

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 2, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 2, 2010, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Mr. Nelson Espitia, Director Citizens Assistance; and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director present.

At 1:45 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Pennington who invited those present with Skills for Living, a nonprofit organization, to the podium; and stated that it was an honor to have a national award given; that Skills for Living transformed lives by breaking the circle of poverty through collaboration of nonprofits, school districts, universities, government organizations, etc., to provide award winning, innovative and effective financial career, college planning and life skills education; that they impacted many lives who increased their income by an average of 39% and net worth by 51% which showed a net return of \$9.77 for each \$1.00 invested; and presented a Proclamation to Ms. Loraine Decker, one of the founders, thanking them for what they did within the community. Ms. Decker thanked Council for the recognition and stated that they could not do without their volunteer support, staff and board and funding sources. Council Members Stardig, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson invited Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff to the podium and stated that he was Pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church; that his church was one of the first to support his organization, the Phoenix Outreach Youth Center, and a number of other organizations; that a church was a strong foundation of the community and Pastor Ratliff's church exemplified that each day; that today they were celebrating his 30 years of being pastor at Brentwood Baptist Church; and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Reverend/Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff Day" in the City of Houston, Texas. Pastor Ratliff thanked all for the recognition and stated that he looked forward to another 30 years of service. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Members Noriega, Adams and Jones thanked Pastor Ratliff for all his service. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Pastor Ratliff for his services and stated that she remembered when he was a trailblazer for the AIDS community. Council Member Lovell absent.

At 1:59 p.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Gonzalez who invited Pastor Martinez with La Roca Pentecostal Church in Denver Harbor to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Gonzalez led all in the pledge.

At 2:01 p.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary call the roll. All present.

Council Members Lovell and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 2:01 p.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to begin calling the public speakers.

Ms. Sheri Morris, 3015 Richmond Avenue #200, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-807-9977) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Ms. Alicia Jimerson, P. O. Box 1399, Houston, Texas 77497 (281-802-2043) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. Rudy Sutherland, 2202 Poco Drive, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (202-540-8178) appeared and stated that he was making statements under the premise that the documents he shared with Council Members during the MWBE meeting had been reviewed and since December 2009 he had requested the analysis in any form done by Mr. Michel, the sole source selector for the disparity study that matched the selection process outlined on page 28 of the RFP and to date had not received it, specifically his question was by category what was D. Wilson's score versus NERA's score in the RFP process; that in a letter he received Mr. Michel stated that he did not prepare a score sheet, the difference between NERA and the others was apparent in the proposals in sections regarding strategy and operations and expertise, experience and qualifications and he would now ask apparent to whom; that type of arrogance should not be tolerated by any civil servant elected or otherwise. Council Member Jones absent.

Ms. Catalina Cheung, 2401 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77003 (281-216-7229) appeared and stated that she represented a property owner opposing a jail in East Downtown; that it could destroy development there and instead the land should be used for a stadium for the Dynamos. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked all who appeared today on the stadium issue, and stated the proposed site being addressed was in District I and he spent a considerable amount of time on the project, almost two years, and like many he was surprised to learn a private developer had a plan for a Bellaire site and he viewed that as a distraction as nothing happened where an agreement could not be reached to build the soccer stadium downtown, but if ever an agreement could not be reached he would make sure each who signed up today would be consulted and have input on the property and he shared their concerns of having a jail facility at that site; and Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated him setting the record straight and she wanted to be clear that the city purchased the land specifically for the building of a Dynamo Stadium and they were in it to the tune of \$15 and a half million, the city made a commitment and stood by that commitment, however, they could not control negotiations the Dynamos may choose to do with outside parties and should the deal not go through as planned they would then have the responsibility to find the best and most appropriate use for the site, but it would not be done in a vacuum and she would encourage all to reach out to other parties who may not have moved forward on the deal and help bring it to conclusion. Council Members Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated as a point of clarification it seemed like Mayor White had said the site could be used for a number of other purposes, if she could clarify as what she said was specific; and Mayor Parker stated that she stood corrected, as Controller she had put a memo out to Council stating she did not think it the best public policy to purchase land for unspecified future uses, but all public statements at the Council table, was that the first proposed use be for the Dynamo Stadium. Council Member Jones absent.

Ms. Patricia High, 2205 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-927-7579) appeared and stated that she lived directly across the street of the proposed Dynamo Stadium and was strongly in favor of it and she strongly opposed any jail as it would adversely affect them. Council Member Jones absent.

Ms. Rachael De Cordova, 4629 Rusk, Houston, Texas 77023 (281-226-2943) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Jones absent.

Mr. Jim Olive, 1410 Hutchins, Houston, Texas 77003 (281-802-3597) appeared and stated that he was with the East Downtown Management District and present opposing the establishment of a jail facility in their neighborhood; that they had seen property value go up and the stadium would justify the increases and their hopes were pinned to the stadium; that a jail would sabotage all their efforts to date. Council Member Jones absent.

Mr. Khen Ly, 1005 St. Emmanuel, Houston, Texas 77003 (832-236-6428) appeared and stated that he was owner of a market and was present rejecting the Plan B for the stadium near the Galleria, they did not need it; that a stadium was needed in their neighborhood for economics. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Ms. Diane Schenke, 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-928-9916) appeared and stated that she was president of the Greater East End Management District and over the last 30 years the City of Houston had gradually invested in the public/private partnership and transferred the entire area with the Convention Center, Minute Maid Park, Toyota Center, etc., and now there was a wonderful area there and major drawing card; that they were today urging Council to consider the 12 acre center an extension of what was already started and it was a gateway into the East End and urged they not loose site of what had already been done. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she lived in the same neighborhood and she wanted them to know that they did get this. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Marilu De La Fuente, 1724 Alta Vista, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-921-0578) appeared and stated that she was a lifetime resident and community leader of the East End and present supporting the original proposed site for the Dynamo Stadium, building an inmate detention center at the proposed site and so close to other stadiums would diminish future growth development and was a very bad idea; that in Mayor Parker's campaign she stated she was supportive of what was already in place and it was up to Harris County to pledge their share, but Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee would not come to the table when Bill White was Mayor and now that administration was over and it was now time for Mayor Parker to step up and bring them to the table, they should not loose this golden opportunity for positive development and give the Houston Dynamos a home. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to be clear Mayor Parker brought it up; that they were depending on cooperation with the county in moving forward with funding of the stadium; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that the city had not changed their commitment to the stadium in any way; that it was certainly possible to do a stadium project without county participation if the Dynamos chose to put more money into the deal; that she was attempting to set a meeting with Commissioner Lee to talk about any concerns he may have. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Ms. De La Fuente for always being an advocate and Council Member Rodriguez for his continued leadership on the effort, but District D shared in this as well because Texas Southern University had a great interest in the stadium because of their football team and would request of the Mayor that upon her meeting with Commissioner Lee that she ask him his status and where he saw it going, hopefully the stadium could remain where it was as the city had already invested their funds; and thanked Mayor Parker for her commitment in this. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Ms. De La Fuente for coming and Council Member Adams for her interest and stated that they did share the common goal. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Wyatt Magnum, 908 Hutchins, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-320-8479) appeared and stated that he represented one of the growing areas east of downtown and he lived directly across the street from the proposed site which he was excited about; that he fully supported the Dynamo Soccer Stadium being built at the original location and residents there opposed the construction of an inmate intake facility or jail; that the City of Houston already spent a substantial amount of money purchasing the land and other infrastructure projects and the Mayor and citizens of Bellaire fully opposed Plan B near the Galleria and he hoped they could achieve this goal together. Council Member Johnson absent.

Ms. Carolyn Wright, 2205 McKinney #413, Houston, Texas 77003 (281-734-9064) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Johnson absent.

Ms. Courtney Paulding, 2205 McKinney #401, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-817-4177) appeared and stated that she was a resident in the East End and owner, she bought the property knowing there were plans for a new stadium in the area, which would be directly across the street, they were very much opposed to a criminal processing center next to them; that they had come to terms with the homeless shelters in their area, but having an additional element which could potentially bring negative impact to their community they opposed.

Mr. John Chakalis, 2205 McKinney #407, Houston, Texas 77003 (281-382-9963) appeared and stated that he had been a resident of EaDo for five years and invested there as he believed in the growth potential for the area to be one of the more vibrant and trendy areas with construction of Discovery Green, etc., that had been achieved, but now the proposed land site affected them and many others and the jail facility would keep many away; and urged support of the Dynamo Stadium.

Mr. Norm Pegram, 815 Live Oak, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-222-8871) appeared and stated that he was owner of Premier International Mailing Systems in the EaDo District with 200 employees all of which supported the stadium; that he was also a resident in the area and chairman of the EaDo Management District and had been working on this and other projects to get development which had been coming in for 30 years; that he believed in enterprise and if this site did not go for the Dynamo Stadium he would urge it stayed in the commercial sector and not become a government facility, retail was needed, but the stadium could drive what was needed.

Ms. Jessica Hulseley, 4809 Brady, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-928-3201) appeared and stated that she was a resident of the Second Ward Super Area and a representative of the Second Ward Super Neighborhood Council; that she thanked Mayor Parker and Council Members and was present requesting support; that the stadium was much needed in their area and they were very disappointed to hear it would not take place and that they would get an inmate facility, but enough was enough; that they wanted no more inmate facilities, homeless shelters or halfway houses in their area; that she did want to acknowledge two city departments who did well, HPD had great response after Mr. Veronese went missing and the Parks Department, Mr. Joe Turner personally attended and made sure Eastwood Park was available for the community and EquuSearch and Council Member Gonzalez had almost perfect attendance for their meetings.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked all who appeared today on the dynamo issue; and thanked Ms. Hulseley for her leadership in the community and stated that he did support Council Member Rodriguez's efforts in the East End and as a neighbor to them supported any positive development. Council Member Bradford absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that all had a responsibility as stewards of citizens tax dollars to look at every proposal which came their way, but it was the county and not the city which held this issue up and they should be talking to the county commissioners; and urged that they all do so. Council Members Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Jones stated that for the record many at the table were and still are supportive of what they understood the deal to be, but they needed partners for the payment of this as economy was bad and she would like the Commissioners Court to move forward and keep this together; and she did support the stadium. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that Ms. Morris and Ms. Jimerson were previously called and now present; and moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Sheri Morris and Ms. Alicia Jimerson after Mr. Bryan Hulseley, seconded by Council Member Stardig All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0051 ADOPTED.

Mr. Bryan Hucke, 4607 Merwin, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-398-7513) appeared and stated that ten years ago Downtown Houston was a ghost town, but over the past weekend he enjoyed dinner and drinks and the face of Downtown was changed; that they now had opportunity to extend that development to EaDo, a diamond in the rough, he was a commercial property owner there and development was awesome; and whatever the city did with that land was huge for them, placing a jail there would drive a stake in their heart, but a stadium would improve their quality of life; and urged careful thought with the proposed land. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Council Member Rodriguez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Rachael De Cordova after Ms. Alicia Jimerson, second by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez and Jones absent. MOTION 2010-0052 ADOPTED.

Ms. Sheri Morris, 3015 Richmond Avenue #200, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-807-9977) who was previously not present when her name was called, was recalled and appeared and stated that she was present speaking on behalf of the Women's Contractor Association of Houston regarding the disparity study and was reiterating the WCA's interest in that they were concerned over the timeframe it was taking to move forward and proposed it be finished a longtime ago; that this was now costing women business owners money and jeopardizing the future of the Affirmative Action Program; and they believed NERA was a good selection as they were far outstanding, the best firm they saw, never had they been challenged and none of their studies had ever been overturned; that they knew their input was no deciding factor, but they wanted to assist Council in making a decision and NERA would give the most accurate data collection process. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Alicia Jimerson was called and stated from the audience that she would not speak. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Rachael De Cordova, 4629 Rusk, Houston, Texas 77023 (281-226-2943) who was previously not present when her name was called, was recalled and appeared and stated that she was a resident of the East End and chair of the Rail Subcommittee for the East End Chamber of Commerce and on their board and on the board of the Eastwood Civic Association; that much had already been covered and it was obvious the East End supported the Dynamo Stadium; that they did plan to go to the County Commissioners Meeting realizing this was a joint venture; that the location was key to economic redevelopment of the East End being located at the cornerstone of the East End and at the light rail line. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she knew how much work Ms. De Cordova had done with these issues and was impressed with her METRO presentation; and stated that she should continue; and Ms. De Cordova stated that if a jail was at the beginning of the light rail line it would kill development there and to kill a project where millions had been spent the tax dollar would not have been used efficiently. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Ms. De Cordova was fabulous; she was at every civic club meeting and was a lawyer by profession who studied problems in the area with as much heart as anyone; that she had yet seen anything Ms. De Cordova researched be off the mark and looked forward to working with her in the future. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent.

Mr. Michael Babajanov, 5535 Memorial Drive #F350, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-320-5588) appeared, presented information and stated that he was with GSM Media Group, he was one of the owners, and they would like to bring into the Galleria area a welcoming landmark; that they wanted to install a Jumbotron onto the Galleria Westin Oaks Hotel eastern wall, the desired objective was to create hype, excitement, positive energy and advanced technology to the heart of the Houston area; that the Galleria was seen daily by tourists from all over the world and the area was beautiful, but a little spice would make it better and it would be by solar energy. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Babajanov for appearing and stated that she met him yesterday and would like to give him the name and phone number of the Uptown Management District which oversaw the area, but she thought there were aspects which needed to be addressed in the Sign Code; and Mr. Babajanov stated that a missing child's face could be on the screen, weather reports, etc., and it would reach thousands of people in minutes; and Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they would refer him to owners of the building and the Code. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was a clear violation of the City Sign Code and they may want to start with Sign Enforcement to get an understanding of ordinances; and Mr. Drabek was present to speak with him before he left. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that if exceptions to the Sign Code were made it would become a slippery slope and they had gone through a lot to get where they now were. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Gilad Lutfak, 5535 Memorial Drive #F350, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-320-5588) had reserved time to speak but passed when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Regina Goodwin, 320 Hamilton #106, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-687-9633) appeared and stated that she was present with a complaint regarding METRO, given figures she read in the Houston Chronicle, \$3 billion, for a rail system, they still had no adequate bus service; that because of actions a METRO employee it cost her job and she was unable to obtain unemployment and had now been without work one year; that she would propose instead of pouring more money into a rail system they should put it into the bus system so buses could go to all areas of Houston and be available at night for those working late shifts. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Barry Klein, 1509 Everett, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-224-4144) appeared and stated that he was with the Houston Property Rights Association and an organization called Busses Are Better and if they wanted guidance on proper stewardship of dollars regarding sports stadiums they should be speaking with university economists who specialized in sports economics; that he was present regarding METRO and their sales tax brought in over half a billion dollars a year and they managed to do that because a 1% sales tax was actually high, it was not simply a penny per dollar, it mounted up and to about \$500.00 per household per year; that METRO did not tell anyone what they expected the cost for the five corridors to be, but one could conclude it was at least \$3 billion or \$4 billion and did not include interest charges or overrun, the rail they now had went about 40% over budget; and he was present asking they send a directive to their appointees at the METRO Board to give a new referendum. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Wilbert Johnson, 5818 Southtown, Houston, Texas 77033 (281-706-2413) appeared and stated that he was present regarding itinerant vendors, permits were cut from 40 days to 7 days and the bond was raised; that he wondered who they were thinking of when they made the rules, people were trying to support their families and they cut it down, there were 52 weeks in a year and it was cut to 10 weeks, 7 days at a time, that when they imposed these new rules they were placed on their children as well; and asked that they reconsider and allow them to sell all year, unemployment was way up at this time and they needed to work. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Johnson stated that he sold T-shirts, laptops, etc., and Council Member Adams stated that Mr. Newport was present and could discuss with him some of his issues and concerns, but being a Council Member there were vendors in all corners of the community and they supported people working, but adjustments were made because in some districts there were vendors on every corner and they needed some control; that also a member of her staff would meet with him. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing more than one person at the podium during appearance of Ms. Carol Harrison, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0053 ADOPTED.

Ms. Carol Harrison, 2725 Reed Road, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-734-4794) appeared, presented information, introduced her husband Mr. Craig Harrison and stated that on November 1, 2007, her husband was assaulted by two young boys as he walked to his car and she had started an organization now called "The Real Spouses of Texas" and today was present as she needed assistance; that she wanted to present a Bill to the Legislature and would like assistance on how to do such. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Citizens Assistance was present and they would explain how to deal with the State Legislative process. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing more than one person at the podium during appearance of Mr. Stanislaw Pawlowski, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0054 ADOPTED.

Mr. Stanislaw Pawlowski, 8011 Shiner Lane, Houston, Texas 77072 (832-275-8455) appeared with his son, Mr. Paul Pawlowski, who presented information and stated that he and his father were present as they were having a dispute with a neighbor over a property line; that when they bought their house in 1989 the property line was given by the City of Houston and

the second time in 1994 a property line was assigned for refinancing, then because of Hurricane Ike their fence was knocked over and they had to rebuild according to the City of Houston guidance, but their neighbor had conducted a court hearing and the judge dismissed the trial and now they were being bothered again; that this was an ongoing battle and they were asking for help. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would refer them to Citizens Assistance, she did not know if this was a deed restriction violation, health issue, etc., but Citizens Assistance would help them determine the appropriate course of action. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Mr. Gerry Baldwin, 13955 Bentpath, Houston, Texas 77014 (281-583-7456) appeared and stated that he was a 28 year employee with the Metropolitan Transit Authority and was asking Mayor Parker for help with METRO; that there was a contract proposal in the making to outsource dispatchers and service supervisors by their CEO, Mr. Frank Wilson, to Viola Transportation Company; that he knew they had a contract with METRO in Austin and it was rescinded and this proposal was to tie METRO in for 10 years; that he understood METRO was a separate government agency but they would not discuss this with them and they needed assistance to keep the outside vender out and allow them to continue running METRO. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that her understanding was this was not set in stone, it was a six month study to see if they could be more efficient and if so how; that there was new technology and sometimes you may not need the same people as before; and Mr. Baldwin stated that he understood what she was saying, but Mr. Wilson assured them in October their job was solid and yet this proposal was already in the making and no one had met with them and they were shocked; that he understood this was a study, but he knew they would listen to Mayor Parker and they would not speak to them. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she knew Mayor Parker had an awesome power of appointing people to the board and knew METRO paid attention to what she said, but for her information if they were talking of people losing jobs she would not like to see that in such a tough economy and she would also like to know how people who worked for METRO were being incorporated into any administrative decisions, she had a number of people in her family who worked for METRO and METRO had a history of lack of transparency and she hoped under her leadership things at METRO would be different. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would have to echo Council Member Lovell in that it was not a jobs program, they did have to have a job for him to do, but she could commit if he wanted to know the status of the contract and what was happening they would communicate with him, she took down his information and had a large transition team looking at METRO now and would raise the issue and have someone contact him. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Evelyn Garner, 1616 Hazard, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-524-5072) appeared and stated that she was present to discuss an erratic water bill at her residence; that she lived alone and in April they put a new meter in and afterwards the bill became erratic; that it went from \$14.67 to \$53.62 to \$75.00, then \$14.67, then \$46.75; that she received a letter stating a meter reader came and said she should have her line tested because of the amount of water being used and her bill came in at \$364.00 so she obtained a plumber who said there was no leak; that she had now received a call asking what she wanted to speak about and when she told her she received another call from the Water Department who said her meter was incorrect and she would be receiving a corrected bill and the meter would be read daily as to how much water was

being used; and she thanked them. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was sorry Ms. Garner had to come to Council for assistance; that she was informed her meter was damaged and she was given a large credit to her account, but she would encourage her to meet with Citizens Assistance to see that she was satisfied with answers and adjustments. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that his issue was covered and they had correspondence from Public Works outlining the good job they had done detailing the problem and getting it corrected, but his question was why it took Ms. Garner coming to get it addressed, but Mayor Parker had taken care of this. Council Members Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) appeared and stated that he also had a water bill issue; that this had gone on since Mayor White; that they supposedly had not read his meter for nine years because of construction in the neighborhood; that his meter had been buried and he had a \$9,000 water bill, then it was changed but still at \$1,500; that it was no fault on his part he did not bury the meter or not realize they were not receiving the right amount of money, he received a bill every month and he paid it every month; that he would like to know what was to be done. Council Members Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Ballard had a very different issue than Ms. Garner, but Mr. Drabek was still present; that for seven years they did not charge him for water because they could not find his meter and now they were trying to adjust a small period and he should sit and work with him; that it was the customer's responsibility that they were receiving bills just as it was the city's responsibility to make sure they billed for it. Council Members Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that Mr. Ballard had the problem since 2007 in which the bill was \$9,000 and then it went down to \$1,500 and now there was an outstanding balance of \$605.00 which needed to be paid; that they probably needed to set a payment plan as he did not want his water disconnected over the \$605.00; that he knew he paid the bill he received each month, but the two years being asked for...; that they recognized there were problems, but how to ensure such problems did not happen again he thought had been corrected; that he did not want his water cut off and then him try and figure out what to do, it was clear it was not his fault, but it had gone from \$2,000 to \$600.00. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Balalrd's issues needed to be resolved by Public Works and would again refer him. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Mr. Lorenzo Butler, Sr., 4542 N. Rippleridge Drive, Houston, Texas 77053 (281-416-0794) appeared and stated that he was present regarding bags the city was requiring people to buy, which was about \$10.00 for 12 bags, he understood about 70% would not be able to afford the bags and they were going to find sewer lines stopped up and bayous flooded, etc., they should look at the price of bags as many people had hardships. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that they were trying to encourage recycling, it was great fertilizer and on a temporary basis her office purchased about \$7,000.00 worth of the bags for District D seniors; that if this was a problem they wanted to be able to get the bags to their senior citizens in District D, but some communities used more bags than others and if he had

any creative ideas she would like to speak with him and they were meeting in their Neighborhood Protection Quality of Life Committee meeting and Solid Waste would be one of their presenters and she invited him back to the first Thursday in March to discuss the bags and how it would work. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan, Noriega and Lovell absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Pennington stated that they were concerned about his issue in District G and had done a fair amount of research; that they could buy a mulching blade at a reasonable cost and they had encouraged the Solid Waste Department to look at setting up neighborhood disposal sites so waste could be directly dropped in instead of using bags, but had no response as yet; and Mr. Butler stated that not all had a lawn mower; and Council Member Pennington stated that someone was cutting the grass. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Mr. Alan Owens, 5324 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas (713-304-6881) appeared, presented information and stated that he was a teacher and social worker and had an idea to increase employment and reduce crime; that he visited Bogota, Colombia, and noticed there an increase in security guards which reduced crime and he thought to meet the growing need for security in Houston in a cost effective way would be to hire the unemployed, give them a security guard course and place them outside shopping centers, restaurants, etc., uniformed guards were a deterrent in crime, provided another layer of protection and brought money into the economy; and he thought merchants could chip in for payment. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that his address was in his district and they were getting volunteers into crime prevention and if he would like to join their efforts maybe they could implement some of his ideas and he should call his office. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he appreciated Mr. Owens coming with his ideas, but companies usually hiring hire security guards looking at the quality of services; that in his district merchants look at their resumes and make sure backgrounds had been checked. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that two important issues were job security and public safety and it was good when citizens thought outside the box and participated and he commended him; that for the city he felt it would be a liability concern to place additional security for businesses; and encouraged him to follow-up with Council Member Pennington and inquire with Chambers of Commerce. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she too would worry about a slippery slope when you had government paying for protection for private businesses, it should be responsibility of business owners. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Mr. Andy Garden, 9825 Stella Link, Houston, Texas 77096 (832-228-6708) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Mr. Dean Becker, 9639 Railton, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-462-7981) appeared, presented information and stated that he thought now they could begin to address this problem; that Houston was one of the world's largest drug distribution hubs and yet elected officials here elected to remain surprised and angry that thousands of young people were tempted by the

black market in drugs and go to lives of crime or addiction; that Houston was the world's leading jailer and still remained at near unconstitutional overcrowded levels; that the drug war was a miserable failure and racially enforced empowering criminals around the world and draining the economy; that this would continue to escalate unless an approach was considered other than an all out drug war; that today he would ask the city to join El Paso in questioning the wisdom of this eternal war, cities and states all over were changing their stance in regards to the drug war, mostly lessening penalties towards marijuana, the one drug which never killed anyone, if only Houston would make use of Texas H.B. 2391 and advise the new Police Chief to stop arresting those with less than 4 ounces of marijuana and simply ticket them it would allow law enforcement to focus thousands of man hours yearly chasing violent criminals instead. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega and Lovell absent.

Ms. Lorugene Young, 3614 Trace Court, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-794-1014) (cell 281-454-4840) appeared and stated that she thanked Council Member Jones and her staff for guiding her in what to do; that she received a letter dated January 20th from Customer Service who went back 17 to 20 years on a house she owned at 7208 Parker Road, but she had numerous renters there; that on March 2009 she had the water turned on in her name, but the bill was for years prior and she did not know who was there at the time and she was asking it be reconsidered. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that unfortunately her issue was a bill that had her name and social security number on it and it was owed; and Ms. Young stated that she did own the house but did not owe the bill; and wanted it dismissed; and Mayor Parker stated that she could be placed on a payment plan and interest was not being charged and encouraged her to visit with Citizens Assistance at this time. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

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

Ms. Lisa Squires, 1126 Kinley, Houston, Texas 77018 (832-851-6720) appeared and stated that she was a native Houstonian and today was present to read a poem she had written and tell them why she wrote it; and read her poem based on the Holocaust and entitled When They Came For Me and then stated that there was no healthy social contracts with people overall, men, women, children were not valued; that her son had done nothing and they tried to ramrod him into a thug school when he had done nothing which warranted such treatment; that they were too willing to not appreciate contributions people could make and had too narrow a view point on what was a valid contribution which she now called "Team USA" and it was a website she made; that she wanted all to come together and not be divided into certain groups; and she had a website which all could visit. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Ms. Squires for coming and thought what she read was profound and people should stand for others. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Hoang thanked Ms. Squires for coming and sharing her ideas and stated that he thought her thoughts were great, but he believed there were so many in this country who did stand for their beliefs and this was the greatest country; that he came from a background and country where no one stood up because the government would put you in jail, there was no rights; that this country had many who did take freedoms for granted, but he also saw and appreciated so many working so hard and fighting hard for their beliefs and he thanked America and her for coming today; and Ms. Squires stated that her website was voteteamusa.com and her ideas on how to change were cost effective. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Diane Lipton, 550 Gulfgate Center Mall, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-926-3305) appeared and stated that she was president of the East End Chamber of Commerce and present today speaking on behalf of their board of directors and 500 members; that the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce strongly supported the construction of the Dynamo east of downtown and was 100% opposed to the alternative site presented; that they had been supporting the Dynamos request for a stadium since 2008 and lobbying that long to see it through fruition; that they were disappointed county and city officials had not been able to close the deal, but they would not give up; that the alternative of using the site for a jail or crime lab would eliminate all grown the stadium would afford and create a complete dead zone and surroundings such as Discovery Green would be for naught if opportunities were not contiguous extending into East Downtown; that the Dynamo Stadium was a vital tool in growth of the area and they were willing to invest \$60 million, the only piece missing in TIRZ 15 was the county's participation; that maybe it was time the city built the stadium without the county participation by extending the life of TIRZ 15 to make up the \$10 million difference; that the East End was the birth place of Houston and they were working hard to showcase their history and strength; that the Dynamo Stadium was needed and urged the Mayor and Council support their community. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Noriega thanked Ms. Lipton for coming and stated that she appreciated her remarks and all who came today and they would see what they could do. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Rene Hunter, 310 Jensen, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-471-2150) appeared and stated that she too was present today on behalf of East End residents; that Ms. Lipton put it so eloquently, there were many benefits to having the Dynamo Stadium and they looked forward to having it for years; that she moved there in 2003 and she and many others counted on the stadium and they were reaching out to the Council and letting them know they supported it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Laura Robinson, 310 Jensen, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-471-2150) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Steve Peake, 2301 Congress, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-225-2800) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Anthony Cutola, 4509 Walker, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-426-2995) appeared and stated that he was president of the Eastwood Civic Association and today many expressed his opinions; that he thanked Mayor Parker and Council Member Rodriguez on wanting the stadium in the East End and he wanted to voice their opposition to any type of jail facility in the East End; that it would stifle economic development there and he would encourage all Council Members to visit and see the new businesses, etc.; that a jail would be a negative impact and ruin the development. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Andrew Wright, 420 Walker, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-581-0457) appeared and stated that he was commenting on the Mayor's words, if the Dynamo Stadium did not work out, if it was not placed there, they needed to look to the highest and best use of the site; that he ran in the area to Discovery Green and if the best use was deemed to be a jail it would be a big problem, he would not run, others would not hang out there, it was two blocks from the proposed site; that a jail in no way would be the best use; and as suggested by Council Member Lovell they would speak to Commissioners Court with their same concerns; and urged the city

to press them for the stadium. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Jason Baxter, 3911 Spring Meadows, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-416-3216) appeared and stated that he did hurricane storm relief after Ike last year and he knew DRC and Cahaba and been to Council and he was trying to collect the last bit of money owed; that he was representing hundreds of contractors out there; that he wondered if the City of Houston had paid DRC or if FEMA had paid the City of Houston so they could collect; that he put out about \$20,000 hiring people to run equipment and he would like his bills paid, he had a small budget and family to pay and most of the time he got the run around. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that they certainly appreciated his hard work on the city's behalf when they desperately needed it and wanted to make sure he was paid; that Ms. Sandra Jackson with the city was present today and would be happy to answer his questions and get back with all Council Members to make sure they had an update on Mr. Baxter's status as well as the other contractors. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Jones thanked Mr. Baxter for coming and stated that many since Ike came complaining about payment and subbing with DRC and she would like to know collaterally how many people were saying DRC did not pay them, how much was not paid and what the city was doing, if anything; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that was a good point and she knew Director Hayes would get them a report and more importantly if Mr. Baxter would meet with Ms. Jackson they would see what could be done so he would not need to return. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Barry Honeycutt, 824 Colgate, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-824-2919) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Karl Muenhc, 4111 Norfolk, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-459-8779) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Jeffrey Jackson, 5815 Cavalcade, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-676-2327) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Jerard Marichal, 1702 Morse, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-545-3372) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. John Juanopulos, 2207 Eastex Freeway, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-227-5207) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Ray Smith, 11025 Larkwood Drive #222, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-988-1233) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Otis Jordan, 7663 South Glennwillow, Missouri City, Texas (281-723-3700) appeared and stated that he was present today to speak on the Houston Fire Department and their Muscular Dystrophy Campaign they had done for about 20 years; that over the last three or four years they raised over \$500,000 and this was Black History Month and today he was asking that the Fire Department be able to get on the corners for Haiti; that they were hurting and he wanted the city and Fire Department to work together, it was already mapped out and it was easy. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Nia Colbert, 955 Langwick, Houston, Texas 77060 (281-873-0359) appeared and stated that she and many residents of Langwood Senior Residences were tired; that they were in far north Houston in the Greenspoint Area; that she was hopeful to hear two of Mayor Parker's nine points would involve Housing and Community Development and neighborhood policing, she was now dismayed at what appeared to be exploitation of their most valued group of residents which was seniors and the disabled; that this was by a Nigerian developer from Austin, Cherno Nige, and questionable involvement by an HPD officer C. K. Burtel; that at a community meeting Mr. Roy Sells of Housing and Community Development stated that, " he did not understand the mentality, these things are easily managed"; the situation at Langwood was now a crisis and seniors and disabled would like a chance at housing, they earned it; and thanked Controller Green and Shannon Nobles for expediting information to Council Member Jones the housing chairperson. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Jones stated that she sent a staffer, Ingrid, out to the property to figure out how they could help and they saw puddles and took pictures and they had concerns about railings in restrooms for seniors, etc., and they were trying to figure out...; that this was not Section 8 or City of Houston housing; that there was a meeting Friday and they were trying to figure this out and sending something to the property management; that there was a number of community concerns and they were trying to see what was required and then help to get it done. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Colbert requested more time; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Council rules did not allow for an extension of time except by motion, super majority, but Council Member Jones would follow back with her. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Wesley Gatlin, 818 Markcolin, Houston, Texas 77088 (713-631-5557) appeared and stated that he was dealing with the city in getting building permits and some thought should be given to various forms people had to fill out, making them simpler for an ordinary person to fill out; that many were well educated and wanted to express that education instead of making it plain, it was made too confusing for ordinary people. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Gatlin for coming and stated that they did appreciate him appearing and right now the Mayor did have a group meeting together to address that and make sure permit forms, etc., were clearer and more user friendly. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

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. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega 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, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (no phone number given) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Tina Arajo, 815 Live Oak, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-504-2042) appeared and stated that she was present representing the East Downtown Management District (EaDo) and they heard from a unified group of individuals from East Downtown and the East End and she appreciated what Council Member Adams mentioned regarding TSU; that fans, etc., would be able to come on the TSU line to their home games at the stadium if it were built there. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Rodriguez asked Ms. Arajo to continue; and Ms. Arajo stated that when public officials made statements it mattered and earlier today the Mayor and Council Member Lovell mentioned the city needing to look at other projects and it was true, but had a real impact; that when she was speaking to others yesterday found someone decided not to buy property in East Downtown because of what was being said and they were on the cusp of something special happening in EaDo. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Sammie Jones, no address (no phone) appeared and stated that the bag Council was seeing with him was the bag which got him out of the library; that Council knew due to a lie published in his name, a change of address form, his parents asked he leave their home which caused him to be homeless; that the law used to get him out of the library was discriminating against the homeless; that the law was you could not take blankets into the library nor could you take bags; that yesterday he found out it was city ordinance and he was asking the city remove such. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Jones stated that her office worked with Mr. Jones yesterday and had figured out with Ms. Lawson there was a city ordinance; that she did not believe it was to intently affect the homeless, it was explained it had to do with homeland security, etc., Mr. Jones respected that, but she wanted all to know that was what it was; and she expected Mr. Jones wanted that part of the ordinance revisited; that perhaps they could place lockers where people could leave their belongings if they were homeless as there was a new type of homeless now and they had no where to leave their belongings. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682), appeared stated that she was present again regarding the YMCA; that she was president of the YMCA and their projects had been stolen, the 2,682 acres of parkland had been slowly stolen away along with the hike and bike trail and she was asking for investigation and help with their problems. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck thanked Ms. Taylor for coming and stated that this was a new issue she brought and if they could get more specifics she knew the Mayor's Office would be

happy to help. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Russell Henderson, 1325 Northwest 101st, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114 (405-535-6266) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present regarding an impact fee he paid; that he went to talk to people in charge, people you pay the fees to and the man was a nut to talk to him like that as he had the receipts to show he paid \$2,964.44 on fees and the man said he only paid \$1,900.00; that he knew about hijacking and he had his receipts. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that they did want this straightened out; that she knew he received a letter from the Department of Public Works from his visit last week; and a Council Member had questions. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Jones stated that if there was a discrepancy in what they were saying he paid and he had receipts saying something else, it seemed it was objective and verifiable; and upon questions, Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that yes, it was correct something was done to reconcile the differences; and if Mr. Henderson would meet with Mr. Gary Drabek who was present, they wanted to make sure it was taken care of. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

At 4:28 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2010, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, 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, Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo., Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 8:22 a.m. City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:03 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that the first item on the agenda was the monthly report and recognized City Controller Ronald C. Green and Ms. Michele Mitchell, Director of Finance. Council Member Hoang absent.

9:00 A.M. - REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller

Mr. Ronald C. Green, City Controller and Ms. Michele Mitchell, Director of Finance, reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, a copy of which is in the City Secretary's office for review.

Mr. Green stated that he would go into the debt and investments report, that most of them had received a memo that they passed out that gave them an overview for the returning Council Members and a primer for those new Council Members, that dealt with investments and

SWAPS, that as of December 31, 2009 the City had \$2.2 billion invested in the General Investment Pool, that with the issuance of the airport, they had a large new bond issuance, so they would see that the cash on hand was a little higher than they normally had, that in addition to the General Investment Pool they had two other small investment pools that totaled about \$27 million, those pools existed because they addressed requirements of the federal government and they had to have those funds segregated in order to be in compliance with the CFRs, that a detailed listing of all the securities that they owned appeared in the back of the investment report, that if they had any questions they could feel free to ask him or Ms. Sue Bailey, who handled all of investments in the Controller's office, that as it related to the SWAP report they also received a memo regarding SWAPs, a little overview of that, that the City had four SWAPs and now they were down to two, that along with the regular SWAP Report that appeared in the MOFAR offered a comprehensive position of their two SWAP positions, that at the end of the day if they wanted to look at where they were in specifics, as it related to their interest rates, the effective rate of their SWAPs right now was 3.98% on the 2004 Series B and 4.3% on the Series A 2008 and that was compared to a 5.08% the system would have been charged for traditional tax exempt fixed rate debt so they were still in the positive as long as they were not trying to get out of the SWAPs. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Report, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0055 ADOPTED.

Mr. Green asked if the motion included acceptance of the SWAP Report and Council Member Clutterbuck moved to accept the SWAP Report, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0056 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 38

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department Public Works & Engineering to accept the January 2010 Semiannual Report and Recommendations of the Planning Commission, acting as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, relating to the implementation of the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees Program and to transfer revenues and interest generated by the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees in the amount of \$4,586,807.70 for Revenue Bond Debt Service as recommended in the Report – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0057 ADOPTED.

DAMAGES - NUMBER 2

2. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **STACEY HOLLAND**, Individually and as next friend of Stanley Holland vs. Clinton Mitchell and the City of Houston; Cause No. 2007-45917; in the 281st Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas - \$500,000.00 Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0058 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 through 9

3. RECOMMENDATION from Interim Director Houston Airport System for approval of final contract amount of \$20,993,618.64 and acceptance of work on contract awarded to

CONTRACTOR TECHNOLOGY, LTD. and completed by **W. W. WEBBER, LLC** on behalf of the Surety, **ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE** for Terminal A/B Ramp Widening at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) Project No. 558B) - 5.78% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0059 ADOPTED.

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$188,514.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **INLAND ENVIRONMENTS, LTD.**, for Asbestos and Lead Abatement, Demolition, Soil Removal, Backfill and Compaction at HPD Mounted Patrol Facility - 17.22% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0060 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,554,500.95 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Fontaine Place Area - 1.68% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0061 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$873,841.89 and acceptance of work on contract with **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 30.9% under the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0062 ADOPTED.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,752,016.18 and acceptance of work on contract with **ALSAY, INCORPORATED** for Rehabilitation of Existing Water Wells - 0.40% under the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0063 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 10

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Vicente Alonso, on behalf of Vicente L. Alonso and Maria C. Alonso, for abandonment and sale of ±24,960 square feet of former South Post Oak Road right-of-way, from the south line of Tract A, Block 1, north to its terminus, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 20-foot-wide storm drainage easement, all located in the Southwest Manor Commercial Subdivision, out of the H. S. Bachelder Survey, A-147, Parcels SY10-027 and LY10-035 - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0064 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 11 through 12

11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$177,741.35 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund for Construction of Loading Dock for Solid Waste Management Department – was

presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0071 ADOPTED.

- 11a. **TREMCO INCORPORATED** for Construction Services to complete the construction of a Loading Dock from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract for the Solid Waste Management Department - \$169,277.48 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$177,741.35 – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0065 ADOPTED.
12. **RR DONNELLEY** for Barcoded Traffic, Non-Traffic and Parking Citations for Various Departments \$585,852.78 - General and Parking Management Operating Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0066 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 13 through 38

13. RESOLUTION designating certain properties within the City of Houston as Historic Landmarks:

Lackner House	2002 Bolsover Street	<u>DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK</u>
Stokes-Farnsworth House	1407 Kirby Drive	<u>DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON</u>
Wilson G. Saville House	3207 Groveland Lane	<u>DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON</u>

– was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2010-0003 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; amending and restating Ordinance No. 2010-27 as it relates to the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue 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; 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. ORDINANCE 2010-0072 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing application to the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for a Hurricane Ike Recovery Assistance Grant (The “Grant”); declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department to act as the City’s representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services Department to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant - \$4,610,243.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0073 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 13.0024 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 23**, of Harris County, Texas, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0074 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 13.3574 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 23**, of Harris County, Texas, for inclusion in its

- district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0075 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 1.8855 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 230**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0076 ADOPTED.
 24. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 800 block of Le Green Avenue within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0077 ADOPTED.
 25. ORDINANCE adopting a three-year Annexation Plan in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0078 ADOPTED.
 26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC** for a Disparity Study of City-wide Public Works Construction Contracts - \$595,800.00 - General, Enterprise and CIP Salary Recovery Funds – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
 28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$130,517.00 out of Tax Increment Fund for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE ZONE)** for Administrative Expenses and payment to the Redevelopment Authority as provided herein **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0079 ADOPTED.
 32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Maintenance and Obligations Agreement between the City of Houston and **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** for Traffic Signal at Intersection of North Park Drive and Russell Palmer Road in Kingwood, Texas - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0080 ADOPTED.
 33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$204,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Houston Heritage Corridor East Trail Segment 1 Bikeway Project (Approved by Ordinance 1995-1290) - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0081 ADOPTED.
 34. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 12.3663 acres commonly known as 1025 Lockwood Drive, and a portion of the Texas Avenue right of way, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0082 ADOPTED.
 35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$236,022.08 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$245,428.28 out of Water & Sewer Contributed Capital Fund as an additional appropriation to the contract between the City of Houston and the **WACKENHUT CORPORATION** (Approved by City Council Ord. No. 09-0572) for Site Security Services

at the Southeast Water Purification Plant (SEWPP) located at 3100 Genoa-Red Bluff Rd. – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0083 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$197,311.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund appropriated by Ordinance No. 2008-477 which approved contract between the City of Houston and Metro City Construction, L.P. for FY08 Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal; appropriating \$1,197,311.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **RWL CONSTRUCTION, INC** for FY10 Fire Hydrant Replacement; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0084 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$385,462.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **PEMCO, INC** for Underground Storage Tank Remediation, Removal and Installation at Fire Station 18 and Fire Station 42; 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 materials testing, project management and construction oversight, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0085 ADOPTED.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

ACCEPT WORK

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,329,314.41 and acceptance of work on contract with **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION, CO.** for City Overlay Package 12 - 1.23% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - JOHNSON; D - ADAMS; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0067 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,066,353.89 and acceptance of work on contract with **JIMERSON UNDERGROUND, INC** for Woodway No. 1 Lift Station Replacement - 17.18% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0068 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

14. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Coin-Operated Machines; providing for severability, providing for an effective date – was presented.

Council Member Johnson stated that while some of these game rooms might be used as just that, game rooms, they knew that there were a lot of these gaming rooms that were used for gambling and obviously it destroyed the quality of life in many areas, that they still hear of the

situations where the places were robbed and people were being shot at and thought there had been a couple of individuals in the last few months that had actually been killed, that one of the things he was suggesting and had asked for in the past and was asking for now was that when they found that an individual had used these gaming rooms as a gambling shack that they do not give them a permit period, that one time and one strike they were out needed to be the situation, they do know that these individuals, once they find out that they were paying out customers for their winnings, they could then go in and take their machines but then all they had to do was simply pay the fine and get them back, that he wanted them to get to a point that they could not get the machines back and it becomes a criminal offense and then these guys would do time in jail, that they were taking the steps but he really wanted them to take a stronger stance on what they needed to do to send a clear message so that these individuals do not find it so comfortable to open up these game rooms in these communities and take full advantage of some of these people who do use this as a means and a mechanism to simply make money, so he hoped that they could move to a much stronger ordinance in the very near future.

Mayor Parker stated that she would ask the City Attorney to brief her on this issue as she did not know whether they had explored that in the past but appreciated his suggestion.

A vote was called on Item No. 14. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0086 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving Lease Agreement with option to purchase between **STAGES, INC, a Texas Non-profit Corporation, as tenant**, and the City of Houston, Texas, as Landlord, concerning the Houston Center for the Arts (3201 Allen Parkway) - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Sullivan.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **THE CENTER SERVING PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION** to provide \$180,276.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for Vocational Training and Medical and Dental Services to persons with mental illness - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0087 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing various agreements between the City of Houston, the **HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS UNION** (as exclusive Bargaining Agent for all Houston Police Officers) and **DAILY ACCESS CORPORATION** for HPD Section 457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan Administration Services – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0088 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing various agreements between the City of Houston, the **HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS UNION** (as exclusive Bargaining Agent for all Houston Police Officers) and **RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY** for Custodial Account, Investment and related services for HPD Section 457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0089 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2009-580 to increase the maximum contract amount for the contract between the City of Houston and **MERCER(US) INC** for Financial Resource Consulting Services - \$125,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0090 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Carrier Incentive Program for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum program amount - 2 Years - \$4,000,000.00 - Enterprise

Fund **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0091 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund for supplemental allocation to contract for Professional Consulting Services by and between the City of Houston and **HNTB CORPORATION** for Planning Services for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 616; Contract 56374) - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0092 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-951 (Passed by City Council October 22, 2008) to increase the maximum contract amount for the contract between the City of Houston and **MCGLINCHEY STAFFORD, P.L.L.C.** for Legal Services relating to Cause No. 2008-51588; City of Houston v. Candlelight Condo Investments, LLC, et al.; in the 270th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas - \$80,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented.

Council Member Jones stated that on the Candlelight Trails issue they had a number of constituents come up, that she would be voting no and knew that Legal wanted to add some owners and she had always maintained and believed that they were going after the wrong people, that the people who owned the air between the bricks and mortar were not the ones who did not maintain the building, that these were hard working people who were trying to achieve the American dream and have home ownership, which happened to be condos and she did not see why they were going after more people, that they had destroyed a lot of lives, in her opinion, so she could not vote with a clear conscience vote to go out and find more people who did what they were supposed to and she would respectfully encourage Legal to go and find the real people who were the slum property owners and go after them.

A vote was called on Item No. 31. Council Members Bradford and Jones voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2010-0093 ADOPTED.

36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,574,707.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$462,293.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **TOTAL SITE, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 457; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0094 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 39 through 41

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AVENUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A Texas Nonprofit Corporation**, to provide \$3,000,000 Performance-Based Loan of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist in the Development of a 144 Unit Affordable Family Housing Apartment Complex to be located in the Near Northside on an approximately 5.72 acre tract on Irvington Boulevard, of which 27 units will be designated as Home Affordable Floating Units for a 20-year affordability period - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ – (This was Item 15 on Agenda of January 27, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0094 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ORCHARD COMMUNITIES, INC, A Texas Nonprofit Corporation**, to provide \$3,540,000 Performance-Based Loan of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist in the Development of a 118 Unit Affordable Senior Housing Apartment Complex on an approximately 5.6965 acre tract at the northeast corner of Brinkman and West 34th Street, of which 30 units will be designated as Home Affordable Floating Units for a 20-year affordability period - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG – (This was Item 16 on Agenda of January 27, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG)** - was presented.

Council Member Stardig moved to postpone Item No. 40 for one week, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0069 ADOPTED.

41. 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 – (This was Item 39 on Agenda of January 27, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to postpone Item No. 41 for one week, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0070 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Pennington stated that he would like to give additional conversation on the matter raised by Council Member Lovell at the last meeting and that was the 75 Energy Corridor Connector which was a joint venture between the Energy Corridor Management District and Metro, that he would like to point out that the Energy Corridor District was providing substantial funds for that, that he thought it was a wonderful thing for the westside and if there was a Metro representative present today he wanted to put a plug in for additional services on the westside, perhaps in the Richmond and Westheimer corridor, that he thought that the project would not only promote general mobility but thought it would encourage the construction of livable centers because they would have the necessary transportation, that he believed that Commissioner Garcia had also promoted Metro service on the eastside of town and he applauded her on that, that he thought that Metro probably needed some other joint ventures, but it looked like they were moving in the right direction. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Dr. Alma Allan had come out to Brunswick Lakes, which was not the City of Houston, but everybody around them was the City of Houston and they did not receive, at least in their opinion, services as they should, police, fire and those type of things, and she had a number of people ask her what did it take to get the City of Houston to annex them, so she thought she would let the Mayor know that there was a place that was surrounded by Houston and would love to be annexed. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would make sure the Planning Department would contact her and she could put them in contact with this neighborhood. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones further stated that the Winter Olympics were in Canada and the Counsel General of Canada and a whole bunch of Canadians who lived in Houston had an event at the Houston Club and she gave a proclamation on the Mayor's behalf; that she wanted to wish Ms. Louise Ray a Happy Birthday, that she was a realtor and happened to do a lot of her

work in the Third Ward. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that on Item No. 36 that they approved was the Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program for a number of streets throughout the community, that those streets were actually in the hopper dating back to the year 2000, so here they were trying to do street and drainage improvements that were 10 years old and the latest estimate from Public Works was that the program was now a 12 year program so as they find streets that were in need or repair and drainage it was a 12 year program, and that led his discussion to the article that was in the paper this morning about future water rate increases as well as a potential drainage fee, that one of the challenges they had with their water rates was the fact that they were diverting \$50 million out of Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund to fund drainage work, that if they kept that money in Water Sewer then the rates could probably be impacted significantly in terms of future increases and that they did need to further explore the need for a dedicated funding source for street and drainage, that he looked forward to working with the administration and his committee to discuss those issues in the future. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to piggyback on what Council Member Costello had stated that the drainage and flooding issue was a very serious issue in their City and it was his view, in talking with constituents around the City, that they must devise a strategy to look at the City's overall picture to see how could they possibly reduce spending in areas that were not part of the core services that the City was charged with fulfilling, that while drainage issues and infrastructure issues were certainly part of the core issues and they must, in his view, find a way to come up with a funding source for that dedicated fee for that particular item specifically, infrastructure issues, he supported that, but beyond that he thought the economy was sagging terribly and they must have a broad discussion, in his view, to look at how they could reduce City overall spending. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that many of them had heard, if not seen, the Broadway show STOMP, that it was a percussion based dance performance in which dance members used prompts such as tractor tires, inner tubes, paint cans and garbage cans to provide the beat for their performance, that the internationally known troupe was coming to Houston for a series of shows over Valentine Day weekend, that tickets for these shows could be purchased through the Society for Performing Arts at Jones Hall, that if they could not make it to one of these performances they could get a glimpse of STOMP at the Houston Public Library, that HPL had teamed with the Society for Performing Arts to offer a free lunch time performance by the cast of STOMP on Friday, February 12, 2010, that it would take place at 12:00 p.m. on the Center Library Plaza, located between the Central Library and the Julia Idelson Building, that he would encourage his colleagues and City employees to come out during their lunch hour on February 12, 2010 to enjoy the arts and the library, for more information they could go to the HPL website at www.houstonlibrary.org and look under events listing.

Council Member Sullivan stated that last Friday night he spoke at the Hunters Ridge Homeowners Association meeting in Kingwood and they were generally satisfied with the City services that were provided from public safety to trash pickup, no real complaints; that the Boy Scouts of America were celebrating their 100th Anniversary, that the Same Houston Area Council was conducting the grandest and largest celebration in the Nation for scouting's 100th Anniversary on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Minute Maid Park, that Mr. Drayton McClain was the Honorary Chairman and host of the event and Cardinal Daniel DeNardo would bless the celebration and give the invocation, with a flag ceremony being presented by the Texas A&M Corp of Eagle Scout Cadets; that the CIP dates had been set for District E, that on February 23, 2010 in Kingwood they would have the CIP meeting at Creekwood Elementary School and on Thursday, February 25, 2010, they would have the CIP meeting in the south part of the district with the location still to be determined; that there was an event that he failed to

recognize a few weeks ago, the Houston Symphony, NASA and the Bureau, in New York at Carnegie Hall, performed January 28, 2919, that HSO presented an HD odyssey entitled, "The Planets", and it featured incredibly new images from NASA and the Bureau hosted a reception at 5:30 p.m. for everybody involved, that Ms. Susan Christian was particularly proud of it.

Mayor Parker stated that she had the opportunity to see the performance of "The Planets" with the symphony and it really was a spectacular presentation.

Council Member Lovell stated that the Transportation, Infrastructure and Aviation Committee would meet on Tuesday, February 09, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chamber, that it would be the first TIA Committee meeting of 2010; that it had been no secret about what they were going to have to do with their utility system, and no matter how much they cut, and they were going to cut some things they should, it still would not be enough to fix the problem and the debt they had, that she wanted to make sure that the dollar amounts and the figures that were out in the public were the correct figures, that she did not know that the figure that was in the Chronicle would be the correct figure that they would attach to an increase, that they were talking about it publicly now and she would urge the administration, through their committee, that they make very sure that they got the correct facts out to the public, so that when they had to make the decision they would understand what it was they were voting on, they understood and there had to be a real trust level between the citizens and the City about the kind of numbers, that she knew that Public Works had put together some information and had that available and she would urge them to go ahead and start talking about it and the real numbers, not numbers that somebody was figuring out on their own, that she thought it would serve everybody in the best interest to do so.

Mayor Parker stated that she had not seen any of the meeting coverage and had not had a chance to read the paper yet, that she did urge the Chronicle to understand that there had been no presentation to Council, there was no formal proposal of any kind, these were numbers that had been generated by the Public Works Department to give Council Members the landscape, so it was still very early on.

Council Member Lovell stated that something gets printed and people believe it and it was really not so and it was hard to undo it so she wanted to make sure in this very serious discussion that what was put out there was correct information and information that they had gotten from the City; that she was pleased to represent the City on January 28, 2010 at the Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Hearing that was held by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs in cooperation with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, it was an important meeting because what they were talking about was the second round of \$1.7 billion of Community Development Block Grant funding, of which the City was putting a proposal for, that they desperately needed in Houston, they still had 90,000 homes that had tarps on them and had damage of \$8,000 or less, that was a year and a half ago and it was probably more now than the \$8,000 as they had not gotten the kind of repairs that they needed, that she wanted to thank Mr. Darren Hall and Mr. Buddy Grantham, who put together information which enabled her to give a good presentation, that she also wanted to say thank you to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the numbers that they gave her, that she had to follow Mayor Thomas from Galveston, which was a difficult thing to do, especially when they were competing for money, they had a compelling story and they tell it very well, but she thought that they had a compelling story also because they had people here now that had holes in their roofs and needed to be repaired, and if they did not do it they were going to be going back asking for money for demolition because they would have those houses that were still being rained into that they would not be able to repair and certainly not for \$8,000; that she wanted to welcome an intern in the At Large Office, Kurdia Cargo, who was a senior at the University of Houston, majoring in Political Science, and was in the Intern Program through the Center for Public Policy at U of H and was an alumni of Spring Woods High School.

Council Member Johnson stated that he was hosting a Veterans Benefit Seminar which would be done in conjunction with the City of Houston, the Voices of Veterans, which was a committee that he had created in District B, the Houston Veterans Affairs, Texas Southern and the University of Houston's Veterans Affairs, the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County and the Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans, that all of those organizations had joined together to have the benefit seminar on February 11, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., that they would have free space available for vendors or exhibitors who wanted to come out and be a part of that and they would also be giving free lunch, so if they knew veterans who were still looking for services or needed services or if they wanted to be a presenter they could reach out to Mr. Ralph Cooper, who was the Chair of the Voices for Veterans Committee at 617-504-2714 or call Amy Francis at his office at 832-393-3009, that it was very important that they go out and support their veterans for all of the hard work they had done, that they would also be doing health screening from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the West Gray Adapter Recreation Center at 1475 West Gray; that he wanted to congratulate BARC on having a successful volunteer event, the Disney Give a Day to Get a Day, they had over 100 volunteers to come out and dedicate four hours to help homeless animals, they were able to get 83 animals in foster or adoptive homes or into group rescue homes, that if they wanted to get involved they could visit BARC at www.HoustonBARC.com for more information; that he would be on a panel at Saint Pius on Saturday for their Black History Program at the Black History Club of Saint Pius from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., that it was a great panel discussion about how accountability, responsibility and commitment bridges the gap and promotes continuous growth and development, that it would be at 811 West Donovan Street. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that a play at the Alley Theater called "Wonderland" would premier in Houston, that the Alley had a history of being a leader in starting out and acting as an incubator for many of the outstanding performances that ended up being blockbusters on Broadway; that last night she was fortunate to go to an event sponsored by the Consul General of Norway and met the Mayor of Stavanger, who was in town as he often was, Leif Sevland, that they did a lot of business in Norway and had a number of companies in Houston that did a significant amount of business in Norway; that she met on Monday with the Senior Vice President of the China Foreign Trade Center who came to Houston to promote the Canton Trade Fair, which was an ancient trade fair that originally started along the Silk Road of China, that they talked about the global importance of the fair and they were getting ready to have the fair in their new hall which opened in 2008, that it had over 1.2 million square meters of exhibition space, that they talked about having their version of the trade show in Houston, that they had satellite trade shows because it was such a large trade fair on the international market and they were looking at possibilities of having Houston serve as one of their satellite shows since Houston was the largest port in tonnage exports out of the Country because they were a gateway to Central, Latin America and South America. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to congratulate new families in Houston which were residents who were from New Orleans as they celebrated hopefully a victory on Sunday so happy Super Bowl Sunday to all from New Orleans, and to the Colts fans they wanted to wish them good speed and good luck, but knew that hopefully the black and gold would prevail; that she wanted to thank TxDOT, Mayor Parker and HPD for their support on Spur 57, the work had began cleaning the brush around the area, but the work did not stop there, that her staff member Jeron Ravin, along with a member of the Mayor's staff, Conya Barreras, was meeting with representatives from TxDOT to discuss some of the lighting issues around the SPUR so hopefully they would have a continued positive resolution and HPD continuing monitoring of safety issue that were near SPUR 57, that she wanted to thank Jason Ginsberg and all the Near Town Montrose Community for coming together to help them

coordinate these efforts; that they wanted to continue to keep the 2010 Census on everybody's mind and encourage them to help keep the momentum going about the 2010 Census; that tomorrow, February 4, 2010, they would be having their first Neighborhood Protection Quality of Life Committee meeting, that she along with Co-Chair Council Member Stardig invite all of them to come and be a part of where they were right now with Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life, so if they had any issues concerning dangerous buildings, high weeds or any Quality of Life or Neighborhood Protection issues to join them at 10:00 a.m.; that they had some strategic planning that they do in the District D office and they continue to look at things that they needed to work on and they noticed that some of their Super Neighborhoods were dwindling away and not meeting on a current basis so they had begun to try and contact those neighborhoods that they had a super neighborhood number assigned to but were not revitalizing, were not up and moving and they would encourage all of them to please contact the Planning Department, Donna Perkins, at 713-837-8103, to get more information about starting their super neighborhood, especially in District D; that she wanted to thank Eric Dargan, Tracy Samuel and from her staff, Shovanda Johnson for helping them resolve a drainage issue in the Autumn Glen Community, to make sure that the ditches would be able to flow safely without water because they knew it would help Council Member Costello with some of the flooding and drainage issues in the City of Houston; that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for her continued vision in supporting the 2010 Census, that she spoke at the Leader Summit at the George R. Brown Convention Center and Council Member Rodriguez for his chairmanship for Houston Counts to help them keep the 2010 Census moving; that she wanted to thank Council Member Costello and his staff for everything they did last Friday in going out and counting the Houston homeless; that she wanted to thank the Legal Department, Mr. Michel, Ms. Lacye and Mr. Cargas, that CES was at this current time non operational, that she wanted to thank Public Works for everything they continued to do, that they wanted to protect the quality of life in their City to make sure that if they were any type of environmental company that they follow the rules in Houston to keep the constituency safe; that on February 1, 2010 they would kick off Black History Month and she wanted to salute Barbara Jordan who was the first African American woman to serve in the State Senate and the first female to serve as President Pro Tem. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank the Denver Harbor Community for coming to a townhall meeting that both he and Council Member Rodriguez participated in, they both shared that particular community and they had some very good dialog with community members and answered some questions; that he wanted to recognize and thank Mary Lawler, Executive Director, Avenue CDC and thank his colleagues for supporting Item No. 39 today, they were doing some excellent work in the community and were developing 144 unit affordable family housing apartment complex on Irvington Boulevard in the Near Northside in District H; that they had their E Waste Recycling Event and it was a tremendous success and they filled an entire 18 wheeler of items that would normally go into their landfills and instead would now be recycled, that he wanted to thank his staff or their hard work and Congressman Gene Green and his staff, and Solid Waste Management Department staff members, who did yeoman's work and were lifting items and moving things around, that they had some really good feedback from the community, and also Boy Scout Troops who were out there doing community service and for helping not only the citizens of District H but they had a good response from members all over the City, that he wanted to congratulate everybody for their participation. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he wanted to thank the Sharpstown Association for inviting him to speak at their meeting last week; that he wanted to thank Pastor Terrance Johnson for inviting him to the ribbon cutting of the Higher Dimension Church, that Council Member Costello, Congressman Gene Green and Controller Ronald Green were there celebrating the event; that he wanted to thank the AI PAC, American Israel PAC, for inviting him to listen to the speech delivered by the Counsel General; that he wanted to thank the Indo

Cultural Center for inviting him to their event of the 61st Independence with the Counsel General. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to thank everyone for their support of their initiative in District A, that it was a citywide issue, illegal dumping, that she wanted to thank Crime Stoppers, Director of Solid Waste, Harry Hayes, and all those who helped and the entire Carverdell Community for showing their support by attending the illegal dumping press conference, that she hoped they could continue to move forward with this initiative, it was costing the citizens of Houston an enormous amount of money and they needed to do their part to stop these crimes; that she visited the Buffalo Soldier National Museum this weekend and she would encourage everyone to visit the museum at 4815 Main Street during February for the "Forgotten Faces of Fort Craig", the exhibit was a collaborative effort between the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, the U. S. Bureau of Reclamations, Nationally Recognized Forensic Sculpture, Amanda Danning and the University of Houston's Dr. Ali Cameroni, the forensic sculpture would use one of the models of a skull that Dr. Cameroni was going to be developing to perform a live progressive reconstruction of the face of the U. S. Army Private Thomas Smith, a Buffalo Soldier, that it was a wonderful exhibit and was really amazing the scientific portion of it and she would encourage everyone to get out and bring their family; that she wanted to echo the comments of her colleague regarding Metro celebrating a new corridor bus service that links commuter service out of Metro's Addicks Park and Ride facility with neighborhood bus routes, that it was also in District A, as well as Council Member Pennington's district, that was designed to meet the growing needs of Houston's westside the new service offered Energy Corridor employees and west Houston residents service rides to nearby stores, restaurants and businesses from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, that 75 Energy Corridor Connector bus service runs every 15 minutes in the mornings and afternoons and every 10 minutes midday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., that fare for the service was \$1.25, that she thought this was something that she would like to see in other places and thought it was a great opportunity for the merchants in that area as well as the Energy Corridor; that she wanted to give them a brief reminder of the pancake breakfast that was coming up, that Garden Oaks Montessori Pancake Breakfast would be taking place on Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Garden Oaks Elementary located at 901 Sue Barnett. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Adams mentioned the super neighborhood effort and she agreed with her about the importance of super neighborhoods and she wanted to see them jump start those who had languished, that as they knew a critical piece was the assignment of City personnel to work with those super neighborhoods so when they identified problems they would see the solutions immediately and to please let her know if they did not have the right match of City personnel, particularly within Citizens Assistance, to move that forward; that Council Member Adams mentioned that Council Member Costello did the homeless count last Friday, it was a very cold night, and she appreciated very much his doing that, that the Census count was absolutely critical, that it did not matter where they came from or where they were here now, it was just that they were here and they needed to know it, that she appreciated their efforts on it. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she was pleased to hear about Metro and the Energy Corridor but would respectfully submit that Metro needed to revisit some of the routes that it took out of places that were not Energy Corridor, like Cuney Homes, where the people did not have a lot of money and people were trying to work and it took them two extra hours to get anywhere to find a bus route because the routes were not working, that she would like for them to treat everybody fairly, and Mayor Parker stated that if Council Member Jones wanted to have a direct conversation. she had a transition team looking at routing in Metro if she wanted to have a direct conversation with them and Council Member Jones stated that she would; that Council Member Lovell spoke about going and trying to get funds to fix houses that maybe had

roofs fallen in, one of the things that came down prior to Mayor Parker being in office was that they got about \$87 million for Ike Disaster Relief Funding and it was supposed to be used to repair Ike related damages, that they had some of that money used to fix up dilapidated apartments, which she was concerned about the use of it, because they had in the past and hopefully not under the new leadership, gotten in trouble with HUD for misspending the money and not following the regulations, so she had been trying to get an accounting from Housing about how much of that \$87 million was left, that she thought they spent about \$48 million, again, on questionable spending, but there was money out there that was directly for repairing Ike damage, that she and Mayor White went to beg and she specifically asked for the money so that they could repair blue roofs, the very thing that Council Member Lovell was speaking of, so she hoped that when the administration was considering how to spend the remainder of the Ike Disaster Relief Funding that they consider perhaps fixing some of those houses with holes in them, especially seniors who could not afford it. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent..

Council Member Costello stated that last Thursday he and Mayor Parker both attended the reception for Solid Waste employees and he wanted to point out that a lot of times there were people that worked for the City that were really forgotten and were taken for granted, particularly Solid Waste and they did not get "thank you" they got complaints and he had an opportunity to walk around a reception hall with several hundred of the people who worked for the City, some of them husband and wife's and some actually worked for over 20 years and it was incredible to talk to them and they were actually really happy about the fact that they worked for the City and he personally wanted to thank the Solid Waste Department on behalf of his colleagues and to shed some light that they had some 22,000 employees and sometimes they go forgotten so he wanted to say thank you. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that with all respect to Anna Russell the Solid Waste Department had some of the longest tenured employees in the City of Houston, and Ms. Russell stated that the Police Department had one that had been with the City longer than she had. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that Maggie Allen, who had helped people all through the City and when she died there was not enough money to even have a service or bury her, that their office contacted her niece to see if they could contribute and they did, but what she thought was amazing was that hours after the story was out there so many people in the City responded and they were going to have a service for her, that it just tells in Houston what people were about, there was a need and people rise up and take care of someone, especially someone who had spent all of the money they made in helping other people, so she wanted to say to Maggie Allen's niece thank you for letting them know about her aunt and letting them have the opportunity to be able to help her and to thank her appropriately for all that she did and being a great example of what it was like to be a great Houstonian; that she had talked earlier about going on the grant funding and she wanted to be really clear, it was \$1.7 billion, that it was a grant and they had to be very specific about what they were going to use it for, they were very specific in asking for funding to fix those houses that had holes in the roof and also to do some infrastructure work, of which their infrastructure got beat up pretty good by Ike, but mainly to be able to fix and repair the roofs and if they did get the funding that was what it would be used for, that the reason the money was being held up was because the Governor's Office, Texas Department of Rural Affairs, was not wanting to go along with the requirements that HUD and FEMA put out on how they calculate who gets the money, so what had happened was that deep east Texas and down in the Valley were getting a lot of money, \$7 million, when they did not have the kind of damage that Houston had, so HUD had held up the money and said that they were not going to disburse it until this formula got fixed and the people who needed it would get the funding and the Governor's Office had dug in, that she would assume that probably the Governor was not going to take away \$7 million from deep east Texas right now, that probably

that would not happen until after the March primary, if it would happen at all, but that was the reason, that she wanted to say again that they were very well prepared with their comments and statistics and was sure they would get their share of the money when it was released; that she and Council Member Gonzalez were continuing on in their efforts to save Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Heights and she wanted to commend the leadership at Immanuel Lutheran and the congregants for having discussions with them, that she thought they were moving forward and making some progress and hoped they would be able to save the wonderful church and preserve it for the neighborhood, that she wanted to say thank you to all of the people in the neighborhood, hundreds of people wrote letters to Immanuel Lutheran from the neighborhood expressing their support for keeping that landmark, that she knew that one of Mayor Parker priorities, was historic preservation, that they move forward and they were doing this and hoped in some way they could add some more protection to preserve some of their historic structures, that the difficulty would be that a lot of these were churches and it was a very difficult thing because she knew they were not going to tell churches what to do with their property, that was not the business they were in but how they communicate with them and the incentives that they could give them were very important, they wanted to keep this church but it would be a drain on their resources because they were an older congregation so it was important that the City be able to offer something to people also out of their Preservation Fund or whichever way they do it, that would allow them to keep the building and allow them in some way to restore it and it be an incentive to them, that she was looking forward to working on that with the Mayor, and Mayor Parker stated that they did have funds now in the Preservation Fund, that her preference was revolving loans rather than grants, but they were going to put some sort of skeleton of that together and send it to her so that she could begin to work that through her committee and come up with an idea, and Council Member Lovell stated that was an excellent idea. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Item received during meeting.

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC** for a Disparity Study of City-wide Public Works Construction Contracts - \$595,800.00 - General, Enterprise and CIP Salary Recovery Funds – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she had forgotten to mention in her previous comments or to be able to put on a fabulous rubber chick necklace that she was wearing that she purchased the necklace at the Temple Emanu El Brotherhood Chicken Soup Cook Off that was held a week ago at Temple Emanu El, that there were over 44 restaurants that participated and tasting a variety of different chick soups from around the world, that just about every culture had a chicken soup, that Kenny and Ziggy's Mish Mosh Chicken Soup was the overall favorite, that she looked forward to next year's, that all of the proceeds went to benefit the Houston Food Bank. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for her continued leadership along with Mr. Keith Bynam and her colleagues for supporting Item No. 17, that it was to provide community development grant funds for vocational training, medical and dental services for persons with mental illness. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary