

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, January 20, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2010, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Xavier Herrera, Mayor's Citizens Assistance; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo present. Council Member Wanda Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member James G. Rodriguez absent due to death in family.

At 9:02 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Noriega for the prayer and pledge of allegiance and Council Member Noriega invited Cannon Ed Stein, Christ Church Cathedral Downtown for the prayer and Council Member Noriega led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

At 9:04 a.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary call the roll. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Members Lovell and Clutterbuck moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that before they went to the consent agenda she wanted to congratulate Council Member Costello for completing the marathon on Sunday and Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to add to that William Paul Thomas of her office completed the marathon. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she sent a text message or spoke to each of them on Monday night about the resignation of Chief Boriskie and if they did not receive a text message from her that meant she did not have their phone number in her phone properly and they needed to talk to her. Council Member Johnson absent.

At 9:06 Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda. Council Member Johnson absent.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2010 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY** \$3,586,300.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0021 ADOPTED

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 2

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$789,750.46 and acceptance of work on contract with **TROY CONSTRUCTION, LLP** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal 3.25% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - JOHNSON; C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; G - PENNINGTON; H -**

**GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0022 ADOPTED

**PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Cristy Gavlick, General Contractors Permit Service, on behalf of Texas Medical Center (Richard Wainerdi, P. E., Ph.D., President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer) and the University of Texas System (James R. Huffines, Chairman), for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 10-foot-wide water line easement and a 10-foot-wide water meter easement, all located within the Texas Medical Center Fay Addition, out of the P. W. Rose Survey, A-645, Parcels SY9-034A, SY9-034B, SY10-047, KY9-145 and KY10-52 **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0023 ADOPTED
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Alejandro Camarillo, for abandonment and sale of two 5-foot-wide utility easements and their attendant aerial easements in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 7.5-foot-wide utility easement, all located within Lots 98 and 99, Block 8, of the Baker Place Section Two Subdivision, out of the J. L. Stanley Survey, Parcels SY10-007A, SY10-007B and VY10-031 - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0024 ADOPTED
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Hussam Ghuneim, R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Carrabba, Inc (Hieu Nguyen, Director of Operations), for abandonment and sale of a 5-foot-wide utility easement in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 5-foot-wide utility easement, both located within Block 1 of the George Rich Subdivision, out of the A. C. Reynolds Survey, A-61, Parcels SY10-041 and VY10-036 - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0025 ADOPTED
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY8-116, located at 8104 Homestead Road, owned by Jesse L. and Ozella C. Morris, for the **HOMESTEAD ROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT from Ley Road to Firnat Street** **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0026 ADOPTED

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 7 through 12

7. **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Exterior Lighting at the Wortham Theater Center for Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$179,300.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$197,230.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0027 ADOPTED
8. **INX, INC** for Citywide Cisco Smartnet Maintenance Agreement through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Information Technology Department - \$1,025,000.00 - Central Service Revolving and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0028 ADOPTED
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$505,190.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Special Duty Vehicles for the Houston Police Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0025 ADOPTED
- 9a. **PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD., d/b/a PHILPOTT FORD** - \$151,549.00, **PLANET FORD 45** \$98,082.00 and **JOHNSON GRAYSON AUTOMOTIVE, INC d/b/a HOLIDAY CHEVROLET** \$255,559.00 for Special Duty Vehicles for the Houston Police Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0029 ADOPTED
10. **SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC** for Shelf Filing and Storage Systems from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Police Department - \$133,496.47 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0030 ADOPTED
11. **WSI MANUFACTURING d/b/a JOHNSTONE SUPPLY** for Electrical Circuit Breaker from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$83,000.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0031 ADOPTED
12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$102,964.31 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Earth Moving Equipment for the Public Works & Engineering and Parks Departments
- 12a. **JOHN DEERE CONSTRUCTION RENTAL AND SALES** - \$214,796.83, **HI-WAY EQUIPMENT CO., LLC** - \$796,098.00 and **RUSH EQUIPMENT CENTER OF TEXAS, INC** - \$310,250.00 for Earth Moving Equipment through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for Various Departments - Enterprise, Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Stormwater Funds – was presented.

All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent.  
ORDINANCE 2010-0026 ADOPTED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 13 through 37

13. RESOLUTION authorizing the Houston Parks & Recreation Department to submit an application for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program (COOP) Grant to fund the Houston Parks Adventure Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks & Recreation Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. RESOLUTION 2010-0001 ADOPTED
14. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299, providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System Revenue and Refunding Obligations and authorizing issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of Certain Combined Utility System Commercial Paper Notes; designating a Segregated Account; authorizing a Bond Counsel Agreement, authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0027 ADOPTED
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the sale to **CY-CHAMP PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT** of (a) a 10-foot-wide water line easement, (b) a 15-foot by 45-foot-wide water meter easement and (c) a 15-foot-wide temporary construction easement, Parcels SY10-003A through SY10-003C, respectively, all located within the Willowbrook Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Subdivision, out of the W. H. York Survey, A-943, Houston, Harris County, Texas; in consideration of Cy-Champ Public Utility District's payment of \$20,595.00 and other consideration to the City **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0028 ADOPTED
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to agreement between the City of Houston and **COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE INC** for Conducting Annual Air Shows at Ellington Airport - Revenue - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0029 ADOPTED
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **ACCESS FLOOR SPECIALISTS, INC d/b/a ALLIED INTERIORS** for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0030 ADOPTED

19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Three International Facilities Agreements by and between the City of Houston and **EMIRATES, SINGAPORE AIRLINES LIMITED** and **QATAR AIRWAYS Q.C.S.C.** at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0031 ADOPTED
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$98,000.00 out of HAS-Consolidated 2000 AMT Construction Fund; authorizing purchase of vacant land being Lot Two, Block One, Still Meadows Section One, Houston, Harris County, Texas (17302 Lee Road) for Expansion of Bush Intercontinental Airport; approving Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner of the land (Aloha Transportation Services, Inc) - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0032 ADOPTED
21. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to various single-family residential properties within **PINE TERRACE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 - 4** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0033 ADOPTED
22. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to various single-family residential properties within **MEYERLAND SUBDIVISION SECTION 7 REPLAT, REPLAT A, and REPLAT C, MEYERLAND SUBDIVISION SECTION 8, 8 REPLAT, and REPLAT A - I** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0034 ADOPTED
23. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to various single-family residential properties within **BELLAIRE WEST SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 - 8 and SECTION 1 REPLAT** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0035 ADOPTED
24. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to various single-family residential properties within **SHADOWBRIAR SUBDIVISION , SECTIONS 1 & 2**, to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0036 ADOPTED
25. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-698 that designated the east and west sides of the 1800 block of Columbia Street within the City of Houston as a special building line requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council

Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0037 ADOPTED

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to contract for Plan Administration Services between the City, the **HOUSTON POLICE OFFICER'S UNION** and **VALIC RETIREMENT SERVICES COMPANY** for Third Party Administrative Services for the HPOU Section 457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0038 ADOPTED
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to Professional Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LLEWELYN-DAVIES SAHNI, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2004-1307) for Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project - \$36,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Member Johnson absent.
30. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2003-0447 to increase the maximum contract amount for the amended Interagency Agreement among the City of Houston, **HARRIS COUNTY, HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, and THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for cooperative effort to implement provisions of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. TXS001201 for the City's Storm Sewer System - \$168,566.50 - Stormwater Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0039 ADOPTED
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$39,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CIVIC DESIGN ASSOCIATES (Previously PERSPECTIVA CIVIC DESIGN)** for Houston's Heritage Corridor, Bayou Trails west from San Jacinto Street to Stude Park (Approved by Ordinance No. 2002-0073) - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0040 ADOPTED
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$404,700.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON** for development of Flood Information Distribution Systems - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Johnson absent.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional General Environmental Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CORRIGAN CONSULTING, INC** for National Environmental Policy Act Requirements – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0041 ADOPTED
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional General Environmental Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES, INC** for Asbestos and Lead Related Consulting Services – was presented. All

voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0042 ADOPTED

37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Clinton Drive Improvements under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0043 ADOPTED

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

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15. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 4608 OF THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, THE HOUSTON SIGN CODE**, relating to miscellaneous signs to authorize temporary signage adjacent to light rail construction projects – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Lovell and Noriega. Council Member Johnson absent.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contracts between the City of Houston and **STRAND ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, LLC, SORENSON FORENSICS, LLC, ORCHID CELLMARK, INC and LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS** for DNA Testing Services for the Houston Police Department; establishing a maximum contract amount - 3 years and 2 one-year options - Total for four contracts - \$4,120,770.00 - General and Grant Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0044 ADOPTED
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$60,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding Construction Management At Risk Contract to **SPAWMAXWELL COMPANY, LLC** for Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care Facility Expansion/Renovation & Ann Slemons Young Animal Center - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Sullivan. Council Member Johnson absent.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$111,380.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund for Purchase of Audible Pedestrian Signals in accordance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Member Johnson absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0045 ADOPTED
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$385,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Local Rehabilitation Contingency Projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - JOHNSON; C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Noriega. Council Member Johnson absent.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

38. RECEIVE nominations for Positions One, Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for one-year terms to expire December 31, 2010 – was presented. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she would like to nominate Mayor Parker for Position One of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Hoang stated that he would like to nominate Council Member Clutterbuck for Position Two of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Costello stated that he would like to nominate Council Member Lovell for an Alternate At Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would like to nominate Council Member Noriega for an Alternate At Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to close nominations for Positions One, Two and Two Alternate At Large Positions of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Mayor Parker stated that she would not call the public session until 9:30 a.m. but they would go into the Council Member remarks.

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

Council Member Hoang stated that the Chinese American Leaders were going to have the 21st Year of the Chinese Woman Association on Sunday, that he would like to thank them for their help including the community of District F; that on Sunday the Indian Pakistani Community was going to celebrate their 61st Year of Independence, that they were also in District F, that he wanted to congratulate both of these associations and the City and District F were looking forward to working with them in the near future; that he wanted to thank Mr. Charles Stamp for the MLK Parade, that on Monday they participated; that he wanted to thank the International Trade Center, that many leaders invited him and Council Member Bradford to speak on the behalf of the City on how to build a closer and tighter relationship with international bodies. Council Members Johnson, Gonzalez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she truly enjoyed the MLK Parade, they had a great time and she and Council Members Gonzalez and Adams had the pleasure of riding on the Census 2010 Houston Fire Department Ladder Truck; that she wanted to congratulate Linda Simms of her office who completed the half marathon, that she also wanted to congratulate Council Member Costello for his effort; that there was a two alarm fire at the Buick Dealership on I-10 and they were happy to report that there were no casualties or no injuries and she wanted to congratulate the Houston Fire Department for all of their efforts; that the Friends of the Montessori Garden Oaks Elementary located at 901 Sue Barnett would host their 16th Annual Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast on February 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and she would invite everyone to come out for some pancakes for this community wide fundraising event, there would be free pancakes and sausage prepared by a group of dads from the school and many activities planned for the children, that she had the pleasure of attending this last year and it was a fantastic opportunity to support the Montessori within a public school system; that on January 28, 2010, she and Crime Stoppers would host the Second Annual Illegal Dumping Press Conference at the R.L. and Cora Johnson Park located at 9920 Puerto Rico in the Carverdale Community, that Solid Waste Director Harry Hayes and

Assistant Police Chief Mark Curran would also be in attendance, that illegal dumping cost the citizens of Houston nearly \$5 million each year to clean up what others leave behind, that annually over 160,000 cubic yards of trash were hauled away, enough trash to fill 96 football fields side by side, that Crime Stoppers would pay up to \$5,000 for any information on illegal dumpers and she encouraged everyone to be a part of this Illegal Dumping Campaign. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he was also at the finish line of the marathon and did not see Council Member Costello come through but did see a lot of very happy people finishing, that he had run a few years ago and knew what the feeling was like and thought it was a wonderful community event and new that it required activities by many volunteers but also support from the City and Metro because of the possible conflict with the trains and hoped that they would all work to support it because any time they had a strong community event and was supported by businesses and citizens he thought they ought to do what they could to nourish it; that the second issue was that he knew that all of them had all been seeking a particular address and frustrated that there weren't many businesses that had street numbers on the front and was something that he had acutely felt during the campaign when he was trying to go out to property owners meetings, particularly at night when it was even more difficult to see and certainly in the daytime and wondered if City Planning or some other appropriate City department could consider the possibility of requiring the street address to be put on buildings, that he did not know that they needed a strong enforcement area activity but he thought it was something that would be worthwhile to try to institute to direct their citizens where they were going. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that actually she believed there was a requirement that numbers be posted on buildings and was an enforcement issue and she would be happy to follow up on that, and Council Member Pennington stated that maybe they needed to see if they could start a community wide effort to get businesses to do that. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to recognize that they had a new Mahatma Ghandi District, which happened to be in District F, that it was a wonderful event; that she wanted to recognize that the Black Heritage Parade that was put on by Ovide Duncantell, which was the original MLK Parade, that it was fun and in downtown; that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Costello for finishing 26.2 miles in the marathon; that she wanted to commend the Mayor on her swift and decisive action related to inequality in the Fire Department, that she was thankful that she was taking this very tough bull by the horns and was excited that she said she was going to fix it and not allow any inequality in any form in any City department. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

**Item received during meeting.**

27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to Professional Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LLEWELYN-DAVIES SAHNI, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2004-1307) for Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project - \$36,000.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0046 ADOPTED.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to personally thank everyone for acknowledging that he and Paul raced, they were real proud of what they had done and they were just one of many people that were out there that day, that he wanted to acknowledge that someone in the Mayor's staff, Jessie Bounds, also raced the marathon; that one of the items

that he liked to talk about was the Drainage and Flood Committee that the Mayor had asked him to chair and he really appreciated that, they were going to have their first meeting next Tuesday and he would invite all of his colleagues to be there, that on the agenda would be an invitation to Public Works to come and give them an update on all of the projects they were working on and initiatives, that he would have an outline of what they were going to propose today and would get that out for everybody to look at and would invite the general public to come, that the City was working on a number of interesting projects and initiatives that he thought were important to drainage and flooding and would like to get that message out; that there was somebody that he personally knew had run a marathon, Jack Lipincott, that he was in the Finance Department of the Fire Department and was in the marathon hall of fame, that he had actually done 35 Houston Marathons in a row and the marathon had only been in existence for 38 years, so he had done almost every one, that he had known Jack for many years and wanted to personally thank the Marathon Committee as well as Brent Koch, Marathon Director, for an outstanding race and also to please thank the 5,000 volunteers that they had because without the volunteers the race would not be what it was today. Johnson and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that the Inner City CERT, Community Emergency Response Team was holding a graduation ceremony on January 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at New Bethel Church, 5533 Selinsky in southeast Houston, that CERT was about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, doing the greatest good for the greatest number during an emergency, that Inner City CERT training consisted of three hours twice a week for only four weeks, that these community volunteers receive instructions in the area of disaster preparedness, medical operations, fire suppression, team organization, rescue and disaster simulation, that he wanted to commend and congratulate Captain Kahllid Greene, Ms. Shandenia Gay and the entire Inner City CERT Team for what they do, and to the community if they had not received CERT training the next class would start on March 9, 2010, call 832-352-6192; that it was an understatement to say that the lingering OIG investigation regarding allegations of female harassment in the Fire Department continued to cast a dark shadow over and negatively impacted the image of HFD, he fully understood compound and complex investigations but would urge the administration to provide an update regarding the status of the investigation, understanding that this was certainly not the forum for a detailed review or discussion, however, just information such as was the investigation complete, if not, when was completion expected since the investigation started July of last year, that this status information would be very helpful when trying to reassure those inquiring that something was being done; that he saw the notice from the Solid Waste Management Department regarding April 5, 2010 as the startup date for the collection of yard trimming in compostable bags, he realized that this was an initiative promulgated by the previous investigation, however, he did want to go on record that he was not opposed to the program, but was adamantly opposed to implementation at this time, when citizens and businesses were already struggling to survive in their sagging local economy it was not the time to place additional burdens and requirements on them, to many taxes, fees and permit requirements existed already, businesses tended to flourish and businesses did better when they had as much free rein to operate as legally and ethically as possible, that he would encourage this body to do what they could during their term to bring some relief to businesses and citizens, this was how they could help create jobs and boost their local economy. Council Members Johnson and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to thank the Houston Airport System for what they did in preparation for supporting Haitian relief efforts at Ellington Airport, particularly Brian Reinhart and his team for working so well with the volunteers and the military, that the 137th deserves recognition for their readiness and ability to respond to this emergency; that he wanted to recognize that the Houston Fire Department had a number of professional firefighters that volunteer on Texas Task Force One, they were deployed and ready for service and he had the privilege and honor of having breakfast with those Houston firefighters at their hotel where they were on standby for deployment to Haiti and he appreciated their making themselves

available for that service and also appreciated the City of Houston making them available, that came back in helping Houston in a number of ways not the least of which was that the Texas Task Force One provided professional training that benefitted the volunteer firefighters who come back and bring that expertise to their department; that he wanted to publicly thank Chief Phil Boriskie for his service to the City as the Fire Chief, that there was no doubt that running an operation with nearly 4,000 employees and being responsible to the Mayor and City Council and seeing administration changes within his tenure took it's toll, but he appreciated the professional attitude and work of Chief Boriskie during his tenure as Fire Chief and on the other hand he also looked forward to working with Chief Flannagan, who was Acting Fire Chief, and thought that was a good recommendation and good appointment on Mayor Parker's part and they looked forward to working with him through their office; that yesterday he gave a tour to some librarians of Kingwood Library, which was going to open in April, but they had a behind the scenes tour for the Humble ISD Librarians, about 30 came out and it was important to him because he wanted to showcase what the City of Houston had done with Harris County in partnering on the library, that he learned that in the librarian world, and it was an exciting one when they got a bunch of them together and show them a new 30,000 square foot facility that they were going to be able to use, was when Harris County told them that they now were going to have access to the City of Houston's library collection they all clapped and applauded and were excited, so they had to make sure they implemented that, and he would contact Dr. Lawson seamlessly as possible so that the Humble ISD librarian's could use the City's collection; that last week during pop off he was very stern in his comments about Public Works and their lack of response on an issue and he wanted Mayor Parker and Public Works know that they did get in touch with him, that June Chen visited with him and reviewed the entire situation and they could not be happier with that communication and the result thereof. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she received word this morning that Council Member Rodriguez's, his wife Wendy, her brother passed away last night and knew that she could speak for all of them in sending out their condolences and prayers to the Rodriguez and Montoya families; that she wanted to thank Chief Boriskie for all of the work that he did in the department and offer interim Chief Flannagan her support for what was a very tough job, that she wanted to continue to ask about the OIG investigation and thought it had gone on, she thought, long enough and wanted a good investigation but where were they, that she thought it was something that hung over the Fire Department that they really needed to get resolved so they could move forward so she would ask for OIG to complete their investigation as soon as possible; that yesterday she was at the Houston Galveston Area Council meeting and was proud to announce that the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department's projects were honored by the HGAC Natural Resource Advisory Committee Awards Program, honored were the City of Houston's projects that included the City of Houston Urban Gardening Program, the Growing Green in Our City, the Mary Gibbs and Jesse H. Jones Greenway in Hermann Park, which was the piece of property along the new train station which used to be an eyesore but was now a beautiful pathway and also honorable mention was given to the City of Houston Linear Forest Program; that she wanted to say congratulations to Christian Burgs. Winner of the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Competition, that he was a fifth grader at Garden Villas Elementary. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to suspend the rules to extend the Council Members comment time until they were all completed, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0034 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they would complete the Council Member comment time before they move to public session. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to say to all of Houstonians how much he thought they all should be very proud of themselves for the way the City had responded in

respect to the Haiti disaster, there had been many people who held event across the City, that when he first got word they donated 500 pairs of shoes to the multi cultural center but when they got there they recognized that shoes were not the issue, not those type of items, but it was water, flash lights and all of the other things and that was what people had been so quick to bring to the table so he appreciated the giving spirit of all of the citizens of the City of Houston, that he thanked the Country and the President for acting so swiftly and quickly to try to make that country whole; that the Tidwell Park dedication would be on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., that he hoped that people would come out and was a project that they had been working on for quite some time, that it was a great park; that Hobart Taylor Community Center would also be re-opening on January 23, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., that they were not far from one another and he hoped that people could come out; that a few weeks ago he talked about having a rally called "Enough is Enough" and while they did get a warm response he did not think the response they got was enough, that in their City they had been inundated with a number of violent crimes that were taking place by young men who did not have regard for life, so again he was calling on anybody who wanted to be a part of this program, which was a call to action, they said that they wanted 100 men and women to become sponsors and mentors to these young people and they were still looking for those people, while they were close to that number they did not have 100 people so he would ask people to call his office at 832-393-3009 to be part of "Enough is Enough", that a man was killed yesterday, that he knew they all saw it on television and it was a disturbing image, that it was this kind of crime that takes place in the community that they kind of shrug their shoulders at and say that was just the way it was, but it was not the way it was and was not the way the City of Houston operated and not the spirit of the City of Houston, but he also believed that it was going to take all of them to send a clear message to these individuals who were out there doing these type of crimes that enough was enough, that they would not stand by and watch them take over their communities and they saw that happening in their neighborhoods every single day where people were to afraid to come outside and leave the streets to the criminals and that was what made their neighborhoods unsafe, so he would ask people to get more engaged, get more involved and become more diligent in protecting their neighborhoods. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she to wanted to add her sincerest condolences to James and Wendy Rodriguez over the loss of Wendy's brother; that she too wanted to extend her thanks to Chief Boriskie for his amazing tenure at the Fire Department, that he entered at a time when they really needed his leadership and did an amazing amount, the long list of things that he accomplished as Chief were a credit to him and his leadership and to the Fire Department in their following in his leadership, that they had seen so many changes in the Fire Department in response time, in ability for EMS response to turn out as well as implementation of the "On Call Nurse Program" that had reduced their necessity to respond to some of the frequent calls that they received and had added a level of comfort to the public and she shared her colleagues and the public's concern that they get a response very quickly from the Office of Inspector General and if that response was not forthcoming in a timely fashion then that they call in an outside investigator to look at this, because as she had expressed to the Mayor, whoever did that on the lockers was a sick individual and they needed to find out what that was definitely and dispense with the matter and restore a level of work confidence in the work environment, that she thought it was important that they make sure that this issue was put into perspective as well because the people knew that they could call on the Fire Department, that the Fire Department would respond in a prompt and courteous manner and that they would be taken care of and she thought that credit went to all of the many outstanding firefighters that served them every day and she would hope that was not lost in the public discussion of this, that she wanted to extend her support to Acting Chief Flannagan, as well as all of the command staff and hoped that people would call on them as needed; that she knew that Council Member Bradford mentioned the biodegradable bags, that was a subject of conversation at the Maplewood North/South Civic Club meeting last night and as one who voted for that measure, proudly, she would like to stand up and advocate for support of the biodegradable bags and

remind the public that they did not have to have their lawn clippings sent to the government, they did not have to have their lawn clippings sent to a landfill, they could re-mulch them and put them a mulching bin in their yard like she has or just have a mulching mower and leave the lawn clippings on the lawn, that they save over \$1.5 million dollars a year if they diverted the lawn clippings to another place that would actually pay them to take their lawn clippings, if people chose to have the government pickup their lawn clippings they were asking that they put the lawn clippings in a biodegradable bag and they were expensive now, more expensive than the poly bags, that they would also have to pay for, but the price would go down as more people participate in it, and she was pleased to report that the WalMart next door to Westbury Baptist Church, where they held last night's meeting was well stocked and she took the samples there and was happy to promote them, that there were a number of people who expressed the same concerns that they were hearing in the community and she thought though as the bags were on the shelves and as the public becomes aware of the tremendous taxpayer savings that they were rendering and the savings to their General Fund in people able to send the lawn clippings to a place that would actually pay them for them, what a great use of garbage, then she thought people would get on board, that most of the people in District C also were very aware of the fact that they did not have a garbage fee in the City of Houston unlike most cities in the Country. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to invite his colleagues and the public to attend an electronic waste event that he would be hosting along with Congressman Gene Green on January 30, 2010 in District H at 8001 Fulton at HCC Northline Campus, they can bring computers and old electronic hardware that they might want to get rid of; that he wanted to congratulate Council Member Costello and William Paul Thomas for participating in the marathon, that it had become a hallmark event for Houston and attracted people from all over the world and had come a long way from it's humble beginnings and he also wanted to thank the City employees who worked so hard in maintaining the streets afterwards and coordinating the project, all the police officers and everyone who worked to make sure the event went off without a hitch; that he wanted to bring attention to Officer Hamilton with the Houston Police Department who was injured recently in a motorcycle accident and sustained some major injuries and faced a long rehabilitation in front of him, that he wanted to bring light to his situation and obviously served as a reminder to all of them as to how dangerous a job their police officers and firefighters had and how hard they worked to keep the community safe, so next time they saw a police officer or firefighter make sure to thank them for the hard work and a job well done. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to speak on the issue that Council Member Bradford spoke on, he agreed with Council Member Clutterbuck that recycling was a laudable issue and was one thing they did in his household, but thought it was an inopportune time to begin the program right now, they had a number of calls about it, the difference in the cost of a poly bag and a recyclable bag was about five times difference, so he thought that the money that the City gained by the program was going to be lost by it's citizens buying those bags, that the institution of the program should be delayed until the residents understood more fully the alternatives which Council Member Clutterbuck had spoken about and believed they could buy a mulching lawnmower but thought they could also buy a blade to do the mulching for the grass which should be less expensive and in discussions with the Solid Waste Department they talked about instituting neighborhood places for the disposal of the leaves as opposed to creating a mulching spot in their own yard, he frankly had some reservations about that and thought there were some public health issues and knew that a number of subdivisions had tried to outlaw that and believed that State law prohibited subdivisions from doing that, that he thought that many people would like to dispose of their leaves rather than creating a mulching spot in their own yards, that he would hope that the Solid Waste Department would work on those alternatives and educate the public a little bit more before the City begins to impose the additional cost for the recycling of the leaves. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that tomorrow there would be a Housing and Community Development meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck reviewed what transpired at yesterday's Houston Galveston Area Council Board meeting, that Council Member Lovell was also there and she thanked her for her support. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he wanted to remind them that in southwest Houston, at the border of District G and District F they had a Haitian community and they knew that the earthquake did damages to Haiti and the Haitian Community was asking for help, that he appreciated the staff that came with them to the community at 9818 Bissonnet, that if they wanted to donate non perishable food, medical supplies and water he urged them to help and if they wanted to donate money they could donate through the Red Cross, if they did not know where it was they could come to his office and the staff would take them down there. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

At 9:53 a.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mr. Ira McBride, 3255 Elgin, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-633-7008) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mr. Walter Hambrick, 3619 Fir Forest Drive, Spring, Texas 77388 (713-253-5657) appeared, presented pine trees to Council Members to be planted in their districts, wished all a happy Arbor Day and stated that he was the president of the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council which was a regional organization of tree advocates which represented local and state governments and local businesses and nonprofits and individuals interested in sharing information on trees to the regional committee; that they were involved in Arbor Day celebrations, sponsoring and participating in seminars on trees and was one of the first groups to replant on Galveston Island after Hurricane Ike; that the City of Houston was a great partner and he urged Council Members educate their constituents on what trees could do for their communities. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mr. Thomas Hadnott, 7100 West Knoll, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-291-9130) appeared and stated that he was owner of a pizza restaurant located at 8004 Homestead Road and on December 31st a customer presented him with a 100 dollar counterfeit bill and later that evening he had a phone order and went to the Texaco Station on Homestead Road to buy gas and presented the bill and was told it was counterfeit; that the police were called and he spoke with them and gave them his information, but he still had not heard from them; that he went back to the Texaco to ask for a police report there and they had yet not presented it to him and he was still out \$100.00; that in February he called police and was assigned a case number; that two officers went to his shop yesterday to see if he was legitimate and they said it would be a waste of time for him to go to City Hall about this and he should drop the case and he would like to know what the city was going to do about his money and security in the area.

Mayor Parker stated that Lieutenant Gallier was present to speak with him and he should have a response other than nothing could be done which was an unacceptable response.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that Lieutenant Gallier could follow-up; he had two issues which were first the handling of his report and second was if he was not satisfied with the officer's treatment and he could help with both.

Council Member Jones stated that if officers were discouraging citizens from appearing before Council it needed to be looked into and something done; that many people came with the same story just different verse and she encouraged citizens to come and let them know where they could do better. Mayor Parker and Council Member Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Johnson stated that it was Mr. Hadnott's right to come down and when he had a business he was employing people and it was needed; that this would be looked into to see that police were responding because he wanted him to stay. Council Members Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Ms. Clemmie St. Amand, 5230 Bright Oak Court, Spring, Texas 77373 (281-615-0630) appeared and stated that she was a single parent with a disabled child and on December 16th an appeal was conducted by the City of Houston Housing Authority regarding the termination of her housing benefits; that they were terminated because of a felony conviction currently on appeal; that she had filed a complaint against a school employee who left her child in a dirty diaper for eight hours, the entire day, and that employee and his coworker conspired against her and said she had hit someone and they tried to silence her by putting criminal charges against her; that the Spring Police joined in by refusing to capture the video which would have proved her innocence and at the present her case was on appeal and she was asking to be able to keep her housing until a final decision was made in her case; that housing assistance allowed them to live in a safe environment and that allowed her child to thrive; that as an autistic child it would be devastating to him to be abruptly moved from his home and school; that others had felonies and were keeping their housing and she did not do what she was accused of; that she would be willing to take a polygraph examination as she was completely truthful. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Steve Mikelman with the Housing Authority was present and would be happy to visit with her at this time. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she listened and a variety of things came to mind; that they were having a Public Housing Task Force to try and figure out how they could fix problems with the Housing Authority, it seemed sometimes they randomly put people out and it seemed she was trying to get meetings recorded for review and she would speak with Mr. Etuk and Mr. Mikelman, it seemed a difficult process to navigate and she had her commitment that her office would try and resolve the problem and she was sorry she was in such a position; and to Mayor Parker they needed to try and look at issues of the Housing Authority and she would like to set a meeting with her to discuss this. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that one of her transition teams were looking at housing issues and it included the Houston Housing Authority and she hoped to have a report on it. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Ms. Adjua Justice, 16114 Woodbend Oak Drive, Houston, Texas 77070 (713-557-8550) appeared and stated that on December 16th when Ms. St. Amand had her hearing she attended as her attorney; that she was shocked by the process, it seemed the hearing officer already had made her mind before they entered; that there was no audio recording, no stenographic or video recordings and when her determination was made they received a letter where she summarized what was testified to in the hearing and her facts were incorrect; that she was present and Dr. Watson from Spring Branch ISD as a child advocate was present and Mr. Lester Houston as a parent advocate was present and that was her concern; that she understood what Ms. St. Amand was going through as she was a parent to a special needs child also; and urged Council

Members stay the proceeding and let Ms. St. Amand keep her housing until the Court of Appeals made a decision; that she was a good member of the community, advocated for other parents, did volunteer work, etc., and she never knew her to be inappropriate in public. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Noriega thanked Ms. Justice for coming and stated that it was helpful to have people come and give an account of what they understood facts to be; that parents of special need children had real challenges; that school people had challenges to and sometimes things got crossways pretty quickly. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Jones stated to Mayor Parker that on advocating for the transcript or audio or something; that as they read on what was handed to them on the issue answers were very dry; that they did not have to record, etc., and it left out relevant facts and she would like to know from Housing why they don't; that when a citizen went against any institution they would reiterate what happened and you were like that was not what happened and housing was a crucial part of what everyone needed and protections needed to be put into place so they could objectively recapture what happened. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mr. Lester Houston, 818 Cypresswood Mill, Spring, Texas 77373 (281-224-4360) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Dr. Ruth Watson, 818 Cypresswood Mill, Spring, Texas 77373 (713-419-0470) appeared and stated that she was present on behalf of Ms. St. Amand also; that she was a veteran educator of 27 years and sat on the board where this incident occurred; that Council heard of the process by the Housing Authority and appeal and she was there as a supporter to Ms. St. Amand; that there was no opportunity for notes to be taken and no recordings; that they were told the appeal would be presented to the next level, however, no one did notes, etc., and they were not assured that what they said would be translated to the next level, they were told it would be judged on a case by case basis; that she would like to give her expert opinion on the impact loss of housing would have on their family; that autistic children had a hard time adjusting to change and transitioning was tried to keep to a minimum; and urged that her circumstances of her case be considered. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Dr. Watson for coming and stated that she may want to join the discussion taking place with Mr. Mikelman. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Jacqueline Cruse-Harris, does not wish to have her address public (713-776-1211) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Joanne Terry, P. O. Box 721066, Houston, Texas 77027-1066 (832-661-1816) appeared, presented information and stated that she had a company named Management Masters, they managed real estate, she was present on behalf of Wilcrest Park; that they had a problem with a building which burned down in March and they found out last summer the pool had not been inspected or a fee paid since 2005 and at that point the board had already filled in two pools; that she paid all fees on the pool which was still open, however, it was not open because the building which burned was next to the pool equipment and that equipment was burned also; that she tried working with the Pool Inspection Department and paid fees and they told her the only possible solution on the pool would be to have it running properly, but they

could not because equipment burned up and they could not get the building permit from the city so they were in a "catch 22" situation and they had eight citations. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Robert Medina of the Public Works Department was present and would be glad to visit with her; and she may have her transition team, which was looking at permitting, contact her; that it was inconceivable she had to wait since July for any permits or response. Council Members Johnson, Stardig, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mr. James Robinson, 320 Hamilton #338, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-348-0270) appeared and stated that he was present as a concerned citizen of Houston and Texas and wanted to join forces with the City of Houston and help improve neighborhoods, reduce crime and produce productive citizens; that he was an educator and recently became a 501c3 and they structured themselves to be able to offer more academic support to struggling students and to ask the public for tax deductible donations and he would ask the city to donate an abandoned building or house to be used as a school and they would benefit by increasing the city's literacy rate, help with employment of citizens and reduce criminal activity; and urged support. Council Members Johnson, Stardig, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Carolyn Webster, 6823 Reed Road, Houston, Texas 77087 (832-563-6155) appeared and stated that again she was asking for help in her neighborhood; that vendors came with carts around the school and children bought from them and she had documentation from the city that they pulled 50 pounds of unclean food; on a good day they had 20 to 25 carts around the school and the children bought it and it was no good and without the vendors having identification they would not issue tickets so the carts should be pulled; that also she was working with someone 89 years old, Venola Young, she lived with her right now as she had no family and it bothered her that the city inspector came out, her neighbors threw garbage and the ditch belonged to the City of Houston and how could she at her age clean the ditch, this was a problem and she was glad Mayor Parker said she would fix things as she had been through three Mayors and nothing was fixed. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Michelle Austin with the Health Department was present and could speak with her at this time and Council Member Adams was working on the illegal dumping problem. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mr. Granville Savage, 619 Highland, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-880-1699) appeared and stated that he was present to complain about city inspectors as it related to a recently completed home improvement project; that he paid thousands of dollars and he noticed problems and hired a home inspector and he came up with a 27 page report of which he read and included loose wiring, need of insulation, etc., until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that his property was located in District H and Mr. Medina, with Public Works, and one of his staff members was present and would visit with him at this time. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Trudy Wright, 17217 Haser Road, Houston, Texas 77090 (281-781-8011) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Jennett Spencer, 8155 Richmond #912, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-374-9829) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Vickie Bowman, 14838 Tilley, Houston, Texas 77084 (281-855-3977) appeared and stated that she owned property at the Form Park Three Townhomes near the Beltway and 59 and her concern was an abandoned building that needed to be demolished immediately; that she had concerns previously discussed this morning, there was much crime in the area and Council Member Johnson was right, enough is enough, maybe she needed to form a rally for that, each time they tried to repair someone would come in and tear it up; that they had security but people would break through the fence; that they also had slow response from HPD and one officer said one of her renters should go out to be like "live bait" and bring out the problem; that the area needed cleaning immediately and she would do what she could to help. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that Mr. Loffus who was also present was present to speak on the same type problems in the same neighborhood; that they pulled crime stats and burglary and robbery was up and also rapes; that other crimes were down; that they had difficulty in trying to get a Super Neighborhood or community group together; that she had been approached by other apartment owners and her chief of staff and Ms. Barbara Hite would meet with her at this time regarding a Super Neighborhood or PIP Program. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he was concerned they had gotten away from some major community policing in the city; and upon questions, Ms. Bowman stated that they had a board meeting, but owner response was ...; they may be afraid to come; Mr. Loffus came to the podium; and Council Member Clutterbuck moved the rules be suspended to allow two at the podium, a vote was not called as no second was heard; and Mr. Loffus stated that he was on the board of Form Park Homeowners Association and Ms. Bowman was one of the owners; that they did not know any officers; and Council Member Bradford urged when Mayor Parker was scrutinizing for the next Police Chief that it be someone who understood community policing and demographics and geography of Houston. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she had been very involved in the District A Apartment Task Force over the past six years and very successful in working with the apartment community and HPD and it was the responsibility of the owners to take the action and HPD to reach out. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mr. Bill Loffus, 10211 Sugar Branch, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-253-1259) appeared and stated that he was one of the five board members of Form park Homeowners Association located on Beltway 8 near 59 and they did have a homeowners meeting with concerned people present; that it was common to see prostitution and drugs being sold and because of the geographic location it presented itself as a gathering point and many were concerned with their safety, he had horror stories one being a Mustang with 8 or 9 rounds in it; that they had a security company and would like coordination between them and HPD and other security companies in the company and invited any HPD officer or city official to attend their monthly homeowner meetings; that they were heated and had much participation. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would assure him there would be an HPD officer at the next homeowner meeting and she was surprised it had not already happened. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that his area included Districts C, F and G and he discussed the issue with the Mayor and Council Members and hopefully they would have units to respond directly to their needs and he would like an Asian Response Team as there were many Asian criminals and victims in the complex. Council Members Sullivan, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she was delighted to meet him and hear his interest and her chief of staff and Ms. Hite were present and would meet with him at this time; that a group of apartment owners in the area were interested in getting their security groups together with other apartment complexes and they would put him in touch with them and bring the area of town to the attention of the Police Department division which worked the area. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

The City Secretary stated that Ms. Jennett Spencer was not present when previously called and would be heard next. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Jennett Spencer, 8155 Richmond #912, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-374-9829) who was not present when previously called, appeared and stated that this was a big city with small mindedness which could be an asset, but she had issues with disabilities; that people on disabilities had limited income and after running out of money during the first five days of the month, she had an experience with towing issues which brought her here, but she was here watching body language and she was asking they consider the Mayor's Office of Disability look at things not negative; that the office be more proactive and get people involved and that the city get involved with the state and federal on regulations and money when there was little income; selfishness, ego, pride, greed, etc. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Mr. Mark Hogue, 9307 Meadowglen, Houston, Texas 77036 (832-277-6000) appeared and stated that a main concern was left turn signals which said no left turn during certain hours; that they should all be removed as they were not followed and people nearly ran over him all over the city with those signals, It was a bunch of nonsense. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Ms. Barbarann Lacourse, 1600 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-880-2010) appeared and stated that she was present again to discuss sidewalks; that she complained about them before and they were still not fixed and she had to get in her wheelchair in the street as they were all broken; that trees grew in the way and an antique shop on Berry had chairs on the sidewalk which caused her to almost fall and she hurt her wheelchair; that also regarding food stamps she had complained about that to a state representative who sent her to a federal representative who sent her back to the state; that she called Garnett Coleman and nothing was done to help her or anyone else; that she had a felony as she had an addiction at one time and if people did a crime, went to jail and rehab they should get food stamps; that 18 states modified the law and Texas was one of them and it also went against the law of 2007, the second chance law, and it violated the 14th Amendment, so how were they to start all over again. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that representatives of the Citizens Assistance Office were present and would speak with her and direct her at this time. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Mr. Richard J. Healaey, 2210 Dorrington, Houston, Texas 77030 (713-664-9535) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (292-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Ms. Conquista Bush, 4514 Twin Timber Court, Fresno, Texas 77545 (281-745-5979) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members

Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Mr. Ira Hawkins, 13230 Cottingham, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-991-3320) appeared and stated that he had problems with the City of Houston, his house was flooded constantly, he got water all the way from Mykawa Road, once it started raining the pond down the street started pumping out water and so did the trailer park and it all came to him; that he put a two foot dam around his house as he was flooded three times, his neighbor tore his house down and rebuilt which he could not do, but individuals came in with ten loads of dirt and continued and after 32 loads the city stopped them and gave him 11 orange stickers on his house and he tried to take care of it, but 16 others in the area had the same people dump dirt for them and he did not know you had to have a permit to do it, but he talked to the city who said if he got a permit he would be good to go and he hired someone to do it and Council Member Adams office said they would get it corrected and he was calling from Spain and told it was okay now so he had it done, but the inspector came and said it was not done correctly and he had it done again according to the city's recommendations and then heard nothing else since April, but now an inspector inspected a house near him and went to his house and with him over seas told a neighbor to have him contact him. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Roberto Madina with Public Works was present along with a representative of Council Member Adams' office and would speak with him at this time. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Ms. Wanda Brent, 17610 Calli Drive #349, Houston, Texas 77009 (281-444-8897) appeared and stated that she was present as her son was incarcerated and she hoped they could help; that she tried her state representative and lawyers; that her child was being mistreated and abused, he was incarcerated for five years and she knew he did wrong, but to keep him locked up in a cage like an animal and making him suffer and with no commissary all he could get was stamps and hygiene; that they would not even let her see him as she was accused of putting money on someone's books; that he was locked up over a year now with no commissary; that he was only five feet four and someone cut him in the back of his head trying to rape him and he was urging her to get someone to move him so she told a lady and a man in the visitation room and they moved him, but he was a steady target being stepped on and she would not stop until she could see him, she did not even know his condition; and she had letters telling her she could not see him. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Citizens Assistance had resources they could refer her to. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she served briefly as a state representative and sat on the corrections committee and one of the toughest things was dealing with Moms; that her experience was a state senator would be her best bet and would suggest calling Senator Rodney Ellis' office and Senator Whitmire's office as they were particularly interested in issues of justice and corrections office. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Ms. Deanna Wilson, 3236 Winbern, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-261-3860) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. Wilbert Johnson, 5815 Southtown, Houston, Texas 77033 (281-706-2413) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. Dontate Myles, 5406 Fairchild, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-373-6431) appeared and stated that Houston, Texas, had a serious problem also the U. S.; that a scenario was a man

and woman got out of jail and they wanted to change their life and be a productive part of society, but because of their criminal background, even nonviolent, they were not able to get food stamps or a job so what would happen; that the majority of those present today spoke of crime in the community, the men and women who could not find a job because of their background would go to crime; that they made the choices they made and now had to live with them, but that could not be changed, they needed to go with the future and things prevented them from making a living for their family; that he was incarcerated before and had a class CDL and could not find a job, but he would not go to the streets, his wife worked, but what about the younger ones who could not take care of their family by doing the right thing, HPD was there to lock them up again and the situation was there all over again; that someone who had drugs could not get food stamps, but a child molester could get all the help they needed and that made no sense; that he even tried being hired by the City of Houston. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Mr. Myles for shedding light on an important issue and stated that he thought they could do a much better job in terms of offender reentry programs, it was of interest to him and he would like to visit with him about it; that they had to come up with a comprehensive plan with different community organizations, the state prison system and how inmates were released into the community; that they wanted to lower the recidivism rates as they were high, many were incarcerated again within three years of being released; that some multiservice centers provided programs and he would refer him to the Citizens Assistance Office. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to assure him the City of Houston was an equal opportunity employer, but they had a hiring freeze in most departments and that may be the problem with his applications and Citizens Assistance was present to speak with him. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Ms. Felicia Samtamria, 10211 Sugar Branch #316, Houston, Texas 77036 (281-804-4539) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P. O. Box 26325, Houston, Texas 77207 (832-292-5203) appeared and stated that Y2K, President George Bush, he messed up everybody's mind 10 years ago and still prolonging it; your mind worked faster than your thoughts; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Theodore Johnson, 3318 Carnell, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-861-7943) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Tina Araujo, 815 Live Oak, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-504-2042) appeared and stated that she was representing the East Downtown Management District and wanted to greet the new Mayor and all Council Members; that she wanted to formally introduce herself as when matters of the East Downtown came up she would usually be present or calling them to meet with them; that they were waiting to hear from the Mayor's Office regarding a formal meeting; that the East Downtown Area, also known as EaDo, the art and soul of the city was east of the George R. Brown; that they had success in the last years with more people and businesses coming they still had significant issues with infrastructure preventing developers from coming and that was why TIRZ 15 was so important and why the development of the Dynamo Stadium was so vital to the east end and East Downtown. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (no phone number given) appeared and stated that he was demanding more time and he was being attacked by the global mafia terrorist organization and being sexually raped; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:21 p.m. Council Members Adams absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent due to death in family. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary