

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 21, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., and Michael Berry; Mr. Don Cheatham, Division Chief, General Counsel Division, Legal Department; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; present. Council Member Ronald C. Green absent on personal business.

At 2:10 p.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Edwards to begin presentations. Council Member Edwards stated that the Bravo Awards was the city's highest recognition program for city employees and invited Ms. Sandra Farmer with the Houston Library, Ms. Flora Garcia with Housing and Community Development and Officer Heidi Ruiz with the Houston Police Department and presented each with a Bravo Award for going above and beyond their job descriptions and volunteering to help their communities without compensation. Council Member Alvarado absent.

Council Member Garcia invited those present with his presentation to the podium; and Captain Dunno stated that they were present to recognize Captain Bill Hand, recently retired after 31 years with the Fire Department; that he saved lives with his actions not only on the fire grounds but in training responders around the country and pretty much shaped the way they responded to HAZMAT calls; Ms. Dana Berry, the EO with the Fire Department and member of the National Association of HAZMAT Technicians, presented Captain Hand with the IAHMHT Lifetime Hazard Materials Service Award for 2005 on behalf of the National Association of Hazard Materials Technicians because of his dedication and hard work; and Mayor White presented Captain Hand a Proclamation proclaiming March 21, 2005 as "Captain Bill Hand Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Garcia invited the Ft. Hood soldiers and those with them present for his presentation to the podium. Council Member Garcia stated that Command Sgt. Rick Hayden and Staff Sgt. Sylvia Rosa would share information on an important project they were involved with which was in direct support of active military personnel as well as those disabled while serving their country; and Command Sgt. Hayden stated that on behalf of thousands of soldiers and family members at Ft. Hood they started a program after his return from Iraq visiting soldiers called "Fishing for Freedom" and they took soldiers and competed in a large Bass tournament with significant prizes and the money was donated to special needs, highlights from the previous year were viewed and Command Sgt. Hayden further stated that the film was showing a broadcast by CSN where volunteers brought boats from five states to take soldiers fishing, soldiers talking about the experience here fishing and how in Iraq the Iraqis fish for survival but freely give to the soldiers upon returning from missions in gratitude for what they had done; and Staff Sgt. Sylvia Rosa stated that she was in charge of the singles program and representing 22,000 soldiers at Ft. Hood; that this program enhanced moral and quality of life and it was a way of saying thank you to the soldiers for what they did; that she had not yet had the pleasure of being deployed but was on her way in October and it was a pleasure to be a soldier, she loved her country and did this for them; another speaker stated that she was a Houstonian and became attached to the military and was executive director of the Texas Military Family Foundation and had seen over 100,000 deployed and started the foundation taking care of wounded and injured soldiers and the program helped put soldiers on level ground and fund organizations such as her allowing soldiers to be taken care of; another spokesperson with Military Child Education Coalition stated that the children of soldiers also served their country daily and she hoped all would commit to supporting the organization; and Council Member Garcia stated that it was an important reintegration back into the free world after serving in a very stressful and dramatic environment; and thanked all for what they did.

Council Member Khan invited students with Duchesne Academy to the podium and stated that they had won the "Future City Competition" and presented Certificates to Danielle George,

Helen Talbut, Skye Ruclin and Andrea Baker; and one for the school to their teacher; and Mayor White stated that they were very proud of them; and Miss Talbut introduced each and stated that they were eighth graders and Houston Regional First Place Winners of the Future City Competition and in Washington, D. C. received the special award for best use of fuel cell systems as a sustainable energy source. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated it was an honor to have them present and they needed to stay in science and public policy as that was where the rubber met the road; and thanked them for representing Duchesne Academy and the City of Houston so highly. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Brown congratulated Duchesne Academy and stated that he was an architect and urban planner and it was wonderful to consider making life better through both technology and design. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

At 2:51 p.m. Council Member Johnson invited Pastor Maurice Johnson with Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church to lead all in prayer and Council Member Johnson led all in the pledge. Council Members Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

At 2:53 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Green absent on personal business. Council Members Garcia and Brown absent.

Council Members Khan and Alvarado moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on personal business. Council Members Brown and Berry absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Lawrence invited the eighth grade class students with First Baptist to stand to be recognized. Council Members Brown and Berry Absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that with two shy of the 150 speaker limit for the Council one minute rule, she would move to suspend the Rules of Council for the purpose of invoking Council Rule 8 subsection b, known as the one minute rule. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on personal business. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0210 ADOPTED

Council Member Wiseman moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Rahim Akrami out of order at this time, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on personal business. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0211 ADOPTED

The City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Mr. Rahim Akrami, 5822 Ancient Oaks Drive, Humble, Texas 77346 (713-628-5466) appeared and stated that he was an exchange student from Afghanistan and he came to speak of his experiences in the fourth largest city in the United States; that he came in late August and experienced his first hurricane and it was scary as they had evacuated their house at 3:30 a.m., it was a culture shock to him but what inspired him was the solutions put forth by the city. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan thanked Mr. Akrami for coming today and stated that they were very proud of him as he was representing the people of Afghanistan very well with his stay; that his nation had gone through a lot and people such as him gave hope not only to people there but also in the world; that he was an ambassador for them here in Houston and when he returned would be an ambassador for Houston. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman welcomed Mr. Akrami and stated that his interest and leadership showed why he was chosen to come; and she wished him the best. Council Members Garcia and Brown absent.

Mr. Keith McCarthy, 511 Longwoods Lane, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-468-6813) appeared and stated that he was treasurer for the Longwoods Homeowner Association and was present supporting the abandonment of Cleghorn Lane easement; and thanked Council Member Holm and her office for all their assistance; and 56 residents of Longwoods signed the petition in support. Council Members Garcia and Brown absent.

Mr. Jeff Davis, 503 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-276-5806) appeared, presented information and stated that he and his wife were applicants in support of the abandonment of Cleghorn Lane; that their color coded map showed Cleghorn Lane in blue and the yellow was area residents in favor of the application; and asked those in favor present to stand to be recognized; and urged Council's support for their security. Council Members Garcia and Brown absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Lawrence, Mr. Davis stated that 86 residents of 128 of the two neighborhoods combined and 25 of 49 actually on Westminister signed in favor of the application. Council Members Garcia and Brown absent.

Mr. Michael Mithoff, 459 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-932-1917) appeared and stated that he and his wife had maintained the property in question for years and opening it for a street or path would be potentially devastating; and he would appreciate their consideration. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Brown absent.

Ms. Virginia Schwanauer, 502 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-984-2490) appeared and stated that there were 18 small children on their side of the street and needed adult supervision; that if the street was opened it would further increase their security risk and though she did not oppose a path opening. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia and Brown absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Holm, Ms. Schwanauer stated that she was in full support of the abandonment on the Agenda. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia and Brown absent.

Ms. Claire Caudill, 518 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-932-8933) appeared and stated that when she first heard of a pathway she thought it a good idea, but the more she heard she realized the property was abandoned decades ago and for practical solutions it would be for the city to abandon Cleghorn Lane and allow property owners to buy it and pay taxes on it; and thanked Council Member Holm for all her assistance. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Ms. Jill Kershner, 309 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-468-8534) appeared and stated that she was in support of the abandonment of Cleghorn Lane; that today Council could vote and allow children a safe way to walk and bike out of the neighborhood with Chimney Rock being so heavily traveled. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Ms. Kershner stated that she was for the abandonment of the street and for retaining a ten foot path as the City Attorney said could be done. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Holm thanked Ms. Kershner for coming and stated there was no question in a growing city many were surrounded by busy thoroughfares and Chimney Rock did present

hazards and they were working to make that sidewalk safer. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Tom Kershner, 309 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-468-8534) appeared and stated that he was asking Council to reserve space in the abandonment of Cleghorn Lane for restoration of a hike and bike path and they were not asking the City of Houston for any money as resident volunteers already stepped forward to spend time and money and it would allow a straight shot for many children to school. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Al Nance, 442 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-465-1190) appeared and stated that he was opposed to the right of way and in favor of abandonment; that his biggest issue was security and did not want access from a third point. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Ms. Maria Schmidt, 534 Westminister Drive, Houston, Texas (713-465-8231) appeared and stated that she was in favor of the abandonment; though Chimney Rock was not the best situation in the world it was far better than the other solution. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Richard Owen, 234 North Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-854-8654) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Bart Bentley, 312 Longwoods Lane, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-840-7710) appeared and stated that he was former president of the Longwoods Homes Association and asked by the present president to speak on the issue; that Longwoods residents were strongly in favor of abandonment, there was talk today of a hike and bike trail, but by his view it was not on the Agenda today; and it was said Duchesne students could cross safely with a path but that would put them crossing directly from the middle of Memorial Drive and it was safer to cross at the stop light at Chimney Rock and Memorial; and again their neighborhood was for the abandonment. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Holm stated that her office had worked since last May trying to address the issue and get a solution appropriate and suitable for the entire neighborhood and immediate community; that some were not totally happy with the outcome, but she hoped they all understood it was weighed carefully and was a component of the neighborhoods wishes and desires and best interest for the future as they continued to grow into an urban community. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Johnson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. James Smith after Ms. Ruby Mosley, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on personal business. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. MOTION 2006-0212 ADOPTED

Ms. Ruby Mosley, 862 South Victory, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-447-6095) appeared and stated that today they were present regarding the renaming of Little York Park to Sylvester Turner Park; that they had their matching grant for \$300,000.00 last time they were present and now they had the remaining paid in full. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Members Lawrence stated that she asked the Mayor and he had no objections and they checked with all and they were all complimentary with what Rep. Turner had done and

they were looking forward to the new sign being put up. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that this was a testament to the great work Rep. Turner had done in the community; and he thanked all as this was much appreciated. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. James Smith, 1534 West Donovan, Houston, Texas 77091 (281-687-1311) appeared and stated that regarding the Donovan Project he was still looking for the city to give them a ditch and funds were to already be set for it and they were still looking for it. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Smith stated that the Donovan Project was a drainage ditch and funds were set aside last year; and Mayor White stated Mr. Norman should stand up; and upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Norman stated that he was familiar with the project; and Mayor White stated that Mr. Norman would help sort through and then report back to him and the Council Member as to where the project was; and Mr. Smith stated he also wanted to thank him for changing the name of the park. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Charles Ingram, 5503 Mouthwood, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-471-7689) appeared and stated that he was president of Acres Homes Citizen Council which composed of 18 civic clubs and he had heard there may be a concern for the renaming of Little York Park to Sylvester Turner Park and he was her to confirm that was what the community wanted as he had served them well and it was just right to do. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Willie Hunter, 6722 Moss Oaks, Houston, Texas 77050 (832-286-7711) appeared and stated that he was strongly opposing the objection to MUD 439; that they did not want double taxation and they did not have the viability to support what the developer wanted; and thanked Council for killing it. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia, Brown, Lovell, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Mr. Hunter stated that he spoke with Mr. Norman of Public Works regarding the 100% design by the City of Houston and the 70% construction cost and spoke with his group and they decided it was not plausible to do it because they did not know what type of pipes were going in and the lot size would be downsized; that they did need development in the area but did not want a MUD because of the double taxation. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that the group regarding Sylvester Turner Park were through speaking and he and Council supported it; that they said no all the time to renaming parks, etc., after living folks but he brought the funding that made this possible and that was very impressive and distinguished this and as far as he knew this was the first time something was renamed for someone who was living; and he thanked them. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Jackie Mayhorn, 5409 Van Zandt, Houston, Texas 77016 (281-914-0351) appeared and stated that she was Super Neighborhood 47 East Little York Homestead president and Super Neighborhood Alliance president for the City of Houston and was present opposing MUD 439 in their community as it made no sense; that they were talking about an affordable housing project in their community and it was not done anywhere else in the city and there would be an overburden of new homeowners coming in, it was supposedly affordable but they would be paying another \$25.00 to \$80.00 a month on top of their mortgage and they were concerned about a sustainable community. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown, Lovell and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Ms. Mayhorn stated that on a one day notice they had Super Neighborhood 13 Independence Heights, Super Neighborhood 55 The Greater Fifth Ward, Super Neighborhood 6 Acres Homes, East Houston Civic Club, the Houston Forth Forest Chamber of Commerce, and others present; that they had a project review process and did have a meeting with the developer and presented it to the community, but they had no dialogue with the developer since August; and thanked Council Member Johnson for providing leadership. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Ms. Andrea Cooksey, 6711 Lakemont, Houston, Texas 77050 (281-640-8289) appeared and stated that she was present opposing the creation of an inner city MUD, especially in northeast Houston as a training ground for the venture as they had enough problems with development issues, affordability of the homes was a concern and what they needed was affordable development. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Lovell, Ms. Cooksey stated that in this particular area there was no MUD and they wanted to make sure they did not; that developers needed to be sensitive to affordability and sustainability versus just placing things on the ground and what they had was a lack of planning. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Ms. Robin German Curtis, 7220 Hempstead, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-631-2300) appeared and stated that she was excited about being present and the Mayor and Council had done an excellent job in helping them through difficult times; that she was representing Northeast Beyond 2000 as the chairperson and they were excited about development being planned for the area, but concerned about the lack of accountability in terms of development; and they opposed the MUD 439. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Brown and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, Ms. Curtis stated that they presented several scenarios including the TIRZ and asking the GHBA to expand so he would get the reimbursement requested rather than burdening the buyer. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that the project review committee gave communities the opportunity of being accountable to themselves and making developers accountable to communities they wanted to build in; and he wanted to recognize the work all did and thanked them; and Ms. Curtis stated that in the handout provided to the Mayor and Council there was an affordability analysis which compared various scenarios with and without a MUD District and she would ask they look at it, families had to be able to afford and sustain the homes. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Brown and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mayor White stated that the Planning Commission reviewed MUD's when they came up; and they could review this particular issue through Council Member Lawrence's committee, it was a good idea; that he usually got good feed back on MUD's and when he did not have consent and unanimity he would take a personal look into it; that there were issues when they wanted housing built in a particular place there was a financing vehicle that would deal with the infrastructure and was it a part of the overall plan because some projects were already started before they came and they could not just shift gears; and Council Member Edwards stated that the Planning Commission seemed to be tied to a strict yes or no and did not have liberty to look at other plans so she would suggest sending it through Council Member Lawrence's committee. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that the Development Regulatory Affairs met last week

and would not meet again until April 20th; and with this being an agenda item that was something to consider; and Mayor White stated that he wanted to make sure there were policies and criteria's concerning MUD's so it was not Ad Hoc in dealing with applications for inner city MUD's, you had to look at what development documents were submitted when the original development was platted because you could not change rules in the middle of the game and it was an excellent idea to have elected officials look at the policies. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent.

Ms. Danielle George, 10202 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-468-8211 x286) had appeared during presentations and was not present when her name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent.

Mr. Darrell Scott, 8601 Broadway Blvd. #1275, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-649-5294) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Raymond Mbala out of order at this time; and Mayor White stated that with no objections it would be so ordered. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Raymond Mbala, 5959 Westheimer #212, Houston, Texas 77057 (469-556-7299) appeared and stated that he was the general council for Texans Shuttle Local Scheduled Ground Transportation here in Houston and they had been in service four years and was 100% minority owned; that they paid thousands of dollars to the City of Houston in taxes and fees and was present to speak on an issue which was the exclusive, which meant monopoly shared contract, about to come before Council; that there were two companies which was theirs and Yellow Cab operating and with the passage of this contract they would be taking food out of the mouths of employees who spent years working for the company and would be giving it to one company and he urged it not be done and that it be reevaluated based on other Council Members suggestions. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Brown and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Khan, Mr. Mbala stated that the process in their opinion was flawed from beginning to end; that representations were made and not followed through on behalf of HAS and people who should have been contacted who were not and Council Members in the Transportation Committee who asked Mr. Vacar for responses never provided on public record; that they had invested millions of dollars into their company over time and they would be taking food out of the mouths of over 50 families and from a citizen and visitor standpoint they would be reducing service levels from a ground transportation standpoint to and from the airport by handing it to one company. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Trent Winters, 7967 West Airport, Houston, Texas 77071 (713-729-1153) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Ms. Kimlan Vu, 13746 Stabledon Drive, Houston, Texas 77014 (832-375-1914) appeared and stated that she had a plan to help the disabled community and was a win/win situation for all; that she struggled to find affordable housing for over three years and now learned to do it herself and she led a productive and affordable life; that she wanted to start a project to build for the disabled community with all necessities and it would make their lives easier. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Mayor White thanked Ms. Vu for coming and stated that if she had printed information to present it to Mr. Cantu and it would be disseminated. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Mr. Briscoe Swan, 4135 Frenwood, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-392-9668) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77020 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Ms. Carolyn Webster, 6823 Reed Road, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-644-9266) appeared, presented Council with pictures and stated that she was present a couple of months ago asking about the hot spots in her neighborhood and the problem was now worse; that she also worked hard to keep her yard up and tried using heavy trash and the equipment was so bad it dug a whole in her yard; and it needed to be fixed. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Ms. Webster stated that when they picked up her trash and did the water lines they made holes in her yard and so did her neighbors; and Council Member Edwards stated that she would be calling her and setting up a time for Wednesday or Thursday. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT).

Mayor White stated that he looked at the photos she passed to Council Member Edwards; and upon questions, Ms. Webster stated that she put her heavy trash in sheets to be picked up easily, but the man said the equipment was broke and if it was broke it should be fixed, but she thinks some workers just don't care; and Mayor White stated that when Council Member Edwards looked into this if the equipment was broken and causing this they needed to fix it and he was concerned others were in her situation and wanted the problem fixed. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that Ms. Webster had spoken with her office and they did speak with Mr. Buchanan and someone went out and said it would take a few weeks to be repaired; and Ms. Webster said no she had problems two years as they kept dropping the ball; and before contractors were paid the city should go out and look at their job. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Clementene Cummings, 3327 Nettleton, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-236-6458) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Pamela Smith, 5754 Bellarbor, Houston, Texas 77033 (281-275-4250) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Terry Thompson, (shelter) no phone had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Wendemere, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-453-1900) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Nick Cuccerre, 505 Pearl, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-675-0243) appeared and stated that he was president and CEO of Nick's Diesel Service in Houston and was present to inform Council of a deceptive act performed by Charlie Prouse a salesman at Rush Truck Centers as in December Council passed a motion, 2005-1197, awarding numerous PO's to Rush Truck Centers for the award of 10 Peterbuilt trucks and have installed on them the Warren dump bodies by Nick's Diesel Service and Mr. Prouse informed him he needed to give him a \$2,000.00 discount per truck and then said he shopped for a cheaper truck and if he did not give him \$20,000.00 he would take the order from his company and he refused to be blackmailed; that Mr. Prouse then wrote to the City Purchasing Department telling them he could not make the delivery date which was not true. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Herschel Williams, 505 Pearl, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-675-0243) appeared and stated that he also worked for Nick's Diesel and to follow-up Mr. Prouse informed the city in his letter that he found another manufacturer to deliver on time and they obtained a copy of the specs and through the Public information Act the new manufacturer did not meet the original City of Houston specs and it was a cheaper product and was not what the City of Houston was used to purchasing; that the Purchasing Department issued a change order based solely on his recommendation and they thought they were signing off on an equal product and he would assure them it was not and the alternate manufacturer Ludwell and Sons was not even registered or recognized by the NTEA nor did they offer a warranty center here in Houston as stated in Houston contracts; and the paperwork and paper trail were manipulated in this project. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Norman stated that it was Public Works procurement; and Mayor White stated that he would ask Mr. Norman to get information from the individuals appearing as they did not want any improprieties and he had not been fully briefed, but if there was an impropriety they needed to look at it and keep it clean, but if someone said there was an impropriety by a city employee and there was not then they should not bother to bid again on city contracts. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Hussein Mohammed, 11818 Fair Point, Houston, Texas 77099 (281-879-9341) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Richard Vela, 4039 Erby, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-404-4027) appeared and stated that he recently retired from the City of Houston with one week shy of 18 years of service; that the Houston Airport System said he falsified a travel voucher and relieved him of duty with another city employee, but three private attorneys looked at the matter and said there was no violation, the Texas Workforce Commission said he did not falsify a document and granted him unemployment compensation and a federal agency, the EEOC, said he did not falsify a city document; all five independent sources said he was fired for the convenience of the Houston Airport System, but he wanted them to see the records showed him in good standing. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that the information he had from the EEOC, attorneys and Texas Workforce Commission she would like a copy of; and upon questions, Mr. Vela stated that after he was granted unemployment compensation the City of Houston sued him and the State of Texas. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Khan, Mr. Vela stated that it was said by one of the deputy directors he was a whistle blower, he was the electrical superintendent at Hobby airport when they started the concourse and he saw 5kv equipment come in and he was an electrician and when he saw that equipment just laying around and not kept dry he brought it up as a major issue, he had seen them running reels of mc cable instead of conduit and pulling wire like they were supposed to as a part of the contract and he did that after Brown and Root went to him because no one else would do anything about it; that the alleged allegation he falsified a city document came about six months after the travel event and when he was bringing up these issues. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Vela for appearing and stated they would like to get the documents; and upon questions, Mr. Vela stated that he did go through the Civil Service process and the result was they basically rubberstamped it; and he did contest there was anything wrong with his travel voucher. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Brent Muecke, 4714 Westchester, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-941-4500) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Sammie Jones, 1415 W. Gulf Bank Road #211, Houston, Texas 77088 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Francisco Campos, 1842 Huge Oaks, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-907-8327) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Ms. Andrea Hunt, 3230 South Gessner #309, Houston, Texas 77063 appeared and stated that she was present to express concerns for those here from the hurricane in Louisiana and Mississippi, etc., that they did not even know where to go for assistance and it was much needed. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Garcia, Ms. Hunt stated that she was present to challenge all residents in Harris County to do something, to do what was right; that she was founder of J. A. Hunt Outreach to the World, named after her son, and she worked with underprivileged children. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682) appeared and stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Johnson for going to the Acres Homes area during the volunteer cleanup, many tires were found as they were heavily dumped on; that Mayor White had put Mr. Cantu in charge of helping them be self sufficient and he had not complied. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Johnson thanked Ms. Taylor for coming and keeping the community going; that they had collected over 100 tires just in that area and that was not all of them but they were creating watchdog organizations; and Ms. Taylor stated that they were going to take note of where cameras should be placed. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mr. Dave Brooks, 2011 Croydon Court, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-880-2038) appeared and stated that he was protesting the bikeway project extension North of Eleventh Street and T. C. Jester; that he and 14 other property owners would have property infringed with that extension. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that Ms. Andre realized how much input the neighborhood wanted and she (Council Member Lawrence) had gone to his home to look at this and there were two other options, one being the other side of the bayou or the two blocks could be on the street and lining up with the existing trail and she urged Ms. Andre to look at it as it did infringe on property and it had been cleared up at one time. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mayor White stated that her eyes and ears were important and they wanted things to be contiguous and usable so there was a network and if there was a better way to do something he did not want to do it by eminent domain. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Brown stated that if the property line went to the center of the bayou how would it be affected by the jurisdiction in the floodway of the Harris County Flood Control District and were they not a player in this equation; and Mayor White stated that it would be looked at. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Ms. Brenda Patrick, 10615 Brinwood, Houston, Texas 77043 (281-726-1555) appeared and stated that she was the Spring Branch Super Neighborhood president and they worked a number of years creating an identity and had commissioned Barton Smith, professor of economics at the U of H in 2001, and they were short on trails. Mayor White, Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lawrence stated that the bicycle pedestrian coordinator, Ms. Andre, had the message they wanted input and had planned it out and they were excited about the bike paths but wanted to be worked with. Mayor White, Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Ann Kitzmiller, 2015 Croydon Court, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-492-7026) appeared and stated that she was also present to speak in opposition to the proposal to route part of the proposed extension of the White Oak Bayou Hike and Bike Trail through privately owned property of a number of people; that it was problematic going through their property and there were other alternatives and urged it be looked into. Mayor White, Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Douglas Nichols, 2418 Broad, Houston, Texas 77521 (no phone) appeared and stated that he had come many times for assistance as he was receiving bodily harm; that they were trying to kill him; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Dave Jones, 2529 South Victory, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-439-4764) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Janice Blue, 1708 Rosewood, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-522-6899) appeared and stated that she hosted a weekly radio show on KTFT for the past four years and had devoted

their last two shows to a series they were calling Houston's Shame BARC; that Houston had the distinction of having the second highest kill rate in the nation, 9 out of 10 dogs and cats brought in were killed and this year San Francisco expected to save 80% to 85% of all brought in despite similar problems. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Ms. Blue stated that there had been three successes in other areas and she had all kinds of data; and Council Member Edwards stated that she would like her to speak with her; and Ms. Blue stated that this weekend that architects of the three good policies were holding a conference in Austin sponsored by the SPCA of Austin and as of today not one person from BARC or the Health Department or City of Houston government had registered for the conference and it was a tremendous opportunity to learn about reforming from a high kill rate; and would urge someone attend; and Council Member Edwards stated that if she would stay a few minutes she would see if it could be worked out. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Josh Bullard, 3328 McGowen, Houston, Texas 77004 (281-236-7518) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James P. Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Sudaphon Kinney, 225 Aldine Bender #708, Houston, Texas 77060 (281-448-4190) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. William (Beal) Reagan, 6230 Symare Avenue, Van Nuys, California 91401 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Joseph Omo Omari, 2820 Palm #2B, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-767-0970) appeared and stated that he came to the conclusion there must be political corruption or economic racism because all money dedicated for the Black community had disappeared under Bob Lanier and never returned under any Mayor and that was over \$143 million. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that on his previous appearance he said monies were missing and she wanted specifics, but what he gave her was just another testimony that money was missing; that she needed a way to track it; and Mr. Omari stated that he was talking about \$11 million in HUD money and another million in HUD money. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Reginald Butler, 2610 Ridge Hollow Drive, Houston, Texas 77067 (713-550-7887) appeared and stated that he was present January 21st and spoke regarding a wrongful arrest which occurred involving a METRO officer and since then and a month later he had been arrested two times by HPD officers and each time he had gone before a judge it was dismissed

and each time he was apologized to but that was not enough, each time he was picking up his clients and officers felt he was impeding traffic and he could not pick them up two blocks away. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Elbert Robertson, 1612 Sampson, Houston, Texas 77003 (832-364-8894) appeared and stated that he wanted to know where was justice when Indians were still on the reservation and where was it when the Black man was the only one who had been a slave; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Senator Robert Horton, 3714 Bain, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-260-6144) appeared and stated that he was God; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-453-6376) appeared and stated that he was the official President of the United States and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:25 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Council Member Green absent on personal business. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, March 22, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Ms. Susan Taylor, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:26 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:19 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Alvarado, Brown, Lovell and Green absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council Member Lawrence moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 5 out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado, Brown, Lovell and Green absent. MOTION 2006-0213 ADOPTED.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Parks & Recreation Department to change the name of **WEST LITTLE YORK PARK**, located at 2800 West Little York to **SYLVESTER TURNER PARK DISTRICT A – LAWRENCE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Brown absent.

Mayor White and Members of Council congratulated Representative Sylvester Turner for

all of the work that he had done in Acres Homes. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Brown absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 5. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Brown absent. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Brown absent. MOTION 2006-0214 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green moved to suspend the rules to hear from Representative Sylvester Turner, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Brown absent. MOTION 2006-0215 ADOPTED.

Representative Turner stated that he wanted to thank Mayor White and the Members of the City Council, that it was not just with the efforts that he had put forth, it was a collaborate effort, with the Mayor's support and involvement in getting the park developed, that he and people in the area appreciated that, that the park sat in District A and he and Council Member Lawrence went out and looked at it and talked about it non stop and worked together and he wanted to thank her for her efforts, that it would serve both District A and District B, that one thing they noticed a few years ago was that they had Minute Maid Park but there were many families in his district and many others whose families simply could not attend the Minute Maid Park and for them a neighborhood park was the closest thing to a field and in this area there had never been a baseball field, except the ones that they made themselves, and there had never been a baseball league, so a part of developing neighborhoods and communities was trying to establish something in the neighborhood that people could go to, that without the City's help, the Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Acres Homes Citizens Council and the private sector it would not be possible, that his name was there but the reality was that without people like Centerpoint, Reliant and AT&T the park would not have happened and the City's Parks and Recreation Department had been great in working on the project, that he wanted to say thank you very much, that it had been his pleasure to work with the City, State, the private sector and community groups to make it happen. Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Brown absent.

Council Member Alvarado moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 3 out of order, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0216 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following to the **PUBLIC PARKING COMMISSION:**

- Position Six - **MR. ROBERT EURY**, as an ex-officio representative of the City's Municipal Management Districts
- Position Seven - **MR. GERARD TORRES**, for a term to expire 12/31/2006
- Position Eight - **MR. MARCUS L. DAVIS**, for a term to expire 12/31/2007
- Position Nine - **MR. M. MARVIN KATZ**, and to serve as Chair, for a term to expire 12/31/2006
- Position Ten - **MS. MICHELLE LYNN COLVARD**, for a term to expire 12/31/2007
- Position Eleven - **MR. JOE R. MARTIN**, for a term to expire 12/31/2006
- Position Twelve - **MR. ANDREW F. ICKEN**, for a term to expire 12/31/2007
- Position Thirteen - **MS. EVALYN LAING KRUDY**, for a term to expire 12/31/2006
- Position Fourteen - **MR. CHARLES D. REEDSTROM**, for a term to expire 12/31/2007
- Position Fifteen - **MS. MARY JO (JODY) MCFADDEN**, for a term to expire 12/31/2006

- was presented, moved by Council Member Lawrence, seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Liliana Rambo and Mr. Richard Lewis for their assistance in helping to get the commission through, and wanted to thank Council Members Holm, Lawrence and Edwards for submitting individuals to serve on the commission, and moved to delete the nomination for Position 12, Mr. Andrew F. Icken, for a term to expire 12/31/2007, seconded by Council Member Khan.

After discussion a vote was called on Council Member Alvarado's motion to delete the nomination for Position 12. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. MOTION 2006-0217 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 3. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. MOTION 2006-0218 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor White requested the new members of the commission who were present to stand and be recognized. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

Mayor White stated that the first meeting for the Public Parking Commission would be on Thursday, April 13, 2006. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 48

MISCELLANEOUS – NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for establishment of a connection charge in the amount of \$0.517 per square foot for properties connecting to the 8-inch sanitary sewer line constructed by **SHAHIN KHATAMI** located along Rosewood **DISTRICT D – EDWARDS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0219 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 9

9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$416,296.52 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEXAS LIQUA TECH SERVICES, INC** for Roof Replacement Health Department Headquarters Building and Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center, GFS H-0018-02-3 - 19.54% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and D - EDWARDS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0220 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 12 and 13

12. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the Award of Special Commissioners, being \$353,132.00 into the registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Purvis Bearing Service, Ltd., et al., Cause No. 841,909, for acquisition of Parcel AY2-041; for the **CENTRAL STREET GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT (Central St. Extension over Manchester Avenue to Train Yard)**; GFS/CIP N-0676-01-2 - \$361,962.00 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0221 ADOPTED.
13. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the Award of Special Commissioners, being \$51,465.00 into the registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and not file any objections to the Award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Baybrook Investment and Development, Inc., a Texas corporation, et al.,

Cause No. 850,245, for acquisition of Parcel CY3-006; for the **BAY AREA LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT**; GFS/CIP R-0267-07-1 - \$54,695.00 - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0222 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 15 and 19

15. **EARLE KINLAW ASSOCIATES, INC d.b.a. EKA, INC** for Ditch Trencher through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative for the Houston Airport System - \$42,831.24 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0223 ADOPTED.
19. **SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL a Division of IDSC Holding LLC** for spending authority to Purchase Automotive Tools and Equipment from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - General and Enterprise Funds - \$543,276.20 - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0224 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 32 through 39

32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **EPSTEIN BECKER GREEN WICKLIFF & HALL, P.C.**, for representation of the City in legislative, regulatory, right-of-way, franchise, contract and litigation-related matters including administrative proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and appeals therefrom, and other related dockets and proceedings addressing retail rates and customer service; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,400,000.00 - General Fund – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
35. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **AIR LIQUIDE LARGE INDUSTRIES U.S. LP**, to own, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair, and replace pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which said permit is issued - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0256 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **SOUTH COAST HYDRAULICS, INC** for Repair and Maintenance of Aerial Devices/Bucket Trucks for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$984,710.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0257 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$600,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation for contract between the City and **ARCTEC ASSOCIATES, INC** for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services in connection with various Job Order Contract Work Orders (Project No. 516A), CIP A-0138 (approved by Ordinance No. 2004-1085) - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0258 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$308,303.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between

the City of Houston and **WALTER P. MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for the Braeswood Laboratory Flood Mitigation, GFS H-0029-04-2; providing funding for Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0259 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$686,390.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **CENTURY ROOFING, LLC** for Roof and Roof-Top Unit Replacement at the Southwest Quadrant Office Building, GFS R-0268-42-3, 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0260 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LTD.** for Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drainage Systems serving Section Two of the Pierce Junction Village Subdivision; approving and authorizing assignment of construction contract to **CANNATA CONSTRUCTION**, CIP S-0800-F5-3 and R-0800-F5-3 (DPC-089) **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0261 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST from Mayor on recommendation from the Houston Bar Association for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. RAUL SUAZO** to Position One and the appointment by the Harris County Medical Society of **MR. EUGENE V. BOISAUBIN, M.D.** to Position Three of the **ETHICS COMMITTEE**, for terms to expire December 31, 2007 – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0225 ADOPTED.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **DR. LARRY R. FAULKNER** to Position Five of the **HOUSTON DOWNTOWN PARK CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2009 – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0226 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from the City Controller and the Director Department of Finance & Administration for payment of \$50,709.13 to the **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE** for Arbitrage Rebate Liability on Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds Series 1996A and 1996B - General Debt Service Administration Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2006-0227 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to approve refund for Water & Sewer Account to Memorial Hermann Hospital System - \$38,384.67 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0228 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$293,017.15 and acceptance of work on contract with **SUMCO, INC** for MacGregor Park - Ballfield Lights, GFS F-504A-11-3 - 03.50% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Alvarado.

PROPERTY

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance & Administration Department for approval of the sale of a tax foreclosed property held by Spring Branch Independent School District described as Lot 137 and the South 21.35 feet of Lot 136, Block 75, Neuen Manor, 2201 Bauer Dr., Houston, Texas, 77080, to Harris County for \$1.00 for use as a park and authorize execution of documents of conveyance - **DISTRICT A – LAWRENCE** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

Council Member Lawrence stated that on Item Numbers 10 and 11, many times they did not thank the commissioners and in this case Commissioner Radick had done a lot to clear up the land, especially on Item No. 11, that it was a two year process, that she wanted to thank the Super Neighborhood and the Commissioner for their work and what they were going to do with the land.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor White stated that they were not conveying a property, what they were doing was assigning their lien for their taxes, as were other governmental entities, so that they could have somebody buy the property, that they could direct inquiries to Mr. Bob Christy, the new Director of Real Estate, or an attorney at the collection agency, Ms. Leah Stoller.

A vote was called on Item No. 10. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent. MOTION 2006-0229 ADOPTED.

11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance & Administration Department for approval of the sale of a tax foreclosed property held by Spring Branch Independent School District described as 2.6109 acres or approximately 113,730 square feet in Hollister Manor Subdivision, Section One, on Soway Street in Northwest Houston, 77080, to Harris County for \$1.00 for use as a park and authorize execution of documents of conveyance - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Holm absent. MOTION 2006-0230 ADOPTED.

14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY3-517, located at 3225 North Freeway, owned by KAMS, Inc, a Texas corporation, Kenneth Slataper, President, for the **LITTLE YORK WHITE OAK BAYOU TRAIL PROJECT**, CIP N-0420-36-2 - \$64,503.00 - **DISTRICT H – GARCIA** – was presented. Council Member Holm absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he would tag the item so long as the administration knew at this point whether or not the tag would affect the project in any shape or manner, that one week delay would not impede the project, and Mayor White stated that was fine, that they had no objection to the tag.

After further discussion by Council Members Mayor White stated that Item No. 14 was tagged. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mayor White recognized Council Member Edwards for a point of privilege.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to recognize the senior class from Willowridge High School and Mr. Larry Blackman, Social Studies teacher, and asked that they stand and be recognized, that Mr. Blackman had been diligent in making sure that his classes understood how government worked, especially on the local level, so they appreciated his work and his consistency with training and empowering the young people so that they could be better citizens for the City of Houston.

Mayor White stated that he mentioned Mr. Blackman in speeches all over the City as somebody who did not get the headlines but was a leader in the community.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$18,537.75 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for Urethane Injection Leveling at the Montrose Library, CIP E-0160 and \$39,564.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund for Urethane Injection Leveling at the Solid Waste Management's Southeast Service Center, CIP L-NA for the Building Services Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0262 ADOPTED.
- 16a. **PELTIER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LTD.**, for Urethane Injection Leveling for the Building Services Department - \$55,335.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$58,101.75 – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0231 ADOPTED.
17. **DLT SOLUTIONS, INC** for Oracle Software Licenses through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for Texas CISV Master Catalog Purchases under Chapter 2157 of the Government Code for Department of Public Works & Engineering \$219,137.47 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0232 ADOPTED.
18. **APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS** for Forensic Chemicals and Test Kits for Police Department \$1,021,906.45 - General and Grant Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0233 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

20. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 1-6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the requirement of a Culpable Mental State in the Commission of certain acts in violation of a city ordinance – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0263 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE providing for Passenger Facility Charges at William P. Hobby Airport – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Lawrence, Garcia, Edwards and Clutterbuck.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mr. Hall stated that the federal regulations authorized that it could be used for eligible projects that had already been completed and would have been eligible had it been charged at the time and for projects obviously going forward, that what it did was create a mechanism used by the overwhelming majority of airports across the Country, certainly all of the large ones, to help fund basically capital projects, capital kind of improvements at the airport, in effect, it would be used to help support the capital improvement program at Hobby Airport.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Berry stated that the PFC was not

perfect but it was widespread throughout the Country and a lot of airports used it, that he hoped the Council Members would find out all of the details before they voted because it was the right thing to do given their circumstances at this time, and Council Member Holm stated that for her the point was not the PFC, that her question was why was it so expensive to operate out of Hobby Airport that they were compelled to charge the fee, what was going on, that she thought they needed to ask some specific questions and get some specific answers.

After further discussion Mayor White stated that Item No. 21 had been tagged.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing interlocal agreement between the City and **FORT BEND COUNTY** for subsequent Mosquito Control Activities in City areas within Fort Bend County **DISTRICTS D - EDWARDS; F - KHAN and G - HOLM** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0264 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE making a general appropriation of certain revenues of the City in support of annual budgets for Fiscal Year 2006; authorizing transfers in support of the annual budgets of the city for Fiscal Year 2006 – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
24. ORDINANCE authorizing sale of Casa Real Apartments located at 215 West Little York, Houston, Texas, and authorizing release of City's Restrictive Covenants, Deed of Trust Lien and assignment of leases and rents in exchange for substantial payment to City - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that Item No. 24 was to authorize the sale of Casa Real Apartments, that the loan was in default and the loan was initiated in 1997 under a different administration, that she would like a written report from Mr. Wilson as to when did they first recognize that the loan was in trouble and did they have input prior to the end of the line situation that they could have made some changes so that the board would not have gone into default, that number two, were there other loans that were in jeopardy, and maybe Mr. Walsh would have that information, were there other loans that would be relative to low income housing and loans that were made with Federal HUD dollars that were now in jeopardy that they needed to know on Council before they went into default, that she would like to know that, that she wondered if this was something that was indicating another phase that they were coming up to, and another question, for Mr. Wilson to answer in writing, would the loan default jeopardize the City of Houston's standing with HUD for future home loans for low income housing and what mechanism did they have in place in order to not allow the same principles who initiated this project, the Sunnyside Up Project, from going into another entity and coming forward and applying for similar loans that may also run into problems going forward, so those were the questions she had and for that reason she would tag the item and hopefully they would get some information coming forward by next week. Council Members Garcia and Alvarado absent.

25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **TX COMMONS OF GRACE, L.P.** to provide a \$700,000.00 Loan of Federal "HOME" Funds for eligible costs in connection with the construction of an apartment building to be located in the 8900 block of Tidwell Road, Houston, Texas, to house low income elderly residents **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Sekula-Gibbs and Clutterbuck. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Khan asked what was their discussion with HUD on the item and if HUD was okay with what was being suggested, that if someone could give him a briefing on it, and Mayor White stated that they would get him a briefing. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Walsh for providing the supplemental material for the item, that it was dated March 11, 2006 and said that as of March

11 they had not heard back from HUD but it was their understanding that the approval was imminent and this being March 22 she would like to know if they had heard back from HUD since then, and Mayor White stated that there was a change of conditions, as he understood, having to do with the senior lenders, that they would get Council Members a briefing on it. Council Member Garcia absent.

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MACEDONIA OUTREACH CENTER** to provide \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to cover costs associated with a Job Training and Work Force Development Program in the northeast and southeast areas of the City of Houston - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0265 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Occupancy Agreement between **AVANCE, HOUSTON CHAPTER, A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION (“AVANCE”)** and the City of Houston (“City”), for the purpose of having Avance provide Head Start and Early Head Start Programs (“Programs”) based on the eligibility requirements of income level and need at the Acres Home Multi-Service Center (“Center”) - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0266 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing interlocal agreement between the City of Houston and **GREENSPOINT COMMUNITY PARTNERS (“GCP”)** for the purpose of establishing the procedures and responsibilities for the reimbursement of certain overtime expenses of the Houston Police Department - \$325,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0267 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 163** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0268 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 3.5503 acres of land to **NORTH FOREST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0269 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 0.9375 acres of land to **MEMORIAL HILLS UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0270 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE accepting the individual proposals from **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY, LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, JAMES RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, COMMONWEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY, CONTINENTAL CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS LONDON, ALLIED WORD ASSURANCE (US); AXIS SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE COMPANY, INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE WEST** and **RSUI INDEMNITY COMPANY** which are participating in the Layered Property Insurance Program and approving and authorizing the purchase of a General City Property Insurance Policy - \$8,234,945.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Lawrence.
34. ORDINANCE accepting the proposal from **LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY** for Bush/IAH and Hobby Airports and approving and authorizing the purchase of Terrorism Insurance - \$294,909.50 Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Lawrence.

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CSF CONSULTING L.P. D/B/A PE SERVICE CONSULTING ENGINEERS (f/k/a PE SERVICE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LTD.)** (approved by Ordinance No. 05-0354), GFS D-0077-04-2 - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0271 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$806,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract with **BINKLEY & BARFIELD, INC** for Design of the Wastewater Treatment and Sludge Plant Renewal/Replacement (approved by Ordinance No. 00-0015), GFS R-0265-11-2 (WW4760) **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - WISEMAN; G - HOLM; H - GARCIA and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0272 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,263,723.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CH2M HILL, INC** for Design of North Corridor Plant Consolidation for Northborough/Northgate, Imperial Valley and MUD#203 Wastewater Treatment Plants, GFS R-0536-08-2 (WW4907); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0273 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Construction Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **OMEGA ENGINEERS, INC** (approved by Ordinance No. 04-1059), GFS S-0019-31-3 (WA10849); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0274 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,422,810.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation and approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract for Engineering Services associated with Design of Water Line Replacement in Ellena Gardens - South Section Area, GFS S-0035-N1-2, Croyden Gardens - Northeast Area, GFS S-0035-N2-2 and Colonial Gardens Area, GFS S-0035-N3-2, under construction contract with **SCL ENGINEERING** (approved by Ordinance No. 2005-0317); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and H - GARCIA** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0275 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$327,750.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing construction management, inspection services, and project coordination services contract between the City of Houston and **MENENDEZ-DONNELL AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in the Holcombe Area and Project Coordination Services as City of Houston Light Rail Coordinator, GFS S-0035-C1-3, S-0521-S6-3 and R-0521-S6-3 - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0276 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,300,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS AND NEWNAM,**

INC for Design of the Surface Water Transmission Program, GFS S-0900-02-2 (WA10875); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0277 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,149,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **C AND C SERVICES** for Water Line Replacement in the Belfort North Subdivision, GFS S-0035-B5-3 (WA10778); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, project management, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0278 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 49 through 52

MISCELLANEOUS

49. RECEIVE nominations for appointments to Positions 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE (ST. GEORGE PLACE), CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, for terms to expire December 31, 2007, and for Chair, for a term to expire December 31, 2006 – was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she had passed out a list that nominated Mr. Carlos Alvarado, Mr. Walter Goff, Mr. Gary Baumgartner and Mr. Daniel Daly to the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One (St. George Place).

Council Member Garcia moved to close nominations to the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One (St. George Place), seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0234 ADOPTED.

Note: Nomination did not specify position number and no nomination was made for chair.

PROPERTY

50. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mark R. Yzaguirre, Assistant General Counsel for the University of Houston, on behalf of the University of Houston-Downtown, for sale of a ± 1,790.25-square-foot fee-owned strip of land (known as Schilling's alley), located in the John Austin Survey, A-1, North Side Buffalo Bayou (N.S.B.B.), Parcel SY6-067 - **TWO APPRAISERS and one ALTERNATE APPRAISER - DISTRICT H – GARCIA** – was presented.

Council Member Garcia moved to postpone Item No. 50 until the end of the agenda, and Mayor White stated that if there was no objection it was so ordered.

51. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Charles Penland, Walter P. Moore & Associates, on behalf of Second Baptist Church (Lee Maxey, Associate Pastor/Church Administrator), for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement containing ±8,435 square feet, located in the John D. Taylor Survey, A-72, Parcel SY6-068 - **TWO APPRAISERS and one ALTERNATE APPRAISER - DISTRICT G – HOLM** – was presented.

Council Member Holm named Mr. William Evans and Mr. Michael Copland as appraisers and Mr. Al Abbott as alternate appraiser and moved adoption of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0235 ADOPTED.

52. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Jeffrey and Shannon Davis, on behalf of themselves and three other abutting owners: (a) Michael and Melissa Mithoff, (b) Eugene and Anne Schwinger, and (c) Jerry and Mary Ann Doggett, for abandonment and sale of Cleghorn Lane, from Fall River Road to Westminster Drive, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a full-width utility easement, located in Huntleigh Subdivision and Longwoods Subdivision, out of the R. Vince and the A, Ewing Surveys, Parcels SY6-066, SY6-070, SY6-071 and SY6-072 - **TWO APPRAISERS and one ALTERNATE APPRAISER - DISTRICT G – HOLM** - was presented.

Council Member Holm named Mr. Tom Kvinta and Mr. William Kvinta as appraisers and Mr. Alan Dominy as alternate appraiser and moved adoption of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0236 ADOPTED.

Council Member Berry stated that they had talked about how to improve the joint referral process and on average it was now taking about eight months and they would like to get that down to about four months, which was apparently the best practices standard, and one of the things that came out of their working group and the real estate group for the District Council Members to consider was that bringing an item to Council, getting an RCA effectively, getting it on the Council agenda for the Council Members to appoint an appraiser, added three weeks to a month and so the idea was to submit five appraisers per Council office or more or less if they chose, that would be cycled through, from their district, that would be their master list and they could change that at some point, but that way they would not have to come back to Council every time they had to appoint an appraiser and give the delays, they thought they could cut three weeks to a month off of the eight month process and get it closer to four months, that was just something for District Council Members to consider because they were going to bring it out of the working group and he wanted them to know that, and number two, they had already seen some progress, sort of like Council Member Green looking at who had not paid their back taxes made people pay their back taxes, the first round of applications from when they file the application for the joint referral, of the three that they have, two of the three got there in less than a month for the preliminary and before it was taking much more than that, so thanks to Ms. Nancy Collins and their group, and they had been very transparent in getting them the details because it was in the interest of all of them, particularly the City and their revenues, that the process be sped up, so he thought they were on the way to doing that.

Council Member Holm stated that she wanted to commend Council Member Berry and whoever was working with joint referral because it was an incredible, just the snap of a finger, it was much more organized and diligent and much more objective in its process.

Mayor White stated that since they had good attendance at Council, three things that the Council Members needed to know, first, they prevailed at the hearing and more on it would be at the press conference, that second, there would be a special announcement and press conference following the Council meeting concerning the incredible path breaking victory dealing with the property in Sharpstown that was going to be developed by a big nightclub, a number of Council Members were involved in that and the pro bono counsel was amazing, and third, Council Member Sekula-Gibbs pointed out on tagged Item No. 24 that there were a lot of things that were in default on loans made before the present administration that were being foreclosed by the first lien lenders and they were trying to ascertain and it may be that they had to move on it today or that their interest would be forfeited and they would have to pay back money.

53. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Utility Functions and Services Allocation Agreement between the City of Houston and **BGM LAND INVESTMENTS, LTD.** on behalf of proposed Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 439 - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – **(This was Item 17 on Agenda of March 8, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LAWRENCE, GREEN, SEKULA-GIBBS and JOHNSON)** – was presented.

Council Member Johnson stated he wanted to thank Mr. Gary Norman for all of the work that he had put into the item, and would move to refer Item No. 53 back to the administration for further review, seconded by Council Member Wiseman. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0237 ADOPTED.

54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,000.00 out of Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SUNLAND ENGINEERING COMPANY** for Water Line Replacement in the Heights Subdivision; GFS S-0035-94-3 (WA10733); containing provisions relating to the subject - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** – **(This was Item 26 on Agenda of March 8, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0279 ADOPTED.

Item postponed until the end fo the agenda.

50. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mark R. Yzaguirre, Assistant General Counsel for the University of Houston, on behalf of the University of Houston-Downtown, for sale of a ± 1,790.25-square-foot fee-owned strip of land (known as Schilling's alley), located in the John Austin Survey, A-1, North Side Buffalo Bayou (N.S.B.B.), Parcel SY6-067 - **TWO APPRAISERS and one ALTERNATE APPRAISER - DISTRICT H – GARCIA** – was again before Council.

Council Member Garcia named Mr. Frank Flores and Mr. John Fox as appraisers and Mr. Patrick O'Connor as alternate appraiser and moved adoption of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0238 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that it had been brought to her attention that there was a deadline on Item No. 24 that basically boxed the Council in to making a decision on the item without the ability for a tag, that she thought that was not made clear at the agenda briefing and was willing to release her tag, but would like to make a statement to the Housing Department, that it was unfortunate that they would bring an item to the City Council without the opportunity to get more information on it, especially when it was a defaulted loan, that she did requested more information from Mr. Wilson, and would ask for an update on other loans and understood that there may be as many as 16 other loans that were in jeopardy of going into default, so she would like a report on those loans, and number two, she would like to know if by allowing the sale of the property if it would penalize the City in any way with HUD, and also would like to know what mechanisms were in place to prevent the principles from reforming and coming back in a certain period of time and reapplying for HUD loans, that she thought it was a serious matter, that she would release her tag but had concerns about it being on the agenda and not giving them the privilege of the tag, and Mayor White stated that they would respond to all three of her questions. Council Member Lawrence absent.

24. ORDINANCE authorizing sale of Casa Real Apartments located at 215 West Little York, Houston, Texas, and authorizing release of City's Restrictive Covenants, Deed of Trust Lien and assignment of leases and rents in exchange for substantial payment to City - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was again before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0280 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to congratulate Mayor White on securing \$20 million in federal funding for public safety in the City, that she, like other Council Members, looked forward to added patrols in their neighborhoods and looked forward to going back to neighborhood policing where they could have officers that neighbors and groups could have interaction with, which she thought was the most effective way of cutting down crime; that she was a member of the Public Safety Committee and about 10 days ago they discussed the Red Light Camera RFP and there was a lot of work put in by the Houston Police Department and Public Works and there was also a lot of accusations that were flung around on the bidding process and she thought there was a lack of clarity, that she was going to ask Chairman Garcia to bring the issue of red light cameras to a special Public Safety Committee meeting to have a more in depth discussion on red light cameras and would ask the Mayor's office to look into the RFP process and to attend the committee meeting. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that on Saturday, March 25, 2006 was the opening day of Near Town Little League, as well as many other little leagues in the City, that they would start out with a parade that would start at Dunlavy and Alabama and would then have opening day ceremonies, that she was inviting her fellow Council Members to be there and any one else that would like to join in. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she would request the administration to assist the District D Community, especially the Sunnyside areas, where they had a lot of Project Hope work going on, with the Southern Crushed Concrete issue, that they had been fighting the battle for about 10 years and it was back again, that she wanted to thank Council Member Alvarado for having a hearing at her Health Committee because the Southern Crush Concrete activities in District D were outrageous and it was causing a quality of life issue for their seniors and children in the area, that she would ask the Mayor for his participation and assistance in helping the citizens of District D, especially those involved with the crushed concrete matter, to at least have the TCEQ take a responsible look at to what was going on, that she again wanted to thank Council Member Alvarado for placing it on her agenda for the April 6, 2006 meeting, that it would be the first hearing that was held by the City of Houston regarding the issue. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that on March 7, 2006 at the Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting she asked a question regarding the Katrina budgeting issues, and she was asking how did an office receive budget increases, not only Council Member offices but a lot of social services offices that were going to be impacted and had been impacted and the answer she got back from the Director of Finance on March 16, 2006 was not clear, it said that if they had paid overtime or had requested temporary or contract help they would have been given FEMA assistance, that she was never informed, as a Council Member, that she could get FEMA assistance, she was never given a memo as to what that process was, that she did not know she could charge overtime for a Council staff, that she was not clear what it meant. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Hall stated that the guidance they had given all departments generally was from the federal law, they did not have an option for hourly employees, whether or not they paid them overtime for over 40 hours, no exceptions and no excuses, obviously the adjustments that were made for non hourly employees were management prerogative in effect and they had said to other departments that they had to submit plans if they were to change or adjust the pay of exempt employees, and Mayor White stated that they would take a look at the memo from F&A and would get a response to Council Member Edwards. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he supported Council Member Lovell request to have a Public Safety meeting on the red light camera issue and would work quickly to set a date, that

he would like the administration's support when they schedule the meeting that they have someone or several people from the administration who could speak about the process itself to address all the concerns that were brought up, that there were concerns about whether people got the right notice about the changing of a front license plate camera to a back license plate camera and that no one knew, that he had a concern about how the MWBE issue would be weighted or not in the process, so if the administration could have the right folks present to help him make sure that his colleagues on Council could have their questions addressed on the process, and Mayor White stated that they would do that. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to commend Mr. Marcotte and Chief Trevino and representatives of Centerpoint, that they joined him last night at a lengthy discussion at the Hawthorne Civic Association meeting where last the week before there was a gas leak that had occurred as a result of a development project, that he wanted to thank them for being there and answering questions and making sure the community was comfortable, that he also wanted to thank Mr. Sid Wyse, who was the developer on the project for really taking ownership for what happened. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Khan absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that on Friday was the 40th Anniversary of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, that he wanted to congratulate Pastor Russell and all the members of the church on their anniversary. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Khan absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that on Saturday would be the 13th annual Trash Bash that would be held at Moody Park, that he wanted to thank the M. D. Anderson YMCA and all of the community volunteers who had been very diligent in making it a successful event, that he wanted to thank all of the volunteers for doing the project year after year. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Khan absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she wanted to commend Mayor White for his work in getting the \$20 million of FEMA money for them, that it was really significant. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Holm stated that on Monday evening Mayor White and Congressman Culbertson attended a meeting with the citizens involved in the University corridor and Metro, that there were probably 1,000 people at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, which she wanted to thank for opening their arms and embracing the crowd as they did, that they needed a transit system in Houston and she would hope that as a result Mayor White would help them guide and make recommendations to Metro. Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she wanted to commend Council Member Garcia for calling the Public Safety meeting, that she was a strong supporter of the camera concept, that they had a really good RFP, that she did question the process, that she thought once they established a process and a good RFP it ought to be followed, that she looked forward to that meeting. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Alvarado stated that yesterday they kicked off their office's third lead in helping Dress for Success, that as many of them knew it was an organization that helped women and gave them a suit to go out into the job market and go for an interview, if they got the job they go back to Dress for Success and were given another suit, that since 1998 when it started they had served over 13,000 women, last year they clothed 2,600 women and this year were hoping to raise that and help 2,700 women, that she wanted to thank Ms. Ruth Beltran in her office for helping with the effort, and once again she was asking her colleagues and the staff of the City of Houston to bring a suit and they would have the racks available so they could drop

off the suits, that they needed to be dry cleaned, that it would go on through April 20, 2006 and was in the lobby of the City Hall Annex. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Alvarado stated that they had the second Tour de Houston Bicycle Ride and thought they went through almost every district with maybe the exception of one, that they extended the ride this year and it was 70 miles, that all proceeds went to Parks and Recreation, that she wanted to thank all of the volunteers. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to thank Governor Perry, Mayor White and other people for going to Washington, D.C. and asking the federal government for more assistance, that she wanted to emphasize how important it was to go to Washington and tell the people there that not only was aid needed in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, but also in Texas. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Garcia stated that this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. they would be having a Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee meeting in Council Chamber to discuss modifications to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Khan stated that Mr. Aryn Rahim Hussein, who drowned at South Padre Island during spring break, was 21 years old and an only child and, that his parents saved money for him to go to school and he was a student at HBU, that he wanted to express his condolences to the Hussein family. Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Khan stated that this evening the Aga Khan Foundation has invited "Afghan Without Borders", a musical group who had come to Houston and would be performing in the Fort Bend area, that he concert was at the Stafford Center at 10505 Cache Road in Houston. Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues who were very helpful during the process for the Carnival Night Club. Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent.

Mayor White stated that he would disseminate a letter that he was writing to the law firm who provided pro bono services to the City, that he would circulate something so that the Council Members could write a note. Council Members Lawrence and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Green stated that he thought most of his colleagues had been having their budget meetings with the Mayor recently, that they were preparing the schedule of budget presentations within the next 10 days and hoped to get them a tentative copy of that so they could schedule accordingly, that he did know that they would begin on May 30, 2006, that the intent was to have more time in between the time that the budget was released and the time they would start the hearings so they could more adequately digest it, because he thought that had been an issue in the past; that the next budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting would take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 in the Council Chamber. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Lovell absent.

Council Member Green stated that they had a death in his Council office, they lost their Administrative Assistant, Ms. Yvonne Sanders Williams, who came to work with him shortly after he took office in 2004, and he asked for a moment of silence for Ms. Williams. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Berry stated that to follow up on what Council Member Green had stated

he thought it was the toughest budget in the time that their crop of Council Members had been on Council would soon be faced with and he appreciated that their office had been inundated with solicitations for input and updates as to where they were, that it was a tough committee to Chair and he really appreciated that the communication had been there because he thought that was as important as anything else to the process. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to give a pat on the back to Sergeant Brian Carr, that People Magazine did a profile on people posing as cops across the Country and committing crimes, that it was one of the worst crimes because they betrayed the public's trust in the police, that they had a celebrated case that received National attention where an individual was caught last month and Sergeant Carr was part of the group that put that together so he was profiled in People Magazine this week. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he was very excited about the news of the close of the nightclub in Council Member Khan's district and would underscore his interest in beefing up the Nuisance Ordinance so they could begin to deal more effectively with cantinas and hot sheet motels and so forth. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that Item No. 31 was a municipal utility district that they were authorizing the expansion of, that it was a 419 acre area outside of the City limits and had a half a million gallon per day sewage treatment plant and a sub service water well that drew down 3,000 gallons per minute, that aside from the statistics it was a very inefficient way to service the community, that the plant used a lot of electricity and was very inefficient and of course the subsidence problem was exacerbated by a deep water well, that he was hopeful, based on what the Mayor said, that they were going to reevaluate their policy on MUDs and that they could strike a better deal that improves the quality of life of those people who lived in the ETJ as well as those in Houston. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that 3,538,000 people would be moving into the Houston region by the year 2035, that if current trends continued only about half a million of those people would actually move into the City of Houston because most of the development in their region was occurring outside the City limits, that he hoped they all understood that every single decision they made, large or small, was going to relate how capable they were in dealing with the enormous growth in the next 30 years. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to thank all of the City employees who came to her CIP meeting earlier in the month and thank them for their hard work on behalf of the City, that she also wanted to thank the citizens who showed up. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to thank Mayor White for spearheading the effort to have the community meeting on Metro earlier in the week, that she thought it was a tremendous meeting and thought that together they could find solutions for mobility and for transportation solutions, that she wanted to thank Ms. Sara Goldstein in Council Member Holm's office and all of the other people on her staff who worked so hard to put together the effort, that she wanted to thank everyone who worked on it. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Khan and Mayor White and the citizens for their efforts in taking care of the issue of the Carnival Night Club. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that the District C website was updated and hoped

that people would access the website on a regular basis, that in particular they would have the dates, times and locations of the follow up meetings of the individual Metro meetings that would be conducted over the next six weeks. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to acknowledge the great work that the C3 Project in Acres Homes this weekend starting at Highland Park, that he wanted to thank Ms. Robin Blut with Keep Houston Beautiful, Republic Waste also provided lunches and breakfast so it was a great opportunity for community support to come out, that he wanted to thank all of the volunteers, that they picked up over 1,200 tires in one community, cut 56 lots, picked up 350 bags of trash and abated 26 graffiti locations, that he wanted to thank Mr. Alvin Burg of his office who coordinated the whole effort and Ms. Linda Layton, Ms. Crystal Rose and Mr. Tyronne Williams and his office staff; that he was disgusted about the fact that they had to pick up 1,200 tires from one neighborhood, that it was beyond him, that they had to create an ordinance by which the neighborhood themselves could start the abatement and the enforcement process and taking care of themselves but with the opportunity of putting the consequences on the perpetrators, the community themselves did not dump 1,200 tires, they knew it came from a company, that when the companies could say it was okay because nobody was watching them and they would not get in trouble for it they had to create an ordinance, the neighborhood wanted to support itself but they had to have support from the City Council, and he hoped they could get just that so the neighborhoods could become self sufficient and did not have to be an impediment to the City of Houston and they did not have to continue to call Neighborhood Protection or Public Works, that he was excited that his neighborhood did come together and abate the problem but knew that they were going to have to do it again in the next two to three months. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to thank Chief Davis at the University of Houston and representatives from the Dynamo's, MLS and HPD, their office had concerns about the traffic challenges with the soccer games being played at the University of Houston, because it was a residential area and they had very good meetings with that group of people and Chief Davis facilitated the meeting. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that today was International Clean Water Day, that every fifteen seconds a child dies in the world from bad water, that as they moved into the new century with all the technology, at least with the Health Committee they could address issues that impacted the environment and the quality of life for their citizens. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary