

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 6, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 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; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 1:46 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Lovell who stated that they did not often get to present Proclamations to their friends and one of her greatest pleasures was becoming a friend to Officer Siddiqi; that he explained to her how a storefront was needed in his community and that he was needed there because cultures did not share with people of other cultures and since they visited regularly and he kept her informed; and invited Officer Siddiqi and Chief McClelland to the podium and that Officer Siddiqi was being recognized for receiving the 2010 Outstanding Asian Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and had previously won other awards and recognitions; and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Officer Muzaffar Siddiqi Day" in Houston, Texas. Officer Siddiqi stated that he worked hard day and night trying to do a good job; that he used to work for police in Pakistan and now he enjoined working for HPD every day and night and taking care of his community. Council Members Stardig, Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Members of Council thanked Officer Siddiqi for his service. Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams invited the group present with the Houston Real Estate Association to the podium including the president, Mr. Petri and stated that the Houston Real Estate Association was founded in 1949 and was a local chapter of the National Real Estate Brokers founded in 1947; that they maintained an active role in the community by providing scholarships, training, home ownership assistance, etc., and presented the group a Proclamation saluting their endeavors and proclaiming today as "National Real Estate Week" in the City of Houston and saluted the Houston Real Estate Association. Mr. Petri stated that this week was special to them and the Mayor and Council were invited to participate at Habitat for Humanity and all information could be found at [www.hreahouston.com](http://www.hreahouston.com). Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

At 2:07 p.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Sullivan who invited Ms. Nancy First with the Houston Association of Realtors to the podium to lead all in prayer; and he led all in the pledge. Council Member Jones absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary call the roll. Council Member Jones absent.

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

At 2:10 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Jones absent.

Mr. Noel Freeman, P. O. Box 66693, Houston, Texas 77266 (713-880-2004) appeared and stated that he was secretary of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus and was present urging passage of Agenda Items 38 and 39 regarding HOPWA Funds; that AIDS was a serious issue and imperative that resources be committed. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she had been president of the organization of which he was now secretary and a founding board member of the AIDS Foundation Houston and appreciated him coming on the issues and wished there was more funding for HOPWA but there was not, but no funding or services would be delayed, AIDS was a serious issue. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Costello absent.

Ms. Yolanda Cessna, 4403 Pawee, Baytown, Texas 77521 (713-870-9444) appeared and stated that she was a retiree from the City of Houston and had been under the impression anyone retiring from government would be treated fairly and with respect, however, her feelings had changed; that every open enrolment brought unfair increases and higher medical insurance premiums to all retirees with this enrolment having a 46% increase for just one group, those less than 65 years of age, this was horrific to many under the age of 65; that her pension check of \$749.36 after deductions gave her a net pay of \$533.37 and her medical insurance cost at this time was \$171.82 and now would increase to \$256.38. Council Members Stardig and Costello absent.

Council Member Jones ask that Ms. Cessna continue; and Ms. Cessna stated that her worry was what would happen next year, by today's standards she would not be able to survive on her pension by the City of Houston if she was not married, she would probably be homeless; that her request was for medical insurance coverage cost be reconsidered for retirees and consider grouping the active and retired employees for insurance purposes into a single group as when she worked for the City of Houston years ago. Council Members Stardig and Costello absent.

Mr. Ovide Duncantell, 8002 Crestwick Drive, Houston, Texas 77083 (713-205-9999) appeared, presented information and stated that this city would tell again whether it respected Dr. King; that stink bombs were turned on him and others at his first rally in Houston and ran them all out of the Coliseum and the city said it was the KKK, but how would they get into the building; that again they were about to disrespect him by running rail down MLK Boulevard and they offered alternatives to METRO, but they did not want to hear anything; that under Mayor McConn the city conveyed to them property at OST and MLK for a statue of Dr. King to be erected, but now a tree was there and METRO wanted to cut it down and they were going to fight it all the way. Council Members Stardig and Costello absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she met with Mr. Ducantell and he had a motion passed January 16, 1980 which spoke of a resolution to erect a statue of the late Dr. Martin Luther King in a park like setting in the esplanade at the intersection of MLK Boulevard and Old Spanish Trail; that the Mayor just appointed new board members to METRO and she suggested trying communication between them and those along that part of the rail line so they could have meaningful community input on the rail layout; and Mayor Parker stated that any issue she would like them to address could be forwarded to the chairman for consideration, they were well aware of their concern for trees in Houston and were not unaware of concerns for MLK Boulevard, but they would not be sworn in until tomorrow.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Duncantell stated that they proposed stopping the rail at the University of Houston, turn it around there and go back Downtown or take it around Square Five and they agreed that was an option, but more expensive than going down MLK; that they had several meetings with METRO and a rally at the tree; that the people in the community, McGregor Club, etc., supported them; that Council Member Edwards met with people outside the community who said go down MLK, but those were not people in the community, they did not want it.

Council Member Johnson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Ovide Duncantell, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0181 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Mr. Duncantell stated that they were talking about protecting the community, they did not want the rail down MLK at all, the tree was just symbolic for the spirit of Dr. King.

Council Member Adams stated that when he brought the tree issue up METRO met with him and offered to move the tree to a greenspace near the park and would supply a space along the corridor for the statue of Dr. King; and upon questions, Mr. Duncantell stated that the tree was planted by Dr. King's nephew and was where the statue would go; and Council Member Adams further stated that Council Member Edwards had held many meetings and she kept every sign in sheet of those who attended and people among his group were on the list and anyone could view those records which were kept in her office. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she was on the taskforce with Council Member Edwards and Representative Coleman and others and they gave three options to METRO who did not use any of them. Council Member Johnson absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P. O. Box 26352, Houston, Texas 77207-3552 (832-885-1659) appeared and stated that the people who had felonies had not grown up yet, some never grew up; prayer needed back in schools; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Brian Simon, 115 Plantation, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-468-6767) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Don Cooper, 10051 Huntington, Houston, Texas 77099 (281-785-8656) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present with neighbors and fellow board members of Huntington Village making a request for a three way stop sign at the intersection of Cook Road, Huntington Way and Huntington Field; that over the past 35 years he had 10 vehicles hit his mailbox and grass and destroyed his tree; that he worked with the city requesting speed bumps but the program expired in 2009; that "20MPH" signs were installed but the problem still existed and he and his neighbors signed a petition for the stop signs and needed it for their neighborhood to be safe. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he thanked him and his neighbors for coming; that the city did a study and informed them the volume did not warrant stop sign installation; and upon questions, Mr. Cooper stated that speed humps were asked for many years and he was told the street could not have them because of emergency vehicles, but other streets there had them; and Mr. Hoang stated that the program was deleted and there was no budget but if the city agreed they could have them could the association come up with the money; and Mr. Cooper stated that was hard to do, but he would donate money; and Council Member Hoang stated that he would donate some and if others did and the money was found would he agree to have the speed humps instead of stop signs; and Mr. Cooper stated definitely; and Council Member Hoang stated that this was a necessity; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Drabek was present and could speak with Mr. Cooper about the speed hump program; that stop signs were only used to control traffic, not speed and that would be a diversion from the normal practice; that the speed hump program was cancelled in the general fund, but there was some money available through bond funds in the CIP process for limited speed hump applications and

there was also a self fund program for the speed humps. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that it was good he brought signatures and was specific, it was helpful to Council to have information and know what had happened and his work was appreciated. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Peggy Price, 12369 S. Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77099 (281-498-7803) appeared and stated that she too was with Huntington Village and did not think it necessary to read her letter since speed humps were already talked about, but one man present had a car hit his kitchen and did \$35,000.00 in damages and that was just a sample. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it did sound like they may be a better candidate for controlling speed, such as speed humps and they would work with them. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he thanked their entire group for spending their time here today to present their case and he felt it was not just something wanted, but it was a necessity as there were accidents with mailboxes, trees and houses being damaged and appreciated the Mayor saying they would work with the association. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Patricia Smith, 2608 Calumet, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-513-0237) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mr. Bill Elkin, P. O. Box 2288, Houston, Texas 77252-2288 (281-345-7007) appeared and stated that he was representing 1,450 members of the Houston Police Retired Officers Association and felt he was also speaking for 2,397 retired police officers whose combined years of service protecting and serving citizens of Houston amounted to tens of hundreds of years of dedicated and loyal service; that there was a general feeling among those officers, especially under age 65, that they were betrayed by the City of Houston, when they went to work for HPD they were recruited with the understanding after fulfilling their career they would enjoy benefits of a livable pension and affordable healthcare program, but now many were being confronted with a 49% health insurance increase on their contribution and some said their benefit check was almost disappearing because of the health insurance; that one called him and said currently after her deductions her pension check was \$525.00 a month and with the 49% increase she may have less than \$100.00 a week to live on; that currently two-thirds of retired officers were under age 65 and they were asking for a fare shake. Council Member Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Elkin stated that he received notice in the mail a couple of weeks ago; and Council Member Adams stated that she would bring this up tomorrow and ask the Administration if they could get a moratorium on this, the date was May first and it would be due diligence for the Administration to always see if adjustments could be made; that she was the appointed Council Member to sit on review committees and they did not know of this and one of their representatives went to the Health Review Committee which Candy Aldridge was over and the recommendation from that committee was stated that this needed to be discussed further but they were informed the decision needed to be made at that time; that to her it was not fair if they did not know of it to try and come up with a fair and equitable share, she understood they could do this cheaper, but thought they should have been able to discuss it on the committee she was appointed to and for her to know nothing of it and to hear of it third hand she thought it to be disrespectful and she knew the Mayor's signature was

already applied to this, but thought it should be delayed; and upon questions by Mayor Parker, Council Member Adams stated that she was the Council representative on all three pension committees, HPOU, Civilian, all of them and they never spoke of it; and Mayor Parker stated that the decision was referred to the Mayor's Office and she was happy to have the discussion here if Council would make a motion to do so.

Council Member Adams moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of having a general discussion, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0182 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that this was presented to Council last week in detail and there was a \$7 million cost savings to the city, she passed the cost on to the retirees; that she was approached by the Firefighters Union and the Police Officers Union asking if they could consider the actives taking on some of this cost voluntarily and she said she would be happy to sit with them and work with them on this, but if the city accepted it they would have to find savings elsewhere so there were ongoing discussions and if they modified it she would bring it back to the full Council and if any Council Member wanted to sit in on discussions she was happy to do that as well, but she did not know if she could adequately convey how tight next years budget would be and later today she would be recommending they drop the City Hall Fellows Program which was a fabulous program; that she even cancelled the plant maintenance contract for City Hall; that they were going to look at every nonessential aspect of city services and assumed that Council saw this week property revenue was taking another step down, but was happy to have Council Members step up and take on some of the load, but the cost went up in May because the new contract started so if they were to make changes it needed to be done quickly. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he thanked Sergeant Elkins for coming and volunteering to serve as president of the Retired Officers Association and appreciated his willingness to participate in discussions; that his view was all city personnel whether active or retired were participating in the health plan and to him was the best way to view it and spread it over all groups. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he would echo what Council Member Bradford said; that they did appreciate efforts all retirees had done in their career, but significant research had been done to come up with alternative plans providing the same level of coverage with a significantly lower cost and he cautioned all Council Members to look at the package delivered to them last week. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she would echo what her colleague said about service to the city and thank all retirees; that she would like to volunteer to sit in on the discussions so they could get meaningful input from those this would effect, but she spoke to a part-time city worker who had retired and this month, because of open enrolment, would make a family decision to drop her husband and they were married 41 years with him on her insurance for like 36 years; that he had a job and the company he worked for just laid off a bunch of people and they did not know if he would have a job or not, but that was why she thought at a minimum they needed to have meaningful discussions, when you had someone married that long having to drop them off their health insurance it was really a tough decision. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he appreciated the Mayor's comments about the City Hall Fellows and he proposed last year they could not afford that any longer; that he knew she would be making tough decisions and he was keeping a list of things he thought they should discuss and offered his time and talent at the appropriate time if she would like to hear it and he

would be glad to show it to her or someone on her staff. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he appreciated Mr. Elkin coming and voicing his concern which was also the Council's and Mayor's concern; that they did not want retirees to have their benefits cut, especially with the interest too high; that the city budget was very tight and he appreciated the Mayor and enjoyed working with her, but hopefully they could have a discussion and come up with something to help; that the retirees did their service to the city and they needed to do something for them, they could not cut their benefits from them. Council Members Stardig, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Dennis Thompson, 3900 Culebra, Austin, Texas 78734 (512-736-5477) appeared and stated that he would second what the previous speaker said, some of them worked 20 years, 30 years with the understanding they shared an insurance pool with active employees and the future was unknown but they tried making plans and that included a pension and reasonable expectation for health insurance, but now they were divided into separate pools and he felt some of the pain many were going to feel with the insurance bill; that if someone's pension no longer covered the financial portion of insurance make other arrangements and that seemed a bleak finish to a career and he hoped this would be reconsidered. Council Members Stardig, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Francis Maher, 16514 St. Helier, Houston, Texas 77040 (713-376-3151) appeared and stated that he was present to speak on the pension for retirees also; that he served the City of Houston almost 34 years in the Fire Department and was now a member of HBAC, the Health Benefit Advisory Committee, and their committee voted to get communication back and forth and have someone meet with them and had not received it; that when he joined the Fire Department he took a 10% pay cut because he was told he would have a good pension and medical insurance which he did, but now could he afford the medical insurance; that he felt most city employees gave the city their golden years, ages 25 to 50, and paid insurance and then once he was over 50 and under 65 they start rusting and want to use their insurance and then get charged more for it; that today an active member with a family paid \$244.00 and May 1st it would go up to \$265.00 which was not much of an increase, but today a retiree under 65 with a family paid \$791.00 and May 1st it would go up to roughly \$1,180.00, 49%, if today an active employee paid their rate and then retired May 1st the same person and family was being insured with the same health issues, but their insurance would go from roughly \$265.00 a month to \$1,180.00 a month, an employee with the same risks and that made no sense. Council Members Stardig, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones ask that Mr. Maher continue and Mr. Maher stated that the city had a contract with the firefighters, police and municipal with insurance, but no one represented retirees and he would like to be a member of the committee or group discussing this and represent those employees; and Council Member Jones stated that was going to be her question, would he like to be a part of this process; and Mayor Parker stated that they actually served together a longtime on the health benefits committee and she was always interested in improving her decisions, but there were discussions going on now. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Reverend Byron Jones, 8607 M.L.K. Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77033 (832-885-5559) appeared and stated that he was assistant pastor at St. Johns Baptist Church and business owner in the South Park Sunnyside Area; that many times people came and told him of problems regarding policing in the neighborhood, but until you became a victim you did not feel it and now he stood with the kids when they used the term reverse discrimination, meaning Black American officers treated the Black American people as if they were nobody; that he went to community meetings and heard of problems in the minority relationship with officers and as

they allowed this to continue in the community kids did not trust officers; that the other day his vehicle was stolen and he called police out and now he was still waiting for a car to come out, even after someone found his van and he called the police to say it was found they still sent no one out, but two officers were in front of his van and he approached them and they treated him like dirt and he told the officer he was going before Council because though this had nothing to do with the officer it had to do with the uniform and the way business was handled in the African American community and he was present asking for a way to dialogue with children in the communities. Council Members Hoang, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig thanked Reverend Jones for coming and sharing his experience and stated that she shared the same experience and sometimes it was isolated cases, officers were challenged daily, with the new Chief maybe there was opportunity to discuss this and she would share his comments with him. Council Members Hoang, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Mr. Jones for coming and stated that he was an advocate of Summer and After School Programs which provided team building between the community and officers and what was expected of young people; that the process did work more than it did not work and he should help to identify officers who did not do what they should as opposed to all officers were doing the same; that he should get the name and number and file complaint as officers who were proud of the uniform and job did not like that and also wanted such officers weeded out; and upon questions, Reverend Jones stated that he did not file a complaint; and Council Member Bradford stated that to get the situation reviewed he needed to file a complaint; and Reverend Jones stated that he would do so. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Reverend Jones for coming and stated that he would echo what Council Member Bradford just said, as a former officer, many understand community policing and take it to heart and he was sure Captain Bender in the Southeast Patrol would want to speak with him. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Reverend Jones for coming; and stated that he spoke of youth in District D; and upon questions Reverend Jones started to speak and Mayor Parker stated that a motion was needed to continue. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time by one minute for questions of Reverend Byron Jones, seconded by Council Member Johnson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent. MOTION 2010-0183 ADOPTED.

Reverend Jones stated that they needed to spend time or set aside a program to bring youth and young adults into civic club meetings, etc., and hear from them; and he did not stereotype officers but this was his second time dealing with officers as such. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to take a point of personal privilege as he recognized a young man present today, Mr. Devon Wade, who was a junior at LSU and was in his district; that he was a National Award Winner for the Truman Award which was an award given to individuals in the State of Louisiana; that he felt it important to recognize him as they spoke of No More Victims with Marilyn Gambrel as both of his parents were incarcerated and he said through his years he would not allow that to stop him and often young people and society thought if parents were incarcerated so would their children be and he was very proud of him; that over 1,000 applicants were submitted and Mr. Wade was the winner for his excellence in education, he was majoring in criminology and sociology and he wanted to congratulate him and

to Ms. Gambrel founder of No More Victims he thanked her for her work also; and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated to Mr. Wade that all were proud of him for receiving the award, but more proud for him succeeding in life. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Oscar Rivera, 8760 Westheimer Road #121, Houston, Texas 77063 (409-449-9950) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Roger Honeycutt, 8318 Rebawood Drive, Humble, Texas 77346 (713-598-4467) appeared and stated that he was present as he had been involved in a lawsuit with the City of Houston for about 18 months and in January they presented an offer to settle, but it had never been presented to Council and he wondered if they could shed light on it. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Mark Evetts, 400 N. Sam Houston Parkway #105, Houston, Texas 77060 (832-230-2870) appeared and stated that Mr. Honeycutt was referring to the lawsuit challenging the City of Houston's power to amend its occupation tax ordinance and game room ordinance to classify any location with one or more amusement redemption machines as a game room and the lawsuit contended the city was preempted by state law; that in 18 months he had obtained at least 3 TROs at least 3 temporary injunctions against the City of Houston and defeated many motions on technical grounds and they were set for trial for two weeks from today and his clients proposed to settle the lawsuit by changing just one word in the ordinance and that was from "one" machine or more to "five" machines or more. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council had information on the lawsuit and they appreciated him coming. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Roy Juarez, Jr., 3200 Cherum, Las Vegas, Nevada 89135 (702-445-3754) appeared, presented information to Council Members and stated that he was visiting from Las Vegas, Nevada, on a tour called "My Bag, My Home Homeless By Choice Tour" he became homeless in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 14 with a nine year old sister and two year old brother due to domestic violence and since graduated college and was traveling from LA to the southern tip of Florida speaking pro bono or by donation, which was not required, to any organization, shelter, school or anyone willing to listen; that he was trying to reach out to over 100,000 youth to motivate them to go to school, to not give up on their dreams, be good to each other and understand the value of higher education; that he had been in Houston a week networking and a young lady ran up to him when he was leaving a school and said she was ready to give up on life and had thoughts of suicide, but because of his message he saved her and he gave her a copy of Chicken Soup for the Soul called Extraordinary Teens where his story was recently featured and he told her to not give up; that any help Council Members could provide to their districts would be appreciated. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she ran into Mr. Juarez and invited him to Council to share his story as it was inspiring and Houston had a lot of homelessness and she was glad he appeared today. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Mr. Juarez for coming and sharing his inspirational story and stated that he wished him the best of luck. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mr. William Beal, 5814 Overdale, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-738-3410) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mr. William Bennett, 520 Atascocita, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-441-8390) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Anne Culotta, 1303 Cortlandt, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-880-0923) appeared and stated that she was president of the Houston Heights Association and present representing the interest of their historic neighborhood; that they were in opposition to the TxDOT I-10 Frontage Road and Flood Detention Project at Yale Street; that the Heights board passed a resolution which she presented at a public hearing with TxDOT, their position was the project would lead to a significant increase in traffic on Yale and cut their neighborhood in half; that the project posed an increase risk of flooding if the frontage road project began before the detention ponds were constructed and despite all meetings, etc., the amount of information being provided to the people to be affected was lacking; had the property for detention ponds been acquired or not and what were they to be, concrete holes in the ground or landscaped manmade ponds in a park like setting and where was the money to come from; that all they heard was there was no money; that it was starting to feel as though the Heights and its residents were being sacrificed for stimulus funds and a project which would hurt a lot for very little benefit; that much had changed since 2004 when the project was approved and it needed to be revisited. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a TxDOT project and not a City of Houston project although she was in support of the project. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Culotta for coming and stated that it was a state project and he knew she had submitted her comment during a TxDOT public hearing at Reagan High School in February and Mr. Drabek was present and could perhaps give her updated information. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lovell thanked Ms. Culotta for coming and stated that she served on the Transportation Policy Council for the City of Houston and at the last meeting one of the top three projects was moving money to complete the detention ponds which was so needed at I-10 where it ran into I-45; that reasons given for the project had to do with evacuation; that the detention ponds would be made in a park like setting along I-45 and I-10, along that corridor, they voted to put the extra funds in to complete it as it was so important. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she would reiterate what Council Member Gonzalez said, this was a state project and her best bet was to contact her state senator and representative and maybe both transportation committees, a decision could not be made here. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Jonathan Smulian, 1231 Arlington, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-863-9047) appeared and stated that he lived in the Heights and was co-chair of the Landuse Committee and an urban planner by profession; that he did not see how this project would benefit their neighborhood and did not think the neighborhood was involved in any significant way in decisions of resurrecting the particular project which he did not think was valid at this time; that in the 610 Loop they were facing enormous growth in terms of population which would lead to high densities and high densities may have advantages in terms of adjacency to work but it also placed extraordinarily strong pressures on neighborhoods, particularly historic neighborhoods, because the density was already to be seen; that they were aware this was a TxDOT project,

however, it came into city roads, city property and citizens property, etc., and they thought the city was completely involved in the project; that TxDOT did not have total control over the future of their area and the impact; that Yale Street was being looked at by the Public Works Department and they believed they could save 290 trees which would have been destroyed if the road had been widened, it was not likely to be widened, it was a neighborhood street and not a major arterial which was Shepherd and Durham and North Main and approximately one mile apart which was normal for arterials; that the link between I-10 and 610 would be the ramps at Yale and they expected much more traffic and if they were not to get much more traffic why build the ramps; that they were very concerned with it dividing their neighborhood. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lovell thanked Mr. Smulian for coming and for all he did in the Heights; and stated that it seemed he was on every committee, chairing it or co-chairing it, that he was right they were facing the fact the inner loop would become dense and there was nothing they could do and virtually every neighborhood within the 610 Loop now qualified as a historic neighborhood simply because it was 50 years or older and just outside the loop it seemed impossible they could be historic, but some were approaching that age and though they wanted to protect them they had to prepare for the density coming to this city; that another reason for the ramps was when they had wrecks it could alleviate traffic and the detention ponds could alleviate flooding; and she was not saying whether she was for or against, but that was reasons given to the Transportation Policy Council. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Joy Leverett, 165 Zachary, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-373-9860) appeared, presented information and stated that she was present to invite all to "Think Art Activities" at the Houston Public Library, they had them every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and did a variety of things; that Randall's/Midtown provided refreshments, some of the best chicken ever eaten, many people came in on Sunday and they provided them services such as GED training, teaching to sew, etc., and her second concern was child development and in Houston they needed a caregiver responsibility permit and the city could make money; that it would be like a food service permit where they pay a fee and receive training. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Leverett stated that the services were at the Central Library Downtown. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega 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, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Marilyn Gambell, 9608 Mesa Drive, Houston, Texas 77078 (832-922-0053) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Chandler Mayes, 5880 Greens Road, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-989-8008) appeared and stated that he worked with Agency Amusements, Incorporated, and was present with his colleagues Roger Honeycutt and Mark Evetts; that they had been a part of the community for more than a decade and had paid hundreds of thousands of dollars just in city licenses alone; that they distributed coin operated redemption machines including eight liners and placed them in convenience stores and no more than four machines total; that the City of Houston had a problem with game rooms and the trouble caused within them and they were not a part of the problem; that over the last 18 months his company had been in court over a dozen times and

Judge Cahill stated in court the city had over charged for offenses in the tune of over a million dollars and they offered a settlement in January, according to Council minutes it had not been brought to the Council body and the settlement would not cost the city a dime. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Maryssa Square, 5826 Southgood, Houston, Texas 77033 (832-368-0124) appeared and stated that she lived at 5826 Southgood in South Park and present as in June 2001 a water bill was made in her name and she did not live in Houston but in Baton Rouge at the time going to school, she had left Houston in 1995 and returned in 2003; that she moved in her house June 2009 and she was told they would not remove the bill because she had an attitude, but she had proof she was living in Baton Rouge; that the water bill span from February 2001 to June 2001 and she provided the Water Department with her lease which started in May 2000 and ended June 2001 and one for July 2001 ending July 2002 and any information to get it resolved she would appreciate, she had a son and had no water for eight days now. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she needed to work out the outstanding bill with the City of Houston; that they would be happy to work out a payment plan, the records were reviewed and stood by their decision, someone was present with Public Works; that she knew she had worked with Citizens Assistance and unless she could provide more information indicating the original bill was not hers they would stand by their position. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that the Water Department provided information to them and her social security number was used; and upon questions, Ms. Square stated that her mother lived in the house across the street, several people had moved into the house and she left Houston at 18 and returned when she was 25 and did not know who made the bill; that she was living in Louisiana and it was ridiculous she could provide proof she did not even live here and they would not work to remove a bill she did not make; that the gas company removed the bill; and Council Member Adams stated that someone had water cut on with her information and she knew if they were in court her proof would prevail, but she needed to meet with Mr. Drabek and she hoped they would try their best, if she had proof she was not here they should have proof someone used it. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that time had run out and there would need to be a motion to extend time; that she was offered a no interest payment plan and Mr. Drabek was present to receive further documentation from her. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Maryssa Square, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0184 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Ms. Square stated that her brother owned 5826, it was his rental property, the bill she owed was for 4342 Phlox; that her brother just purchased 5826 for her, they were totally unrelated addresses; that her mother had lived at 4333 Phlox; and Council Member Jones stated that her social security card was stolen and she went to the Social Security Administration to get a new number and they would not let her change her number so how do you prove it was not you and if her documents were verifiable she could not understand this and she too would be frustrated and hoped she would receive

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

Upon questions by Council Member Pennington, Ms. Square stated that she had been to the Water Department more than once and no one presented her with anything showing proof she signed up for service, yet she was showing proof she did not and they were unwilling to work with her; that no one had any signature, but said her social security was on it and the same person had her down for phone, lights, gas and water. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he had a concern after hearing Council Member Pennington's questions; that Ms. Square said the City of Houston had not produced anything with her signature saying she activated service; and she never paid any payment for that location at any time. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would respectfully suggest she sit with Mr. Drabek and calmly go over her information; that Council was sympathetic and Council Member Bradford's last point was well taken and she should work with them and they would try and work with her. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Madgeline Britt, 14435 Acuna Lane, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-248-8876) appeared and stated that she was present to speak about the Water Department; that in October 2009 she had a leak and notified them and they sent a bill for \$2,000.00 saying she was responsible for the whole amount, then they said she was responsible for over \$560.00, however, she had a leak and got it fixed and the plumber came out again because she kept getting high water bills and they said the leak was on the city side and she notified them and sent in information; that Mr. Carter with the City of Houston came out and looked and said it was on the city side and her meter was not working; that it had not worked since maybe January, but she kept getting a bill for \$1,900.00; that someone was supposed to come to her home on January 16th to look at the meter, but still no one had come and now she had no water and it was ridiculous for the city to think she should pay over \$2,000.00 when she notified them the day she found the leak and repaired her part and this was six months. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Britt should visit with Citizens Assistance and Mr. Espitia would assign someone to take her information and it would be researched. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Donald Grant, 2056 Antoine #236, Houston, Texas 77055 (281-745-1952) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Minister Joe Angel Lopez, 13334 Wells River Drive, Houston, Texas 77041 (281-638-6209) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. James Patsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he was not an idiot nor a slave nigger; that he was a national crime victim and the

president of the United States; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Reverend Keith Williams, 6002 Antoine #H, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-956-1511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682), appeared and stated that she was president of the Beautification/Restoration Coalition and again was present asking for her projects which were funded, the hike and bike trail, building for the YMCA or for the same utilization inside; that there was flooding in the community as trees were dug up and grass was sprayed with chemicals and dying and she would like to take charge of that. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Barry Klein, 1509 Everett, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-224-4144) appeared, presented information and stated that he was with the Houston Property Rights Association and he was present saying that METRO should hold a new election on their plan to extend the rail system; that the Mayor spoke earlier of cutting nonessential services and METRO's plan to extend the line by 30 miles was a non essential service and to cut it would save taxpayers overall \$4 billion and local taxpayers at least \$2 billion and then METRO could give the city back the \$160 million they owed them for their current budget problems; that Mr. Randall O'Toole was one of the best transportation economists in the country and was coming to speak April 23rd and invited all to be their guests and have lunch; that he was a longtime critic of light rail and had out a new report. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Sammie Jones, no address (no phone) appeared and stated that today his subject was homeless money matters; that he had three questions which were did anyone know how many homeless there were in Houston; how much money by state and other agencies was given to Houston regarding the homeless issue; and since there were homeless in Houston how was the money set aside for homelessness being spent; and that he would like the Mayor and Council Members to spend two weekends with him being homeless, a saying you could not criticize without walking in his shoes; and again extended the offer for them to be with him and see what it was like to be homeless. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Michael Lambert, 709 St. Charles, Houston, Texas 77003 (832-364-6758) appeared and stated that he was present regarding action on the soccer stadium, if the action being taken tomorrow was based on an objective, authoritative analysis and assessment and had done a study on the impact to the home owning residents in the damaged zone he would at least respect their decision, but instead they were buying into a misty eyed dream accepting actions from those who had little or no interest in his neighborhood other than financial and consequences would be placed on all there and their lives would be damages; that he believed they knew they were creating a nuisance and did not care. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

At 4:10 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 7, 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. Arturo Michel, City Attorney, Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo., Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 8:35 a.m. City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:04 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that the first item on the agenda was the Monthly Operations and Financial Report. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez and Lovell 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 – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller and Ms. Michele Mitchell, Director, Finance Department. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mr. Green and Ms. Mitchell reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, a copy of which is in the City Secretary's office for review. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she noticed that on IV Ms. Mitchell had said that the Fire Department had decreased by \$1 million as a result of savings within the department and asked if she had some idea or was that just a lot of little things, and Ms. Mitchell stated that they were expecting a high termination pay and they believed that the million that they had projected they would need to cover that they would not have to, and Council Member Noriega stated that they went down in terms of false alarms but went up in terms of Burglar Alarm Permits so that was shifting in the right direction, and Ms. Mitchell stated that was right, and Mayor Parker stated that actually that was a good thing, it meant that there were fewer firefighters retiring than they had expected. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they had a robust discussion at the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting yesterday and she was quite certain that the public was encouraged as she was and people were getting into the nuts and bolts of the budget and doing the people's business in a very strong and persuasive manner and that one of the questions that was recurring was a desire to have Mayor Parker address how she intended to manage the gap for this year as well as looking forward to Fiscal Year 2011, and would add that at the next Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting, was as their habit, they would have their quarterly 5 year plan update, but until that time perhaps Mayor Parker could share with them some of the things that her administration was tackling.

Mayor Parker stated that next month's meeting would be the big one where they present the 5 year forecast and begin to set up the presentation of the budget which would occur in the middle of May, that it had been a moving target this year, that usually by this time they had confirmed what they believed their revenue to be next year and were moving toward the final budget numbers, that she had unfortunately had to go back to the departments several times and ratcheted down, that the most recent budget targets went out last week, and Ms. Mitchell stated yes, last Friday, and Mayor Parker stated after the newest news from the Harris County Appraisal District, that they asked almost all of the City departments to cut another 3% out of their spending, not all because they did look at some that had already made significant cuts and they felt it would get into the areas of service, that she was working with each department for an individual plan and Council Members did hear from the Library Department, Dr. Lawson's plan

developed to address the situation, that each department was expected to come up with their own, they believed that their latest revenue estimate should hold them and obviously they did not want to be caught surprised, but most of the money that they spend is in police and fire and unless they could find significant savings in police and fire they could devastate every other City department and not really get their arms around \$100 million gap, that she was going to begin a drill down in police and fire at this Friday's meeting with the heads of both of those departments to go through what she guessed would be a "what if" discussion, that if they eliminated this service how much would they save and what would they have to do to do it and she was going to create an entire matrix of what the police and fire departments do, that one of the items that she hears out in discussion was if they were going to layoff all of the jailers and put police officers back in the jail, the answer was no, that this was a "what if" discussion but she did not want to put boundaries in the discussion but for example if they laid off three jailers, and she would repeat they were not going to do that, that defeated the overall goal of putting more boots on the ground but they were having that kind of discussion where they look at each aspect and she welcomed the input of Council Members, if there was a particular area or department that they wanted to tackle, where they had insights, but her belief was that the experts in each department should get the first shot at adjusting their own budget and then they were going to push them down further and if that sounded like sort of a squishy answer it was because latterly these numbers changed up until last week, and she would defer to Ms. Mitchell for the next round on this.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she had not met with the Mayor but as she mentioned yesterday it did look like Sales Tax was going to go down possibly another \$6 million in 2010 and obviously the issues that they faced and that the Mayor faces was that they had these continued drops, that everyone thought that the Sales Tax was evening out, the problem was the business to business, that retail was up but the business to business was way down, that they had a really good dialog with Barton Smith, who did their reports on Sales Tax, as well as Guy Griscom from HCAD, trying to get a good handle and be able to assist the Mayor and this body on how they moved forward and where the real realistic numbers were going to be so they were not just coming in here every month with a drop, that unfortunately these come up as some surprises some times and that was why every quarter they would be meeting with HCAD and Barton to make sure they were able to keep them apprised, but it did look like they were going to go down another \$6 million and she knew that Controller Green was at the meeting with them.

Mr. Green stated that Mayor Parker had phrased it correctly in going through different scenarios of "what if" and certainly the most elastic part of their budget tended to be Sales Tax, but over the last twenty years they had been able to solidly rely on either flat or increasing Property Tax Rates and she thought that alarm had been pulled and thought that would cause a lot more anxiety and angst and more trimming over that course of the next year, the course of that next probably six quarters so his warning to them, and there were no surprises, was that he was projecting an even larger amount of decrease in revenue and that gap was widening and hopefully he was wrong and when they took into consideration a protest that would not make it go down even more, but he thought this body needed to be aware that the gap was widening and changing on a day to day basis as they said.

Ms. Mitchell stated that they did not have a handle, and HCAD did not yet, on what the hearing losses would be, they were expecting a bounce but that was not going to happen until sometime in the middle of 2013 Fiscal Year so they had a long hard road ahead of them.

Mayor Parker stated that to close the discussion she intended to bring to Council plans from each department before they nailed down the final budget, just as Dr. Lawson presented on the library where a plan with significant changes within each department but early enough so that Council, if there was something that was being proposed that was unacceptable to Council Members, again to use the example they were not going to layoff jailers, but they had to at least

have the discussion, what would they say and what would be the implications of that, that the implication would be that they take 300 officers off of the street, that was not a good thing, so they were going to go through every step and bring it back to Council so that they could help choose what services needed to be cut, if there were reorganizations that needed to occur, that she wanted to thank Council Member Clutterbuck for asking the question.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0185 ADOPTED.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 33**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 through 9

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire December 31, 2011:

Position Five - **MS. ALISON L. SMITH**

Position Six - **MS. MARY ELLEN ARBUCKLE**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0186 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**:

Position Four - **MS. SUSAN ALLEMAN**, for a term to expire 9/30/2010

Position Six - **MR. J. D. BARTELL**, for a term to expire 3/31/2011

Position Eighteen - **MR. PAUL R. NELSON**, for a term to expire 9/30/2010

Position Nineteen - **MS. LINDA PORRAS-PIRTLE**, for a term to expire 3/31/2011

- was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0187 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. JOSEPH "ALAN" JOHNSTON, JR.**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Six of the **EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for an unexpired term ending July 6, 2010 - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0188 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MR. RAFAEL A. MEDRANO, JR.**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Seven of the **GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 9, 2011 - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0189 ADOPTED.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. ARTURO AGUILAR**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Six of the **MAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2010 - was presented, moved by Council

Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0190 ADOPTED.

6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MS. GALIA M. VARGAS**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Six of the **MEMORIAL-HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2011 - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0191 ADOPTED.
7. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. KIMBERLY JONES WILLIAMS**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Eight of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire December 31, 2011 - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0192 ADOPTED.
8. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. DWIGHT A. BOYKINS**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Eight of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLD SIXTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire December 31, 2011 - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0193 ADOPTED.
9. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MRS. DALE ADA DAVIDSON**, (Houston Independent School District Representative), to Position Six of the **SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for an unexpired term ending December 20, 2010 - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0194 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker and Members of Council congratulated the new appointees and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 10

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$583,538.71 and acceptance of work on contract with **DEYAR BUILDERS, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program F2 - 0.79% over the original contract amount **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Noriega, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0195 ADOPTED.

#### **PROPERTY** - NUMBER 12

12. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Carolyn Evans, declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of a variable width alley, from West Montgomery Road to Granville Street, within Block 13 of the Highland Heights Addition, Parcel SY10-015 - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented, moved by Council Member Noriega, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0196 ADOPTED.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 13 through 16

13. **COTTON COMMERCIAL USA, INC** for Emergency Fire and Smoke Damage Remediation Services for General Services Department - \$148,957.38 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Noriega, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0197 ADOPTED.
14. **DOUBLEDAY ACQUISITIONS LLC dba ACUTEMP** for Portable Temperature Management Units for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services - \$63,570.00 - American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Noriega, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0198 ADOPTED.
15. **TOTER, INCORPORATED** for Automated Refuse Containers through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the City of Tucson Arizona for Solid Waste Management Department - \$432,000.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Noriega, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0199 ADOPTED.
16. **COMDATA CORPORATION/TRANSMONTAIGNE PRODUCT SERVICES, INC** for spending authority to purchase Fuel Cards and related services from the Texas Facilities Commission formerly known as the Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - \$4,768,000.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Noriega, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0200 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 17 through 33

17. RESOLUTION supporting and approving the proposed construction by Zion Bayou, Ltd of Zion Bayou, a development for affordable rental housing, located at 5300 Airport Boulevard in the City of Houston and authorizing the allocation of 2010 Housing Tax Credits to such development **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. RESOLUTION 2010-0029 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SERVICE of the EMERGENCY AID RESOURCE CENTER for the HOMELESS, INC**, to provide \$148,728.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist in the administration and operation of the Emergency Mobile Outreach Program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00250 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$160,000.00 out of the HAS-Sublien Bond 1998B AMT Construction Fund (8006); authorizing purchase of approximately 1.272 acre of vacant land in the W. A. Arnold Survey, A-1461, Houston, Harris County, Texas (9000 Telephone Road) for Hobby Airport; approving Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner of the land (Fortune Small Business, LLC) - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00251 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$57,960.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, approving and authorizing Reimbursement Agreement between **MAGELLAN**

**PIPELINE COMPANY, L.P.** and the City of Houston relating to the Mercury Drive Paving Project from U. S. Highway 90 to Wallisville Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00252 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests for rights-of-way in connection with the public improvement project known as the Ella Boulevard (Wheatley Street) Paving Project; from Little York to West Gulf Bank, authorizing the acquisition by donation, purchase, or eminent domain proceedings of real property interests in Fee Simple Title or easements to eight seven (87) parcels of land situated in either the J. Erwin Survey, Abstract No. 258, the John Durkee Survey, Abstract No. 1068 or the Phillip Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 768, in Harris County, Texas, such property being more specifically situated out of the subdivisions of Highland Acre Homes, Highland Heights Annex Sections 7 and 9, Lincoln City Sections 5 and 7, Highland Acres Homes Annex, Highland Heights and Little City an Unrecorded Subdivision, as these parcels of land abut the east and west lines of Wheatley Street between Little York and West Gulf Bank in Houston, Harris County, Texas; providing for the payment of the costs of such acquisitions, including Appraisal Fees, Fees for Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00253 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Environmental Consulting Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC** for Total Maximum Daily Load support - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00254 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$398,236.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing third amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CHARLES D. GOODEN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC** for Reconstruction of Brittmoore Road from Hammerly to Clay Road (Approved by Ordinance No. 1999-0055) - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00255 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$645,150.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JONES AND CARTER, INC** for Beechnut Rehabilitation from Wilcrest to Kirkwood Road (Approved by Ordinance Nos. 2006-0152 and 2007-0762) - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00256 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$400,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for condition assessment of large diameter water lines (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-684) - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS; G - PENNINGTON and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00257 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,528,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for On-Call Rehabilitation to large-diameter waterlines, valves and appurtenances Package No. 8; 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, and project management relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00258 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$545,958.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **STATEWIDE SERVICES, INC** for Utility System Infrastructure Improvement Contract; 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, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00259 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within **FONDREN SW SOUTHMEADOW SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 5** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00260 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within **LARKWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 AND 2** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and F - HOANG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00261 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within **WINDSOR VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00262 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within **WINDSOR VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 2 - 4, SECTION 5 REPLAT, AND SECTION 6 REPLAT** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00263 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within **WOODLAND HILLS VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 REPLAT, 2, 4, 6, AND 10 - 13** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00264 ADOPTED.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 37 out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0201 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston, **HARRIS COUNTY** and the **HARRIS COUNTY-HOUSTON SPORTS AUTHORITY** for the purpose of describing actions by the parties preliminary to the construction by the Houston Dynamo LLC. of a Public Professional Soccer Stadium on property owned by the City in Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston (East Downtown TIRZ), including anticipated (1) provision of funding for certain public infrastructure improvements through the East Downtown TIRZ, (2) participation by Harris County in the East Downtown TIRZ, (3) creation by the City of two new Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones in the City, and (4) assistance by the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority in (A) negotiating a lease with the Dynamo LLC, (B) acting as project manager during construction of the stadium, and (C) acting as property manager following construction, all subject to additional actions to be taken and agreements to be negotiated among the parties - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 17 on Agenda of March 31, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON)** - was presented. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that all of their TIRZs were going to be regularly reviewed and cognizant of their concern on how much of their property was captured by TIRZs not just for this vote today but they were going to regularly review all of them to see whether they could appropriately be ratcheted down and moved off of the rolls when their project plans were completed. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she did meet with the Rockets yesterday and a tag was certainly appropriate and while conversations were ongoing it provided an opportunity for them to get together and she appreciated that, that she believed that there were still issues to be worked out but there was a solution out there that they could all be happy with. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that as to whether they had the legal authority to terminate a TIRZ if it looked like they had completed their purposes she would let Mr. Michel answer that question, that it was more that they did not allow them to expand their project plans, they did control how much they continued to do. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

Mr. Michel stated that was exactly right, there was not an ability to unilaterally end it, they would have to do it with the other parties to the agreement but the City did have substantial control over the project plan, that it would be right that they would continue to lose the incremental taxes even through it was not building any more projects, if the TIRZ could not be terminated, as long as it was increasing in the taxes it was taking in; and Mayor Parker stated that they had to be careful when they created them but they were not allowed to broaden their project plan, there was no reason for them to continue to collect the increment and one would expect that they would with the City to phase down, that clearly they had been interested in doing that in the past as Mayor White went to a number of the TIRZs and asked for a transfer to the General to cover public safety expenditures, for example, that they were going to do it any way they could but they had been willing to do it informally but once they create them they were independent entities, that they were created under State law; and Mr. Michel stated that another consideration to was if they were going to operate for some period of time they had to have an ability to show a revenue stream to issue bonds so that in a large part drives the length of time that the TIRZs were set up, but he would look into the ability to sort of have provisions put in there that would allow it to expire at an earlier time for by some stronger action by Council, and Mayor Parker stated that when they create TIRZs initially was when they determine the length of time they would run and again that was predicated on a project plan and the amount of bonding they expected them to need to accomplish that project, that some of the TIRZs had exceeded expectations and come back with requests to expand their initial scope and others, as indicated,

they had gone to and asked for a return of funds to the General Fund because they had excess revenues; that if they were set to expire at a certain time they do. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that as a reminder, for example, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone being created for the Reliant area they were not a participant in it, it had no impact on the General Fund, that there were others that were created that the County was not a participant in and at that time wanted them to be participants, so they had to create them for the County to use, but not all those that they were addressing today effected their cap. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that they were not creating management districts here, that there was an existing TIRZ and they were amending their project plan and life so that they could provide dollars for the public spaces and this was a good time for her to remind everyone that the City and the County were each committing \$10 million for public infrastructure improvements around the stadium, they were not building the stadium, the Dynamo would be building the stadium, but there was nothing in there about a management district and the other two TIRZs had to do with the ability of the County to concentrate their tax dollars for projects, that there were no plans for any management districts in either of these, these were really narrowly targeted TIRZs and the process of creating a management district was distinct from creating a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, that it was two separate votes and two separate issues, that she could not see that any of these would be appropriate for a management district; that Mr. Tim Douglass was standing in the back of the room so that Council Members could know who he was; that she knew that Council Member Stardig was experienced in TIRZ 17 and there were other things that they could do, including 380 Agreements that they were going to consider in the future, instead of the proliferation of TIRZs because again once they were created they were hard to undo. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this was one step in a series of steps and was not the last step and this process would not be completed until perhaps the end of September but it was a necessary step to allow them to have the Interlocal Agreement in place to move forward, but more specifically their desire was to work with Harris County, the East End Community and the Dynamo to create a stadium complex, the City and the County would be jointly responsible for the land and the surroundings and the public spaces and they were linking in this Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone to pay the bonds for the public spaces, the infrastructure, with the Dynamo Stadium itself being the sole responsibility of the Dynamo as they chose to build it, that the Dynamo was going to build the stadium, if they build a Taj Mahal it would be theirs, if they cheap out it would be theirs. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent.

A vote was called on item No. 37. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-00265 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sullivan moved to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Oliver Luck to make statements, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Clutterbuck absent. MOTION 2010-0202 ADOPTED.

Mr. Luck thanked Mayor Parker for her leadership on the issue and wanted to thank explicitly Andy Icken, the Chief Development Officer of the City, who for the last couple of years had shepherded this through and they were very appreciative of his hard work, that they were delighted to be in Council Member Rodriguez's district with the stadium and also in Commissioner Al Franco Lee's precinct, that this was a great example of cooperative effort between the City and the County, that they were excited about the prospect and opening up

their 2012 season in the stadium and thought it would cement Houston's reputation as one of the best, if not the best, sports and entertainment cities in the Country, that they had been delighted for the last four years to represent the City of Houston with their sports franchise and hoped to be here for many years.

Members of Council thanked Mr. Luck for pushing this forward and everyone for all of their work on this issue.

### **MATTERS REMOVED**

### **FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **ACCEPT WORK**

11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,413,337.48 and acceptance of work on contract with **PACE SERVICES, LP**, for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 463 - 10.07% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell.

Council Member Costello stated that this was a closeout of a project and he wanted to remind his colleagues that this was again the Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program, that these streets that were reconstructed were dating back, their requests were from 1998 to 2001, so they could see their inability to fund their infrastructure and these were some of the problems that their neighborhoods were facing, so he just wanted to remind everybody about that.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he knew that this project was in District H but he wanted to commend Pace Services for going over and above the MWBE participation and knew that Council Member Gonzalez was also mindful of this, that last week they also had PM Construction on the agenda and they went over and above, so he wanted to commend and thank those companies for reaching out to their minority firms, and Mayor Parker stated over on the MWBE and under on the budget, that was a good thing.

A vote was called on Item No. 11. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0203 ADOPTED.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$71,632.05 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation and approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CIVILTECH ENGINEERING, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 450 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0587) **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

Council Member Costello stated that again he wanted to remind his colleagues, this was a Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program but this was in the design phase, that again these were projects that were almost 10 years old so they had to keep reminding themselves of what these problems were that they were faced with in the future, particularly as they approached the budget session in May.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Costello for reminding them once again, that these were projects both in Districts H and I and he wanted to thank Mark Board, who had been doing some of the design work and also Ravi in Public Works

and Engineering for sticking with it and looked forward to a quick completion on design and also to move quickly on construction, the community out there had been waiting a long time.

A vote was called on Item No. 23. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0266 ADOPTED.

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 34 through 36

**MISCELLANEOUS**

34. RECEIVE nominations for appointments to Positions One through Four of the **ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of a two year term that will end December 31, 2011 – was presented.

Council Member Lovell stated that she was nominating Taffi Tippit, DDM to fill Position One on the Animal Advisory Committee and was re-nominating two individuals to continue serving on the Animal Advisory Committee, Chris Souders, MD for Position Two and Kappy Muenzer for Position Three.

Council Member Noriega stated that was going to nominate Neil Sackheim to Position Four of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

Mayor Parker stated that all nominations had been submitted in writing.

Council Member Noriega moved to close nominations for the positions on the Animal Advisory Committee Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0204 ADOPTED.

35. **SET HEARING DATE** to consider a Municipal Setting Designation Ordinance for KBR Technical Services, Inc for the site located at 4100 Clinton Drive - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - MAY 19, 2010** - was presented.

Council Member Lovell moved to set 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2010 for a hearing to consider a Municipal Setting Designation for KBR Technical Services, Inc for the site located at 4100 Clinton Drive, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0205 ADOPTED.

36. **SET HEARING DATE** to consider a Municipal Setting Designation Ordinance for Weingarten Realty Investors for the site located at 11092 - 11311 Fondren Road - **DISTRICT C – CLUTTERBUCK - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - MAY 19, 2010** – was presented.

Council Member Lovell moved to set 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2010 for a hearing to consider a Municipal Setting Designation for Weingarten Realty Investors for the site located at 11092 - 11311 Fondren Road, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0206 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 38 and 39

38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CARING SAFE PLACE, INC** to provide \$389,938.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds to provide for the administration and operation of a Community Residence located at 1804 Carr Street, along with supportive services - **DISTRICT B –**

**JOHNSON – (This was Item 18 on Agenda of March 31, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0267 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **STOP TURNING ENTERING PRISON, INC**, providing up to \$582,901.04 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds, which amount includes a limitation on additional funding in the amount of \$291,450.52, for the administration and operation of a Transitional Housing Program and the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON – (This was Item 20 on Agenda of March 31, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0268 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she would invite them to join her in the proc room shortly after they get done with presentations by Council where she would announce her nominations for City Attorney and for the Housing Director.

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

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they had a wonderful and vigorous debate yesterday and discussion about both the budget as well as several bond issuance items and about the Water and Sewer Rates, that she wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a few of the items that she thought was important to continue to focus on, that it was an Enterprise Fund that they were talking about, not the General Fund, and she mentioned that because they sell a lot of their water to other municipalities and cities and some of those elected officials had been commenting that perhaps the water rate increase was related to their General Fund and it was not, the Enterprise Fund was entirely self sufficient and they were trying to attempt to have their charges reflect their cost, that costs had gone up, the cost of running the system had gone up and the largest single increase had been unfunded mandates from the State of Texas, those had gone up 228% and that was a significant increase and thought it was an example of how unfunded mandates from another governmental entity impact all of them as taxpayers or rate payers; that she wanted to mention was the financial status of their water and Combined Utility System, that it was the result of a lot of time that had passed and the result of actions taken by Councils and administrations long before any of them were here, specifically in 2004 when the system was restructured and it anticipated that in the last Fiscal Year, 2010, that they would have a rate increase which they did not adopt, that many of these challenges were things that they were trying to address that were created by previous Councils, that the last that she would add to frame the discussion when people wondered why their rates were increasing so much and why they seemed to exceed the Consumer Price Index, but the Producer Price Index did not evaluate those kind of things, that it evaluates the cost of energy and steel and other types of things that producers purchase, and unfortunately that rate of increase was increasing at a much greater rate than the Consumer Price Index, that they still were complying with Proposition 1 and making sure that no increase violates the CPI plus inflation, but she did think it was important in any discussion to evaluate their cost based on a realistic perspective, that those were a few of her thoughts on the Water and Sewer System and looked forward to more discussion and debate as they go forward and looked forward to Mayor Parker bringing it to them at Council; that yesterday at the District C office they received a number of phone calls because the bio disposal bag matter was coming to pass, they were enforcing it now and as predicted District C and several other districts tended to be the largest users of the lawn waste disposable bags, that the bags were clear so that they could see that it was lawn waste inside, so that when the garbage truck drives by the driver could see whether or not there was liter or household waste or toilet paper in the bags, that they would not pick up toilet paper if it was wrapped with lawn waste. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that Good Magazine in partnership with PepsiCo was giving away grants called Refresher Grants, it was [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com) and they varied from \$5,000 to \$2,5000 and they were giving away 1,000 grants a month, that this month they could fill out the applications from the 1st to the 15th and the public would vote on them from May 1 through May 31st and out of those ideas they would award grants, that they could go to [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com) and figure out if they wanted to look at health, education, food and shelter, neighborhood, arts and culture of the planet, that it was a great opportunity for anyone 13 or older to submit a project that they cared about that would refresh the world, that would refresh their neighborhood, that they had a process that they could go through and they could get help to fill out the application, but if they had students, children or family members who had an idea that they thought would make the world better PepsiCo and Good Magazine were willing to consider giving them money if the public thinks it was a good idea; that they were having a charitable event benefitting the Houston Fire Museum, that Bullritos® on the side of Costco at Wesleyan and Richmond were having an event to benefit the Houston Fire Museum, that if they went to [www.bullritos.com/charitable](http://www.bullritos.com/charitable) they print it out and get burritos to go and they would donate 20% of the transaction to the Houston Fire Museum on Saturday, April 18, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., that it was at the Greenway Commons at 3651 Wesleyan and Richmond. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Arturo Michel, the City Attorney, for all of the things that he had done and for all of the work that he had provided in District D, that because of his leadership and commitment they had two outstanding victories in District D, the El Rondo Motel and making sure that they stayed on top of everything with CES; that she wanted to thank Marlene Gafrick for all of her work in the Planning Department, that tonight there would be one in a series of meetings concerning off street parking, that tonight at the Haven Center, 1827 West Alabama, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., that the second meeting would be next Wednesday at 2020 Hermann Drive at Judson Robinson Community Center, and the third meeting would be on April 21, 2010 at the United Way of Greater Houston at 50 Waugh Drive, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; that there had been a series of townhall and community resource meetings that they had been having in District D, that the third meeting would be tomorrow night at Texas Southern University, that she wanted to thank the communities that were participating, that there would be presentation from HPD and to talk about some of the issues that they had been having in the various communities concerning public safety, that it would be at the Barbara Jordon Mickey Leeland School of Public Affairs; that on Saturday, April 10, 2010 it would be Keep Houston Beautiful Day and their office had dedicated April as their District D Beautification Month, so they would be doing beautification projects throughout the district, that on Saturday they would meet at Sunnyside Park, that Hope Worldwide was one of their partners and they were having about 75 volunteers from that organization, that they would be doing vacant lot cutting, that she wanted to thank Neighborhood Protection and Solid Waste Management for everything they had done prior to Saturday by cleaning some of the illegal dump sites in the area, that they would meet at 8:00 a.m.; that on Saturday she would represent the City at the Sisters Network Event that would take place at Emancipation Park, that the walk would begin at 9:00 a.m. at 3018 Dowling at Elgin, so for those who wanted to come for the Stop the Silence Walk for Breast Cancer to come and join them at the first National African American Breast Cancer 5K Walk and Run on Saturday; that many of them had called them and appreciated the District D Channel on U Tube, that all of their meetings that they were hosting in the community and anything they were doing would be downloaded onto their U Tube Channel. Council Member Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that they lost a very special resident of District H this past week, Alfonso L. Mata, he died on April 1, 2010, that he was a long time resident of the Houston Heights and a World War II Veteran who received 5 Bronze Stars and several medals for his military service, that after the war Al was actively involved in registering voters, that he was Precinct 75 and 59 election judge for over 20 years and in 1984 Mayor Kathy Whitmire

honored Al with an 8 year tenure on the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board where he served as Vice Chairman and voted to approve rail for Houston, that for his Metro service the Heights Transit Center was named in his honor; that he wanted to congratulate the SEIU Local 1 and Justice for Janitors Campaign, their former agreement had already terminated and they were able to work with the other companies and contractors in seeking a new agreement and they were able to reach an accord, that while they did not receive everything they wanted they did make significant advances and 3,200 janitors now have an agreement which protects their health care coverage and provides fair wage increases as well, that in return this would pump an additional \$3.6 million into the local economy, that he wanted to congratulate those companies and contractors who came to the table and worked with them; that they were going to be taking their Flooding and Drainage Committee on the road and was sure that Council Member Costello was going to be mentioning that as well, that it would be on April 27, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the West End Multi Service Center at 170 Heights Boulevard; that on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. they would have an East End Clean Up Day in the Greater East End District starting at Eastwood Park, 5020 Harrisburg Boulevard. Council Members Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that this Saturday was the Cleanup Day for Alief from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., that they would gather at Alief Park and would begin at that location; that Ms. Glenda Jo helped him in the Census 2010, that they had quite a problem in District F and he appreciated that she was volunteering to do the block walking this weekend and the continuing weekends; that he wanted to thank the Braeburn Community for inviting him to attend their meeting last night to discuss all of the concerns in the community; that he wanted to thank the Vietnamese Community of Houston and the vicinity for inviting him to their 35th Anniversary in commemoration of Black April on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hong Kong City Mall parking lot, that they asked that he invite the Mayor and Council Members to attend that special event for the community. Council Members Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that District A would have a Crime Townhall meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Spring Branch VFW at 1564 Foley near the corner of Campbell and Long Point, that as they knew they had an officer and three teenagers shot in their district and two citizens had to shoot burglars, that she wanted to be proactive, that this was a citywide issue and not unique to District A; that she wanted to give kudos to District A residents for having a high participation rate in the City's recycling program; that she wanted to thank Director Harry Hayes for giving Carverdale a clean sweep by collaborating with the District A office to remove all of the illegal dumping sites; that she wanted to bring up a sensitive matter, they had citizens who come down here to be recognized for their great efforts, wonderful things that they had done for the City and for cell phones to go off, they had rules in the Council and she was going to ask the administration to enforce those rules, that they had media that they appreciate being here and they do comply, they were here week after to week and had been so considerate and then for this event to happen in the middle of a presentation she was very disappointed and very embarrassed for those folks, so she would just ask for their consideration; that April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month and this month was dedicated to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourages individuals and communities to support children and families, that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for giving her story during the National Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff at Depelchin, that she thought it was very special and admired her courage. Council Members Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that yesterday he met with four super neighborhood presidents in his district, Diane Cullerman, Ben Crocker, Craig Daniel and Mark Kirkskie to discuss their issues, that the first issue they discussed was panhandlers and they learned that many of these panhandlers were actually professionals that were dropped off in large vans with their bogus signs or merchandise to sell to motorists, that many of his constituents were calling

in about this and emailing them and were concerned about the number of people in the intersections who were approaching vehicles or walking on the roadways, they were a danger to themselves and presented a bad image to the City and were a potential threat to people driving, that he was currently gathering more information on this and would present ideas to hopefully alleviate this problem, that they discussed the flooding and drainage issue and he applauded Council Member Costello and his committee for taking the show on the road to discuss those issue and also Public Works for gathering information, that they discussed police protection and knew that citizens in District G, particularly the presidents of the super neighborhoods were willing to organize citizens activity to assist HPD and hoped that the Mayor would encourage the new Chief to fully embrace citizens activities to the extent that they could maintain their proper security, that he would be talking to the proposed Police Chief and certainly make his views known; that last week he met with TIRZ 17 representatives, Pat Walter, Executive Director, Rafael Ortega and Dereck Saint John of Lockwood, Andrews and Neunam, that the TIRZ was providing a comprehensive drainage study for about 2,000 acres, that the TIRZ occupied about 1,000 acres of that, to investigate both the flooding issues and the effect of discharges in Buffalo Bayou, that he was very impressed with the process they were following, both in terms of the hydrological calculations of what was happening in Buffalo Bayou and under different situations and also the contributing drainage ditches, and also the personnel observations to find out where the area was flooding, that he thought their calculations would be confirmed by observation and thought it would be a good basis for hopefully getting money together to preserve that area, that he thought that the Gessner and I10 area was a unique area and they ought to spend some money to be sure that the people were well taken care of on the drainage issue; that Thursday night he attended the Avalon Place Property Owners Association meeting and their main concerns were sewage lines in the area and the reconstruction of Kirby near River Oaks Elementary School, that their office had been meeting with the representative of the Upper Kirby District and knew that they were anxious to proceed with the construction of Kirby between San Felipe and Westheimer and hoped that the City was wiling to commit to a future reimbursement and thought they were willing to fund it on a current basis if they could commit to reimbursement in the future and knew it would be a real boom to the area; that last night he met with the Briar Bend Home Owners Association and they had much the same concerns as the others out there, they were looking forward to having more effective traffic calming devices on Stoneybrook, the existing bumps were replaced with the humps and there were only two humps and apparently the people could go through the humps without slowing down and it was a problem, but they were pursuing that; that he attended the Aeros Hockey game last week, unfortunately it was against Chicago and they lost, but he wanted to thank Courtney Adman, the VP of Marketing and Communication for the Aeros and Dr. Ken Lubritz, who performed the dental work for the hockey players, that they had five physicians in attendance at the games to take care of the players out there, that Dr. Lubritz's son was working for their Council office before he attends law school and making a great contribution; that he was pleased to be present Saturday morning, along with Steve Costello, who actually ran in the 4 in the Park Fun Run and Representative Allen Cohen, that he and Representative Cohen helped award the prizes and it was a great event.

Council Member Jones stated that she would let Council Member Costello talk about Earth Day, but wanted to thank TXU Energy who was one of the sponsors and gave a couple of Council Members offices 100 trees so they would be presenting those to certain civic clubs and to any of her colleagues she would be happy to share some of her trees with them; that on Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m. there would be a parade for Yates in Third Ward at 3703 Sampson, that as they knew they won the State 4A Championship and were ranked number 1 in the Country; that she would like to thank Sisters Network, Inc. who was bringing the National African American Breast Cancer Conference to Houston this weekend at the Intercontinental Hotel and would start on April 9, 2010, that the Sisters Network was the only National African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization founded in 1994, that they were having a Stop the Silence Walk, which Council Member Adams talked about and gave details; that there

would be a Housing Committee meeting next Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and would encourage anyone who wanted to know what was going on with the Action Plan and how they were going to spend the HUD Grants to please come; that she wanted to congratulate SEIU, that they did jobs that many of them did not want to do which was to keep things clean for them and for their children; that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Clutterbuck on her 25th wedding anniversary; that she wanted to congratulate her son's friend Tenene McGlaughlin who was the Captain of the KIPP Houston High Dance Team and were performing tonight at the Rocket's game; that she wanted to agree with Council Member Clutterbuck that unfunded mandates were problematic, they pass the cost to them and there was nothing they could do about it but pay it and to that end they may have to increase the water rates and although they do not control the unfunded mandates, they absolutely control if they distribute the cost equitably, so they had a lot of discussions about that yesterday and she wanted for them to seriously consider what control they did have and she would like for it to be equitable because if it was not she would vote "no" but understood that it was something that she believed they actually had to do. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello stated that to follow up what his colleague had just talked about the water rates and thank you to Council Member Clutterbuck for the extensive discussion they had yesterday, that as an engineer he was very supportive of what Public Works was proposing and thought best practice option was the only choice they had to do for their system and wanted to remind the Mayor, which he did yesterday, was that back in the early 1990s the State mandated that they do something about their sewer system because it was out of compliance and they had to spend over \$2 billion on what was called the Greater Houston Waste Water Program as a result of that and due to the lack of funding for rehabilitation and maintenance, that what he was reminded of also was during that same time period there was a moratorium on waste water because their waste water treatment plants were not sized sufficiently for the service areas, so if they would recall back in the development community they used to call it "poop futures" (bonds) and they were actually selling them on the market for waste water treatment capacity services and yet they were transferring from service area to service area, they really were not futures but that was what was being sold over the counter so he thought it was important that they face this issue and do it now and right and not defer it to someone else like it was being deferred to them, they had a lot of hard business decisions that they were going to have to make over the next few months and this was one of them, that he did concur with his colleagues that the discussion about fairness, it did need to be fair, single family, multi family as well as commercial so he looked forward to participating in that conversation as they moved forward; that on a lighter note, he displayed a trophy that his staff won at the Earth Day 5K Run last Saturday, that he had two staff members raced, Sally Alcorn and Melissa Arredondo, that the trophy was built from recycled materials; that he wanted to thank Council Member Pennington for being at the Memorial Park 4 for the Park Race, that he wanted to thank their staff at Parks and Recreation for helping coordinate that, the Memorial Park Conservancy Board and Luke's Locker, that he wanted to thank all of the sponsors and the adjoining neighborhood, Crestwood neighbors who tolerated the race being routed through their neighborhood for about an hour and a half. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would like to thank TXU Energy for their donation of 100 trees for District I during the Earth Day Ceremony; that he wanted to thank Council Member Gonzalez for mentioning and honoring Mr. Al Mata, that his condolences go out to the family at this time; that he wanted to wish his Council aide Eva Lozano a Happy Birthday; that he visited some District I constituents, that Mr. Shannon White and his wife Lisa run "A Tail and Four Legs" located in the 4200 Block of Dowling and they do pet grooming and boarding and partner with BARC to adopt some of the dogs that were on the 90 day list; that he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their support of the Dynamo item today, that he thought it was a great step in the right direction and would be a win win for their City. Council

Members Stardig, Hoang and Bradford absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he and State Representative Carol Alvarado were going to conduct a joint Hurricane Preparedness Community meeting and would invite the public and his colleagues on Tuesday, April 30, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Garfield Elementary on Hartsook Street off of Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway; that he attended the HPD Promotion Ceremony this week, they had two awards given for officers life were saved because they were wearing a bulletproof vest; that he wanted to thank Eric Potts, Interim Director of Houston Aviation System for meeting with he and his staff at Ellington last week to discuss land availability issues with the perspective tenant; that he wanted to thank HPD Traffic Enforcement Chief King, Captain Driscoll, Lieutenant Hosell and Sergeant Simion for coming out to Grace Community Church on a number of occasions to work with them on managing traffic along the freeway and feeder road, that on Sundays they would have up to 8,000 or 9,000 people in the audience and their constituents were just not able to get in or out of the church and then of course it affects the feeder road and the freeway; that he wanted to say that their judicial system had once again done what was right, the jury ruled yesterday that Mabery Joseph Landor, III was guilty of murdering Officer Timothy Abernathy, that it was justice served. Council Members Hoang, Gonzalez, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to say to John and Anne Clutterbuck congratulations on their 20th wedding anniversary; that Station 16 was back open, they had to close it because there were some foundation problems but they found out it was not anything that was life threatening so they were back again, that she wanted to thank Chief Dupont for giving her a heads up about the station; that she wanted to remind the Development and Regulatory Affairs committee, along with the Houston Planning Commission that they were reviewing the Off Street Parking Ordinance and would be meeting today at Haden Center in Montrose from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 1827 West Alabama; that she wanted to say congratulations to SEIU Local 1, Justice for Janitors, who through some negotiations had received a \$1.15 per hour increase in wages and benefits a 12% increase, that she wanted to commend them on the way they conducted their negotiations; that as a young person who moved here in 1970 there was a wonderful newspaper called the "Greensheet" that they could pickup and find whatever they wanted, that sadly they lost the woman who stated the "Greensheet" Helen DeYoung, that she wanted to say to her and her family thank you for being tenacious and bold and starting a business which helped so many people in the City being able to find things that they needed and to her family she offered condolences. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that on April 10, 2010, Teach for America and other volunteers would be conducting the second Adopt a Ditch Project, that it would be done at the esplanades of Ferguson Way and DePriest, they would meet at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church at 8:00 a.m. at 944 Reverend B. J. Lewis Lane, they would plant small trees and all of the shrubs would act as a filter for the storm water, that it was a project that was done in the West Bellfort area last year and they would try to replicate that success this year; that they would have another Adopt the Ditch Project at the Commons of Grace on 910 Tidwell Road on April 10, 2010 and would also start at 8:00 a.m.; that he would be doing a walk on Saturday and would start at Tuffly Park and would ask everybody to come out as they talk about the census, that they wanted to try to get everybody counted; that he invited everybody to the Annual Spring Fling, that they had a great success and wanted to thank Neighborhood Protection because unfortunately somebody came out the night before and dumped a truckload of trash at the park and Neighborhood Protection came out on Friday and picked it up and it did not stop their efforts of having a great day; that he wanted to say to Arturo Michel good luck and best wishes, that they appreciated the service that he had at the City of Houston and enjoyed the relationship and the things they had been able to accomplish at the City of Houston; that to Council Member Costello he would join in on the 5K run. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Noriega, Bradford

and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Michel would actually be working until the end of the month although he announced his departure last year and she had just not wanted to let him go and he had been very gracious about that, that he was going to continue to volunteer for the City and was serving on a special events committee that was looking at the Special Events Ordinance and they would be looking to bring it forward to the City Council soon. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to mention her sincere appreciation to Arturo Michel; that she wanted to thank her colleagues for mentioning their anniversary and wanted to thank John Clutterbuck for saying yes 20 years ago. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that on Monday she went to the streets along with Dr. Jenita Reynolds, the Director of Gulf Coast Community Services and they went to the southwest part of Houston to educate the people and the business owners about the 2010 Census, that they knew that southwest Houston was very diverse and they met people from Jordon, Sudan, Venezuela, Pakistan, Uganda, all parts of the world, that there was a lot of hard work that needed to be done with their getting the information about the census, that she wanted to encourage that they continue to promote the 2010 Census because sadly the City of Houston falls at the bottom 3, that the saddest person that she ran into about 4:00 p.m. they went up to a gentlemen who was an undocumented immigrant who came here to work and when they walked up to him he began to cry, and she wanted to thank Marianna from HTV who is bilingual and she began to talk to him and said that he was crying because he was fearful of completing any form because to the misnomer that the form was going to be used to identify undocumented persons in the U.S. and the other reason that he stated was that they come over here to work to earn a living just like everybody else and to earn their citizenship status so that they could become productive citizens of America and for him to earn his money selling different foods and at the end of the day he gets beaten all the time to take the money that he earns, that was sad for her to hear that story and she wanted to conclude that Houston was not that type of City, that they were not the City that would abuse people who come here to try to earn a living to have a better quality of life, that people only look at Hispanics as being undocumented, they had people from Nigeria and India, that she would urge them to really get the message out so they could get the necessary dollars, and to respect everyone who chose to live in Houston. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would like to point out that there was money allocated from the City for the Complete Count effort but there was also a private fund raising effort as well and they were not done with that so there was still an opportunity for people to continue to contribute to that; that also this was a good time to mention the Bank on Houston effort, that citizenship did not have anything to do with whether they opened a bank account, they did not want people walking around with large amounts of cash, if they had proper idea in the home country there was a way to get them banked in Houston. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he had the opportunity to visit the First Robotics competition, the Lone Star Regional, that some of the schools from District H included Jeff Davis, Reagan, Booker T. Washington High Schools and Hogg Middle School, that his wife Melissa was a judge at the event and enjoyed the competition, that the nationals would be played out in Atlanta and expressed optimism that hopefully they could host it in Houston once again so perhaps that was something they could look into; that Houston did an awesome job in hosting the Regional Finals for the NCAA Tournament and they were excited to host the Final Four next year. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones

absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:04 a.m. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones absent.

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/S/Anna Russell

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