor a food fair at 9600 Gessner, Building E; last Thursday they attended the grand opening of the La Hacienda Rehabilitation and Health Care Center located in the Hiram Clarke Community; last Wednesday the District K office attended the Operation Backpack Press Conference Kickoff at the West Orem Y.M.C.A.; that he wanted to congratulate the new officers for the Ft. Bend Super Neighborhood No. 41; that for a list of local employment opportunities they could contract his office at 713-393-3016. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he wanted to recognize that Council Member Noriega was back, that they had missed her and he hoped that recovery had been okay for her, that they were glad to have her back. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Davis announced the following events: on Monday they continued their District B Neighborhood Advisory Council in the Fifth Ward area; that on Friday he visited a young man in the Scenic Woods area, Tryrece, who continually visited doctors because of his ongoing medical condition, Neurofibromatosis, that he had a tumor protruding his eye out, that he was going to have surgery this week to try and take care of that, that their prayers would go out to Tyrece; that on Saturday he joined a discussion of round two Ike Funds in the Fifth Ward and Denver Harbor area, that they would continue to hold community meetings to get input on round two Ike Funds for the targeted neighborhoods; that on Saturday the Housing Department Disaster Recovery would have a meeting at the United Way, 50 Waugh Drive; that he wanted to congratulate KEW Learning Academy on the recent construction of the new library donated to them by Lakewood Church; that District B continued to listen to their constituents and were at the Homewood Living Facility in Settegast off of Wayside, and also did a distribution of flyers in the Acre Homes Community because they were following up in that are with additional CIP information; that yesterday they lost Pastor Lightfoot of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at the corner of Homestead and Little York, that it was a big loss for the community. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that she wanted to wish all of the best to the Houston, particularly District A, participants of the 2012 AAU Junior Olympic Games beginning tomorrow; that a Koren Community Townhall meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2012; that the airport was welcoming the Lufthansa A380 on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, that this afternoon she and her staff would be having a meeting about ongoing matters in the district. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that the Collie Regional Library, located on Pinemont, was scheduled for a CIP Project that would upgrade the interior, as well as create a dedicated teen

area, that the library would be temporarily closed beginning on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. and would not open again until the spring of 2013, that the closest library was the Oaks Forest Neighborhood Library, 1349 West 43rd Street; that she wanted to remind everyone that early voting had started; that she wanted to congratulate the Mayor for what she thought was a stellar job on the Colbert Report Television Program, that she was a wonderful ambassador for the City of Houston. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to reiterate the idea of early voting, that it was ongoing throughout Friday, that there were some serious positions on the ballot. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that a Houston Police Officer was shot last night, that she stepped into a dangerous situation off duty, that the injuries were not life threatening but underscored the fact that their officers were out on the street all of the time, so on duty or off duty they were out there protecting their community; that last week, in District E, they had a Woman of Distinction Luncheon, the benefiting organization was "The Bridge Over Troubled Waters"; that next Tuesday the Office Depot Foundation would have it's annual Back to School Celebration; that he had dinner last weekend at Houston Fire Station No. 61, that as soon as he drove off there was a dispatch for a call, a traffic accident on the Beltway, seven patients, three different vehicles, their firefighters sprang into action on a moments notice; that he wanted to welcome a new employee in the District E office, Kevin Zuniga, he had worked with them as an unpaid intern from the University of Houston last year; that he wanted to congratulate the Houston Police Officers who were recognized for their efforts and performance in the line of duty by Space Center Rotary in a meeting last week, Senior Officer Phillip Shaffer and Officer Tony Jafari. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank the Gulf Meadows Civic Association for last night's meeting; that on Saturday the Greater Grace Outreach Community Church had a health fair, it was huge and well attended in the Sunnyside and South Park Communities; that on Tuesday the Houston Harris County Community Transformation Initiative met at the EB Cape Center and Mr. Mark Fenton, a national expert on transforming communities to healthier and livable places laid out a pathway to a more physically active population and sustainable enjoyable lifestyles in the community; that on Thursday she would join the Houston Fire Department and Pastor Lawson of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and the community for the reopening of Fire Station No. 25; that on Thursday a Best Practices for Redevelopment Meeting would be hosted by LISK and HUD about neighborhood revitalization opportunities for Houston at the United Way; that on Friday she would be touring Fire Stations No. 61 and 70, that she wanted to thank Chief Beta Kent for all of her organization; that on Saturday there would be a Top Neighborhood of Opportunity Workshop at Outreach Baptist Church, 5055 Belfort; that on Monday there would be a special called Housing and Sustainable Growth Development Committee meeting; that she wanted to thank HPD for yesterday addressing them about the store fronts and their future and putting them on the website, that she wanted to thank them for the five additional PSO positions that would be available to be able to house their store fronts; that she wanted to remind everyone about the program they had going on with Home Depot and Rebuild Together Houston about the Veterans Home Repair Program, if there were any veterans that were in need of home repair to please call Rebuild Together Houston at 713-659-2511, that they would be doing a Day of Service on September 6, 2012; that she wanted to give her condolences to the Ghana Community of Houston for the loss of His Excellency President Miles yesterday. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez asked if Mr. Feldman could chime in the discussion they had about the utility.

Mr. Feldman stated that he needed to clarify or correct two things, that number one, he wanted it to be understood that CenterPoint was not seeking a rate increase, rather it was an inquiry being instituted at the request of ARA because based on information the City currently had obtained a belief that CenterPoint may be over earning, so if this process led to anything it may be a decrease in rates; that secondly, a State agency with jurisdiction over gas was the Texas Railroad Commission, not the PUC. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he was thrilled that the Junior AAU was in the Houston area, that he was somewhat discouraged that the two major athletic events were in the City of Humble and the swimming events were at the Natatorium in the City of Pearland; that he continued to be concerned about the amount of growth the City gets in comparison to the Metro area; that on Item No. 4, which had to do with Water Impact Fees, that the estimate of impact fees that was used as a basis for making the calculation had not been met, that his suggestion was that they needed to spend some time to evaluate what different neighborhoods needed in order to promote economic growth; that he noticed that the Commissioners Court yesterday voted unanimously to ask Metro to keep the 25% for General Mobility Planning, that he made a similar request at the Metro hearing a couple of weeks ago and also made a trip to visit with Mr. Greanias, that he would like to see the matter on the agenda for a vote by City Council of whether they support the 25% or whether they did not, just as the Commissioners Court did, and he would make that request to the Mayor's office; that the Mayor announced last week that she was proposing a \$410 million bond issue, that he had passed out information, which was on the City's website, from the Long Range Financial Management Task Force February 6, 2012, and thought they needed to address the issue, that this was a very serious matter, that he knew Mr. Dowe had prepared a projection of the impact of the sale of \$410 million over 20 to 30 years, but he had not projected the sale of additional bonds that were necessary to raise funds for the CIP. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that as to the Olympic Games being held in Humble, the stadium for the entire school district happened to be in Humble, however the highest concentration of population, the highest concentration of students and the highest number of campuses in the entire school district were all in the City of Houston and Kingwood, that he guessed it was a little misleading to those that were not aware of the makeup of the school district but the City of Houston was benefiting greatly and being well represented at Turner Stadium in Humble. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that some of them may be aware that she had a busted wing and had been out for a few days, that she wanted to thank everyone who had sent notes, called or sent food, that she really appreciated the support, that she was glad to be back and it was good to see everybody. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Council Member Christie, D.C. absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary