

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 11, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Mr. Nelson Espitia, Director Citizens Assistance; and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director present.

At 1:43 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Adams who invited all present with HEB to the podium along with the head of the Food Pantry and Pastor of Lilly Grove Church and stated that today they were recognizing HEB as they were not just a store in Third Ward, but they gave back far and beyond, they were great partners on cleanups, etc., that the idea of recognizing them came from the president of Super Neighborhood 68 and president of the Lasalette Civic Club; and because of all they did presented them a Proclamation recognizing their community involvement; and proclaimed today as "HEB Scot Street Store Day" in Houston, Texas. A spokesperson for HEB thanked all for the recognition and stated that they looked forward to their partnership for many years to come. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Members congratulated HEB on their recognition and thanked them for all they did. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Rodriguez invited the Student Council from Deady Middle School to the podium and stated that they studied hard but today they were being recognized for their public service, their efforts in collecting more than 1,500 cans of food for a local food pantry; and presented them a Certificate of Recognition. The Student Council President stated that on behalf of Deady Middle School she thanked all for the recognition. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker invited Mr. Issa Dadoush to the podium and stated that Mr. Dadoush had a great going away party and already honored, but they had not formerly said goodbye; that Mr. Dadoush served the City of Houston for many years and now would be with HISD; that he did an incredible job including while he was Director of General Services Department and transferred it into a friendly customer service organization which was very responsive and responsible and she knew he would do the same for HISD; that all were unhappy to see him go, but happy he would still be helping others; wished him the best and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming "Issa Dadoush Day" in Houston, Texas. Mr. Dadoush stated that he always told his team a leader's number one responsibility was to develop their people and customer focus became a part of the philosophy; that he was humbled at the kind words Mayor Parker spoke and to see his GSD family present and asked they stand to be recognized; Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Members expressed appreciation to Mr. Dadoush for all his help and all he had done; and stated that he would be missed. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Adams stated that on a point of personal privilege she was happy to have a sorority sister visiting from Washington, D. C., who was assigned to the Pentagon; and asked that she stand to be recognized. Council Member Sullivan absent.

At 2:15 p.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Adams who invited Pastor Laura Groin, Pastor of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to lead all in prayer; and she led all in the pledge. Council Members Sullivan absent.

At 2:18 p.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary call the roll. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Council Member Adams for bringing the Pastors today and stated that she had the opportunity to worship at Lilly Grove and Grace Lutheran and it was a wonderful experience. Council Member Sullivan absent.

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

At 2:19 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Augustine Castillo, 1103 Ervin, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-656-7804) appeared and stated that they had a beautiful thing going on in the Northside with the narrowing of the boulevard on Irvington to make more room for bike trails, but the problem was they were in need of a left turn lane from Irvington onto Patton; that Patton was a major thoroughfare to I-45 and more homes were coming to the vicinity and the left turn lane was a safety factor badly needed. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Patrick McIlvain, 1618 Weber, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-894-9584) appeared and stated that the First Ward needed Council's help in raising funds for the community garden and sign toppers declaring them an Art District; and displayed the first official sign and asked the Mayor and Council to autograph it as it would be an auction item next Monday at Doma's Café from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and invited all to attend. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Mr. McIlvain for coming and for the tremendous job he and others were doing to the area. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Peter Dingiss, 5110 San Felipe #304W, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-721-4134) appeared and stated that he was present to urge branch libraries be opened on Saturday and perhaps close them on maybe Monday; that he knew the budget was tight but the branches were open when people were at work and students were in school and it seemed closing on a week day would be better. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Michael Davis, 19031 Walbrook Meadows Lane, Cypress, Texas 77433 (832-647-6021) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Ms. Patricia Hammersley, 19031 Walbrook Meadows Lane, Cypress, Texas 77433 (281-989-3629) appeared and stated that she had no prior arrests or accidents, but a week before Christmas in 2008 her trunk was loaded with gifts and she had a lot of cash and safety was on her mind; that two weeks prior a store manager of theirs was robbed and they were cautioned; that on December 17th she was on her way and noticed a Dodge Charger seeming to intimidate her and she changed lanes and he got next to her, she got all the way over and so did he; that she panicked and crossed the HOV and tried to get away and then noticed in her mirror he did the same and she became hysterical and that went on for five miles; that she exited quickly and then saw an HPD officer come to her rescue, so she thought, but the Charger disappeared and the officer said that was the most erratic driving he had seen and she was lucky she was not going to jail, but she asked if he had seen the other driver and he told her it was an unmarked officer and he gave her three tickets including going 115 in a 65 mph and her car did not even go that fast and she had it tested and the engine shut off at 108; that she filed

with Internal Affairs and found this to be a federally funded program approved by ex-Mayor Bill White; that she felt this was very dangerous and none of the violations would have happened if the unmarked car would not have been chasing her; and urged the program be reviewed. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she was sorry she was scared; that interactions with police should not be like that; and upon questions, Ms. Hammersley stated that she filed with I.A. and they wanted her to meet with officers and go through mediation, but her lawyer advised not to until after her case; and Council Member Noriega stated that the feedback would be appropriate and that she should attend the mediation. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she was sorry for what happened, but to confirm she thought the program had ended; and Mayor Parker stated she was correct; and Council Member Jones stated that she felt she should go through mediation; and upon further questions, Mayor Parker stated that she did not know if the unmarked cars had cameras; and Ms. Hammersley stated that there were no lights, etc., on the car; and Council Member Jones stated that if officers were following they should have lights. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Skip Beedle, 2525 Old Farm Road #2317, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-785-0220) appeared, presented information and stated that September 10, 2009, someone filed a credit application for a car loan on the internet and used his nick name, address and phone number and working email address which was not his and he filed a police report; that a week later the same thing again and two police officers were assigned, one in Webster because the dealership was there and one in Houston; that he was told by the Webster officer that he and the Houston officer decided it was unsolvable; that the Houston officer tried different things but had difficulty and he intervened; and his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that this was a situation she heard of in the past and it was some of the most difficult cases to clear and the most prolific theft cases were those over the internet; that Lieutenant Gallier was present and though she understood the investigation was closed he could speak with him. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Larry Guerro, 401 Franklin, Houston, Texas 77201 (713-819-4098) appeared and stated that he was branch president of the Mail Handlers Union at the Postal Service; that he wondered if Council was aware the Main Post Office on Franklin may be moved near the George Bush Airport, to him it would be detrimental to the Downtown Area; that they were billed as a service to the people and downtown they were able to reach the court systems, small businesses, etc., the postal service had the cheapest service and they wanted to expand in Downtown. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Loretta Frank, 1476 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77014 (832-329-5087) appeared and stated that she was the director of a daycare center and was present regarding a Fire Marshall who came to harass them all the time; and would delegate her time to the owner, Mr. John Johnson. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. John Johnson, 1476 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, Texas 77042 (832-453-1900) appeared and stated that he had problems before with Fire Marshal McIntyre, once before he came out and propositioned sexual favors and then said he had it in for him and now he was using his power to retaliate against him; that he had documentation to show they always passed with any other inspector and even after they did pass he said it was on the wrong type of paper, nothing satisfied him; that he needed McIntyre off their back. Council Members Johnson, Adams,

Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Johnson stated that he went to OIG and filed a complaint and they found he did nothing wrong; that he did not say he felt he had animosity toward him; and Mayor Parker stated that if he had not she would suggest he visit with Captain Campbell who was present to see if there was a process in the Fire Department to have another Fire Marshal assigned. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Elias Michalopoulos, 6960 T. C. Jester, Houston, Texas 77091 (281-701-3790) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Robert Smith, 9309 Willowview, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-464-0886) appeared and stated that he was present to apologize to the Houston Police Department; that they knew from his last visit he was a handicap volunteer who wrote tickets for 14 years and in the past Administration he filed a complaint that three or four police cars were sitting in all handicap places at a Fiesta on a shop lifting incident, but recently he was at Bank of America and a police car was in a handicap zone and he finally went inside and two officers were chatting and he went out and waited again and wrote a ticket and that was stupid because they may have been there on business; that he recently had to ride a bus and wound up in Channelview and then he got on another bus and still rode to the wrong place and when he told the driver the driver said that was the problem with them, they always messed up; that he finally got to the right place, but that was uncalled for. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Anthony Collins, 6202 Star Lake, Humble, Texas 77396 (713-344-5732) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mrs. Amy Ramirez, 7309 El Paso, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-675-6331) appeared, presented information to Council Members and stated that she was present with her husband to talk about the down payment assistance program being terminated; and yielded her time. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Matthew Neice, 7309 El Paso, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-675-6331) appeared and stated that he and his wife were present to discuss the down payment assistance program being terminated; that they started looking into building a house last September and signed a contract in October and chose the Kingdome Come area because they offered \$45,000 for down payment assistance and they were preapproved and took the first time homebuyers educational class and paid most of their debt the same month and paid their earnest money right away; that the home builders started too late due to delay on permits and January came and the \$45,000 assistance was terminated without notice and shortly after they rushed to Almeda Meadows where \$19,500 down payment assistance was being offered and signed a contract and they started building and then they heard the assistance was cancelled again due to the lack of employees; that they were told the city would start accepting again on May 17th, but the \$19,500 was taken away and their home was in final stage of construction; that they were deceived two times and they had done everything right and they were losing hope; that they should be closing the first week of June and would do anything to make this right. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Neice and his wife for coming and stated that they put a face on the down payment program and they were encouraged he was interested in participating; that they did want to do what they could; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that unfortunately this was a program "loved to death", the previous Administration allowed it to be oversubscribed and plugs were pulled when the City Controller realized there were millions more in commitment than money identified from the state and put an initial hold on it while they sorted it out; that more money had been received by the state and they released other funds, but at this point the program was still oversubscribed and there was a reason there was a complete new leadership team in the Housing and Community Development Department; that they were working aggressively to try and identify other sources of down payment assistance funding; that unfortunately it was homeowners and developers with inventory who were stuck and she did not have an answer for them today, but they were aware of the problem and depending on dates of the applications they were trying to match money and then see how big of a hole there was to fill; and Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she received Mr. Noteware's memo and would urge him to read it himself and then give Council a more specific answer to Mr. Neice and Ms. Ramirez's concerns, how long should they hold out hope for this; that she did hope they could come through for them and she looked forward to a clearer answer from Mr. Noteware; and Mayor Parker stated that there were typos in the memo but she had a more extensive presentation from him where he mapped out possible sources of funding, etc. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Gonzalez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Neice stated that he paid his earnest money and received it back the first time, but this time they probably would not, it was too late; and Council Member Adams stated that when she started with the City of Houston in 2000 they fell in the guidelines and that was how she purchased her beautiful home and it was easier said than done; that builders would honor your down payment and your earnest money with the promise would close on the home and if you did not you would not get the money back; that many were in that position and she did not know what they needed to do, nine times out of ten the builder knew the money was not available and they still took the money; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that they spoke to builders and if there were builders and realtors selling the program she could not help that, but she was concerned that no one within the City of Houston misrepresent what they had available and all communications from the city was clear there was no money in the down payment assistance program and they were looking for money. Council Members Johnson, Pennington, Gonzalez, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mr. Paul Clark, 5233 Arboles, Houston, Texas 77035 (626-485-0416) appeared and stated that he was present February 15th with the same issues, the gypsy mafia or gypsy kings, he did not know their issues, but he was still being harassed and getting no assistance; that he had been writing the Mayor and everyone and was getting no response, no one wanted to listen; that his family and business was still being harassed and they could not live in Houston; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Captain Khallid Greene, 2413 Truxillo, Houston, Texas 77004 (281-245-7642) appeared, presented information and stated that since 2004 all watched how they dealt with hurricanes, however, over the past years they had a wonderful relationship with the City of Houston in helping to prepare citizens for natural or manmade disasters which may take place and last year passed out 3,000 DVDs as well as 3,000 readiness manuals; and today he was challenging all to take the DVD and manual presented and make sure someone watched; that this weekend he would be walking from Galveston to Houston to bring awareness to disaster preparedness and on the following week, May 22nd, they would be holding a conference at Good Oak Missionary Baptist Church; that all their services were free of charge; and thanked the City of Houston for working with them. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Captain Greene for coming and presenting information and stated that he was supportive of their efforts, emergency preparedness was very important and he thanked them for taking this on and for his walk from Galveston to Houston. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Captain Greene for his work; and upon questions, Captain Greene stated that they had opportunity to work with Jackie Miller and Marty Rosen and they were very instrumental in providing them materials they needed to make this a functional program, however, more could be done in the area of outreach, some zip codes had no training or community response team members and they would like to fill in the gap and make sure there was someone there trained and wanted to bridge the gap between that and Citizens on Patrol; and Council Member Bradford stated that his expertise was needed and he would commit to getting with Chief Storemski in the Public Safety Office and see what could be done to bridge those gaps. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Captain Greene and the IN-CERT Team (Inner-City Emergency Response Team) and stated they had cleaned up around her house in the third Ward, bus stops were cleaner and all the activity was not there, but when it came to hurricane preparedness sometimes police and fire could not get there when needed and the community had to rely on itself and that was one thing IN-CERT did; that many did not even know how to use fire extinguishers and IN-CERT taught that and CPR and did many other things. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Pastor Ronnie Thomas, 10015 Valley Sun Drive, Houston, Texas 77078 (281-932-1189) appeared and stated that he was president of the Brock Park Golf Association and with him were golfers supporting the golf course and asked if Council would place their course back into the city budget; that the community had the same right to quality of life as other communities; that they felt their golf course was targeted unjustly and it was their opinion the golf course was never expected nor wanted to be successful by the Parks and Recreation Department; that they should look at the revenue and expenditure report from the Parks Department and they would find the personnel service in that area was 73% of the course's expenditures; that in the past when someone needed to be placed somewhere in the Parks Department they landed at Brock Park along with a salary and if someone was transferred away from Brock Park their salaries were still tied to the course and that was not fair to the revenue of their course; that fees of their park were never in line with other city golf courses and that too affected their revenue; that this year they received new carts and he went to Parks to see if their rates could be adjusted but nothing happened and it led him to believe this could not be about revenue or rounds of golf, he believed the Parks Department never took full responsibility for the course day to day operations; that it seemed their course was always set up to fail so it could be targeted and taken away from the community; that they were working with middle schools and exposing young men and ladies to golf and worked with high schools and were currently getting ready to work with senior facilities and he felt they were doing what was needed of their association and now he believed someone else needed to take responsibility and that was the Parks Department. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that this was a conversation they had over a number of years in respect to Brock; that he appreciated his works and would save his comments until the rest of the group had spoken. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck apologized for the noise in the Chamber and stated that she was concerned with frequent outburst in the Chamber and urged all officers to help enforce the Mayor's request when it was made. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he was a golfer and in sympathy with his situation; and upon questions, Pastor Thomas stated that the course was in jeopardy and he would again urge they look to see why it was in jeopardy, the data did not give a good picture of what took place, people had budgeted salaries still tied to their golf course and they no longer worked there; and Council Member Pennington stated that may be true, but the Director stated that Brock had 22,000 rounds and there were like 27,000 or 29,000 at Glenbrook and their rounds were less; and Pastor Thomas stated that he heard 25,000 so they were not getting good data. Council Member Adams absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Pastor Thomas stated green fees at Brock Park were less than the fee at Gus and Sharpstown and the same with the carts; and Council Member Jones stated that it made sense if they charged more they would make more; and golf was not a sport historically provided to certain demographics of people and she did not think certain communities which had been historically kept from it to play at the same rate others did when they had been doing it forever; that she believed Brock served an important function and she would say more later. Council Members Stardig and Adams absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he too was a golfer and interested in the situation at Brock park; and Council Member Clutterbuck moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Pastor Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2010-0275 ADOPTED.

Council Member Costello stated that something he said was of concern to him and that was the way Parks and Recreation accounted for their personnel salary; and upon questions, Pastor Thomas stated that their salary came from Brock and they were not there; that he had information to verify it as it was open record; and Council Member Costello stated that he would like that provided to his office. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent.

Mr. Albert Coleman, 7529 Sundown, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-70305250) appeared and stated that he was present regarding Brock Park; that he was president of Super Neighborhood East Houston Settegast, in that area, and Brock fell in their jurisdiction; that when things happened such as closing Brock it raised the flag because they were responsible for the communities; that several came with them today and he asked they stand to be recognized, they were concerned also about the closing or not funding of the park; that he dealt with this several years and no other golf course had to defend its existence and he would like some resolution found where they could lay this to rest; that community development funds were there, etc., and they were concerned with the quality of life which parks, etc., brought to people; that they had much blight in the area with railroad tracks, dumps, etc., and still they tried to maintain and the park was a certain quality of life, how could a dollar figure be placed on that . Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she knew many in the audience and had been working with them; that this was in Council Member Johnson's district and she did defer to him on the issue completely, but she had done digging on this and one thing she found was years ago a bridge was damaged and never repaired and it changed the dynamic of the flow of golfing profit and it never recovered its user ship; that the idea employees were tied to Brock who did not work there, this was the first she had heard of it; that her sense of things was there were people who did not like Brock and were happy to see it go and she did not understand it, it was the most beautiful piece of property and Council Member Jones was right that some people would not play golf if they were not allowed this opportunity, the Junior Golf Program, etc., and her son and stepson had played at Brock and she felt there was some kind of issue as losses at Sharpstown were very similar and she had some concern; that she knew the course was losing money, but she would like to know if staff was being paid out of their budget and they were not there; and Mayor Parker stated that Brock would not be gone, it would still be a city park but the

question was whether it would be operated as a golf course; that this was the first time she heard of costs being placed on them which was not assigned and it was a serious allegation and they would get to the bottom of it. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that Mayor Parker had answered his question in part, to make sure the Brock Course issue was separate from the overall park issue; and thanked Mr. Coleman for his service as Super Neighborhood President; that as a member of HPD, the School Board and all he had done for the overall community; that he would commit to getting to the bottom of the issue to the extent they could get to the bottom of it because parks, golf courses, community centers, etc., as they dealt with public safety issues such venues were more important today than in past years; and Council Member Jones moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Albert Coleman, seconded by Council Member Costello. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0276 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would defer and let the Administration look into the salary being placed on Brock for an employee no longer there. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that people who did not have money did not have money to catch a bus or drive to some other golf course, where obviously fees were higher, that to her this was an investment in human capital and she felt Brock was targeted; that they put money in many things and the question was always did you think it was important enough for money; that Council Member Bradford talked about safety and quality of life and in her opinion the city needed to find a way to put people who were ordinarily left out of the arena into it; and she felt they needed to revisit this and she would do all she could to help keep it. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were going to be making hard decisions and she did not care if Brock was a golf course or not a golf course, it was about the bottom line on how operations were funded; that she would love to see it continue as a golf course in that neighborhood, but they had to find the money and she was cutting library hours in those same neighborhoods as she was across the City of Houston and that was a human capital issue as well, so be clear, if there was inappropriate numbers assigned to Brock, etc, she would try and get to the bottom of it, but this was about the bottom line. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that there were arguments all the way across the board; that they planted trees and some would say they would rather them not water grass or plant trees and invest in people; that this was not just about libraries, but golf had CEOs of companies meet and make deals and it was very significant in changing the state of others like her; that this was not just about money. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Lovell absent.

Council Member Costello moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Albert Coleman, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0277 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams stated that last week Parks presented to their committee changes getting ready to occur across the board and at that point she learned Brock was not added to this year's budget; and she would like to ask Mr. Turner if they could supply Council with a breakdown of that particular budget for that item, finances of Brock Park so they could see the breakdown on why this decision was made; and Mayor Parker stated that she did not see Mr.

Turner's presentation, but she would be happy to have him supply the information. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that irrespective of Brock, he had a large golf course in his district owned by the private sector and it was shutdown since around 2002 and it was overgrown and manifesting into a dump, unsafe area for the community, his point was if they were going to subsidize a lot of unprofitable ventures, his constituents made it clear they wanted the city to buy the golf course; that Clear Lake City wanted to condemn it and make it into flood control detention ponds; that he was just offering another perspective on this issue, it had happened in Council Member Lawrence's district and it would happen again; and Mayor Parker stated that would be the Inwood Golf Course and the Clear Lake Golf Course, both of which had opportunities to be kept in the Parks inventory or Flood Control inventory and they were working through it. Council Members Stardig, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that not only Brock, but Sharpstown had a problem; that he wondered if they could give it to a private enterprise and let them manage it for the city to receive a profit; and Mayor Parker stated that the Parks Director informed her he twice offered it on a request for proposal basis and both times an operator came forward and wanted the city to pay them to operate the course and her recollection was they would be paying them less than it cost the city to operate the course but they would still be subsidizing the golf course and it was a policy decision for Council. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent.

Mr. Leroy Chevalier, 8825 Madera, Houston, Texas 77078 (713-633-5815) appeared and stated that he did not play golf, but the Brock Golf Course was an intricate part of Northeast Houston; that about 35% of the community lived under the poverty level and the city did not spend much money on parks in Northeast Houston and that should be looked at; that Brock had not been promoted as a golf course by the City of Houston and the question was asked what had the community done, but he was asking what had the City of Houston done; that Brock was one of the most integrated with Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, seniors and children; that they may say they were not generating money, but was a city park about money or was it about a service to the community, about trying to keep children out of the penitentiary, about trying to give seniors somewhere to go; that it was more than about making money; poverty was strong in Northeast Houston and nothing there made money, he practiced law there and he didn't make any money, but they were entitled to services; that the Black and Hispanic community was just beginning to play golf and they were very excited at Brock; and he was asking the friends of Northeast Houston to work with the Mayor and see what could be done to keep Brock Park open, it was the best known thing in the neighborhood, but it was the best kept secret because the city did not promote it. Council Members Stardig and Lovell absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that in the '90s she was president of the Eastwood Civic Association and grew up in a white neighborhood where she went all the time; that there was a proposal to put a pool where the Diaz Little League Park was and the neighborhood went berserk and she could not understand it and told them pools were fun and kids liked them; that she was told they were not supervised and they needed things supervised; that they were not going to let them run to the park alone or a bunch in a group, if it was not supervised; that they said they wanted activities with purpose and with parents around and with people coming and going so their kids would be safe and do things that mattered and the difference between a park which was not supervised and a golf course which had a focus and direction and possibility of having scholarships and organized activities; that their Junior Golf Group won the Junior championship a few years ago, they were an inner-city team; that they lost their golf theme, they used to have more; that the difference between a park or detention pond was that with golf there was a supervised activity and golf taught manners and a certain way of behaving, it had a common code. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Memorial Park and Herman Park had its conservancy and exposure was very important; that kids did not choose what families they were born into and golf costs money, they did not have discretionary income and they were going to spend over \$2million on a pool, that kids needed exposure to know they could be more than a housekeeper or cashier and she would submit to those with discretionary income that some were victims of their circumstances and golf opened a door and she would like this revisited. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Lovell absent.

Ms. Ernestine Jones, 9842 Trumpet, Houston, Texas 77078 (713-631-2059) appeared and stated that she was president of the Woodglen Civic Association and present on behalf of the Northeast community; that Brock was the only good thing they had in their community and she would like for them to try and work together to keep it; that her colleagues had said it all, this was needed, it was enjoyed and it meant a lot to their community. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that this was directed to all in the audience and Ms. Jones and the Mayor, it was not good enough to say they had to keep this; that Council Member Jones mentioned the conservancy at Herman and Memorial and they had to go out and raise money to keep the course; that they had to find ways to get money to save the course; that it was Council Member Johnson's district and she would like to follow his lead, but she was willing to help and whether it was raising money or putting together events, etc., she wanted to see the course be all it could be and then they would see how many rounds; that she believed in this course and was convinced if it was ever given a shot it would be as good as anywhere; that her office cut the percentage needed in their budget and she was willing to increase the percentage if they could put the money into Brock; that if they did not raise it this year there would not be another go round so there was work which needed to be done and they all needed to go to work. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she thought people elected them to advocate for things and she did not need to apologize for speaking up for others; that they would try and raise money, but TIRZs in the more affluent areas had substantially more money than TIRZs in other areas and Council Member Johnson said until he was blue in the face there was no economic development out there; that they did not keep the quality of life up there for people to have money and for the same reasons that different areas needed different things they could not hold everyone to the same standard; that they had to create a quality of life for everyone using different mechanisms; and if for some reason Brock was gone she would be questioning anything other than police, fire and trash pickup because the question became what was core and this was very frustrating to her; and thanked Ms. Jones for coming and letting them know how important it was to her. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Lovell absent.

Mr. Michael Frazier, 7102 Camway, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-631-2606) appeared and stated that as Council could see the community was very sincere about Brock Park, as was he, to give a different spin the community did something for itself over the past November, they passed an initiative to bring in the Houston Community College at an overwhelming rate of 75%, they tax themselves to bring in the college district for education and training; that there were 200,000 people in the community with a high school education or less and that spoke volumes to him, of what the community thought of themselves and how they wanted to lift themselves up; that Brock Park was an integral part of that thinking and to take it away set them back and made the hurdle higher to climb; that if they would look at their demographics they would find the per capita income was somewhere below poverty and that was a tremendous hurdle, but they were trying to do it. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated he wanted to express his gratitude to all his colleagues around the table as they had expressed their concern for the constituents around the Brock

Park area and District B; that he thanked all who had come to speak, they had been very diligent in their efforts, they had heard this same news over and over for years; that the one thing they had heard today was about the diminishing of quality of life that would take place if they in fact closed Brock Park; that he became a golfer after one day seeing the beauty of that course; that he had been to many courses and they paled in comparison to the beauty; that the gravest mistake any leader could make was to diminish the quality of life within the City of Houston; that he understood they were in debt but he disagreed they should close Brock Park; that when you looked at the crime there it would only increase and if closed thousands of people less would be coming to the area and stopping for food and gas and that would also hurt the businesses and then the city would inevitably have to spend the same money for increased police protection and he would like to see the money go to the park instead of needing more officers; that Brock Park in 2008 spent \$607,000 in personnel services compared to Gus Wortham which was a comparable course who spent \$361,000 and before a rash decision was made he would say to the Administration the park had to be left open while a clear plan was found. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was having to step out, she was laying out the budget for the media; and Council Member Johnson stated she should not leave Brock out; and Mayor Parker stated that he would have to make a motion to insert it back in, but if he could come up with a plan to get Brock even in spitting distance of breaking even through a combination of factors they would talk; and she would get to the bottom of the personnel issue. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Mr. Garry Malone, 8206 Lettie, Houston, Texas 77075 (281-222-5832) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Ms. Derrell Felix, 6714 Padlock Lane, Houston, Texas 77085 (713-728-5161) appeared and stated that she was present as she worked for the YWCA Meals On Wheels Program and the CEO, Diana Monroe Taylor fired 22 workers because she failed to let them know when they would be receiving their checks and time after time they were not paid on a timely manner; that they met with her and she intimidated the workers and tried to treat them like immigrants and told them they were lucky they were getting paid; that Friday they made the decision they would not deliver meals unless they knew when they would be paid; that the director came and met with them and they asked if they would be getting paid and she said she did not know when they would be paid but they could go home and Monday pick up their checks and when they did she fired all 22 workers; that clients called her and said they were not receiving a meal and she never imagined they would not have a job they always did their job no matter the weather and now were unemployed; that she tried calling City Hall for help and they called her and that was for Easter. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Ms. Kathy Barton was present with the Health Department; that she knew this was an issue all were concerned about and there would be interest in the investigation Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez and Lovell absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Rodriguez, Ms. Felix stated that she told them she was embarrassed because they would not deliver the meals and they said to her they were embarrassed because she would not pay them; that they had to have their gas to deliver and pay for insurance, etc., and she did not care; and Council Member Rodriguez stated that for the record he wanted it known that he and Council Member Sullivan had concerns about this organization a few weeks ago when this body approved the funding for the program because

they felt this organization, Good Faith, would make sure the meals were delivered to seniors but they had not been responsive to him and his colleague and they were still dealing with issues in the senior program in his district and he did understand her frustration. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she had a distinct recollection of Council Members Rodriguez and Sullivan asking questions about that group and in her opinion when they decided to subsidize programs and organizations they needed to make sure they were good stewards of the taxpayer dollars; that now she would be curious to hear an accounting of where the money went to; that if the city gave money they should be able to ask questions and have them answered and she would be calling and trying to figure this out and generally the money going to these organizations came out of the Housing Department and she wanted to make sure they were helping people who paid for a days work. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that this particular contract with regard to the delivery of Meals on Wheels through the YWCA the City Controller was conducting an audit. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Rodriguez stated that Council Member Sullivan did request an audit by the City Controller of this issue. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Kimberly Lewis, 5105 Burma Road, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-734-0099) appeared and stated that she was also a former Meals on Wheels driver and they had the same problem numerous times and when questions were asked Monique Babar the director would say they were on a "need to know" basis, they owed them no explanations; that as of yesterday when they reported for a meeting she asked Ms. Diana Morales did she have any representation and she said yes so she told her the drivers had no representation and she would like to stand in as a representative for drivers and she said no it was not part of her contract and if they wanted to get paid they had to meet her one on one and if they could not do it they would not get paid and she felt their dignity was stripped as it was just their word against hers; that she could not see how they could say they were eliminating racism and empowering women when they refused to pay women who had kids to feed; that she had also been concerned with how many had dogs and cats as they were to start a program where once a month they could deliver food for the animals, but she told her it was against city ordinance as it was cross contamination of the food and then was told to mind her own business; that her clients called and said since she was there last they had not received meals. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Donnell Hankston, 6714 Tadlock Lane, Houston, Texas 77085 (713-728-5161) appeared and stated that they were talking about the "Y" and their working conditions and they were to get paid on the 5th and 20th and yesterday was the 10th and they were paid; that Friday they asked when they would receive their check but did not and they were told if they did not want to work leave and come back Monday and pick their check up at 9:00 a.m. and they had no say. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams thanked all for coming and stated that this issue had been brewing for some time; that she wanted to publicly thank Inner Faith Ministries who jumped in and started delivering meals; and upon questions, Mr. Hankston stated that they were supposed to get paid on the 5th and the 20th, bi-monthly; that they would call and be told payroll was not ready and they did not know when it would be; and Council Member Adams stated that they had a meeting with Ms. Taylor to find out what was going on because they were hearing differences from both sides; that the center was located in District D and she heard of concerns and meetings were to start tomorrow; and Mr. Hankston stated that when he was hired he had to have a background check and drug test and special insurance and now they were just hiring people off the street; and Council Member Adams stated that matter would also be checked on. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that when Council Member Adams did have the meeting with them she knew they would discuss the pet food and she could tell her it was not a violation of city ordinance to deliver animal food at the same time as human food; that she purchased the two items herself and it was not a violation; that it was important to deliver animal food at the same time so that seniors would not give the animals their food. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that apart from the investigation which she thought was important, people did work and did not get paid and people should not work and have to encourage others to pay them and she did not care if there were 20 sides to the story, the bottom line was people worked and did not get paid and that did concern her; and Mr. Hankston stated that she told them contractors had no special time they were to get paid. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Anna Eastman, 935 Harvard, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-416-3279) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Harvin Moore, 2105 Brentwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-524-2568) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jesse Shields, 2319 Russell, Houston, Texas 77026 (832-893-6373) appeared, displayed two books and stated that he thanked God for being present and since a child he studied religion; that the easiest way to obtain God's blessing...; the spirit of God led him to this, children were learning this and gaining understanding of this and only to find there were other religions being taught, a whole other way of praising and understanding God and people were separated in trying to find the true powers and understanding of doing things and the will of God; that with many religions it was hard for a child to find the right way; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Barbarann Laocurse, 1600 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-880-2010) appeared and stated that she wanted to know if the Mayor got in touch with the Police Department to discuss her case and if not to get with her and go to the department so they could speak together; that she needed help and the YMCA was filling out what happened.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he needed more time; that he was being attacked in his private unit; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682), appeared and stated that again she was present for the YMCA and projects they had; and regarding Brock Park the necessary thing was the livelihood; that they needed projects for children and seniors and the project should be coming out of Joe Turner's Parks and Recreation; that they spoke to Joe Turner and she was asking that Council get him back into the system. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 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. David M. Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo., Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 8:20 a.m. City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:04 Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that the first item would be a public hearing. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex certain territory in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield and Farrell Road, in Harris County, Texas – was called.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to appear at the hearing and that Ms. Nicole Smothers of the Planning Department would make comments concerning the hearing. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Ms. Smothers stated that on May 22, 2009 the City of Houston received a petition from National Realty Group, Inc. requesting a general purpose annexation of two tracts of land totaling 37.8464 acres generally located immediately west of the City limits, located west of Aldine Westfield Road in the northwest corner of Aldine Westfield and Ferrell Road, that there were no residents on the property and only commercial buildings would be constructed, the property was located entirely within Harris County, that currently HCAD estimated the appraised value of the undeveloped annexation tracts at \$803,565, that the value was expected to increase as the area continued to develop and the value of the improvements would be reflected in the HCAD records, that the projected ad valorem revenue was approximately \$87,080 annually, that this project was also expected to generate approximately \$168,750 in MUD Taxes, that the Realty Group, Inc. estimated that as many 100 jobs would eventually be created at this site, that public safety services for the area were currently being provided by Harris County Sheriffs Department and ESD No. 24, that upon annexation those services would be provided by the City in accordance with the service plan, that upon annexation the City of Houston would take over emergency services from ESD No. 24 and as a result the City would be responsible for the 37 acres pro rata share of the debt of the ESD, that the amount of this share of debt would be less than \$1,000, that the petitioners had also requested annexation of this property into the Northwood MUD, that should Council decide to approve the annexation request an ordinance from Public Works and Engineering recommending the annexation of this same area into the Northwood MUD would immediately follow on that weeks agenda, that in anticipation of this annexation the petitioners had begun approximately \$13.5 million worth of improvements to the annexation area including, but not limited to, construction of a 99,000 square foot warehouse office building on approximately 25 acres with an approximate value of \$8.5 million, that the building was complete and leased to LKQ, an after market auto parts manufacturer and distributor, that there was an additional approximate 7.5 acres that would be developed in approximately the next 2 years, that it was anticipated that approximately 80,000 square feet, consisting of five to seven buildings would be developed with an estimated value of \$5 million, that the annexation would benefit the City in the following ways, increased ad valorem taxes for the City, expansion of water and sewage and drainage facilities in the area due to the simultaneous annexation of this area into the Northwood MUD, an in City MUD operating in northeast Houston for 24 years, that it had been determined by Public Works and Engineering that the annexation of this property into the Northwood MUD and into the City was in keeping with their plans for improved and expanded water, sewage and drainage infrastructure in this part of the City, that this annexation would pave the way for much needed new development in the northeast portion of the City and commercial sales tax revenue would be generated at this site after completion of construction, that the first reading of the Annexation Ordinance was tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2010 and the ordinance was tentatively scheduled to be on Council's agenda on July 7, 2010. Mayor Parker absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Member Johnson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0278 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Fiscal Year 2011 City Budgets

Mayor Parker stated that the next item on the agenda would be a Mayor's Report, that it would be brief, that it was not the opportunity to delve into the budget, it was just an update on where they were in the process, that Council Members should have received their budget books yesterday, the big door stops that were delivered to them and knew that they had processed the entire thing overnight, "no", that to lay out the schedule they would also be receiving a Budget Workshop schedule that was drafted with Council Member Clutterbuck, the Chair of the Fiscal Affairs Committee, and for the new Council Members they tried to have an orderly process where they give them an opportunity to question every department about their individual budgets, that she would encourage them not so much to spend time down in the weeds but to

really focus on the policy issues, but they may ask any questions of the Department Directors that they wanted, they would try to hold to a minimum the PowerPoint Presentations and sort of the dog and pony show to make sure that they actually had an opportunity to ask their questions, that her feeling had always been that if they did not know by now what the departments did then they had deeper problems than just the budget, so she did not want them to come in and wow them (Council Members) with what they do, she wanted them to have a conversation with them about what they (Council Members) thought they ought to be doing better, but she would encourage them to take the time and block off their schedules now for the first two weeks in June and if they already knew in advance what they wanted to know to send those questions over in writing, that it made the meetings much more productive, that as they developed questions any time that they wanted to submit them to the Finance office in writing they would endeavor to get those back to them, that goal was to, obviously, pass a budget on the first opportunity, which would be June 16, 2010, that very seldom happens, but there would be three Wednesday's set aside for the budget consideration, June 16, June 23 and then June 30 with the understanding that they must pass the budget by the end of June for the Fiscal Year to begin promptly on July 1, 2010, that the highlights of the budget were presented to the media yesterday and knew they were in the Chronicle this morning, that she had not had an opportunity to see how accurate they were but the challenging thing in this budget was that the revenues were virtually equaled to what they were in 2008, with the expenses of the City much higher than they were in 2008, that the biggest expense increases had to do with their personnel, there were contractual pay raises in three employee groups, in addition to significant hike in the health benefits for their employees, that they had met all of their contractual obligations, that they had had some significant cuts in what she would call discretionary spending in the departments, that in just the last year the current proposed budget was \$124 million less than the budget that was submitted a year ago for consideration so they had cut the budget during the course of 2010, but this new budget was significantly less than the previous budget, that it had been balanced without a proposed Property Tax increase, and as a reminder they pass a budget based on a Property Tax rate and then the Property Tax rate was actually not set until usually October, but this proposed budget does not require any Property Tax increase, that it was also the first budget in the last five years that had not used pension obligation bonds to balance it, that she had long been uncomfortable with the idea of using debt for current obligations and they would see that their debt payments were down as a result of that, that there were some numbers that were not as firm as any of them would like them to be, that she was saving them the trouble, they would not have to tell them that, that the first was that on the revenue side they were proposing doing a complete fee review of all fees for services to make sure that they were going to a true cost of service, 100% recovery, on as many of those fees as they could, they were not imbedded in the budget and that was why that number was not firm, that she was going to work with Council and bring all of those fees to Council so that they could have the full policy decision rather than them having to look for them, they had not hid anything in the budget in terms of a fee increase, that they would all get to go through that together; that the other number was on the expense side and that was that they believed that with their aggressive plan on fleet consolidation, fleet maintenance consolidation, fuel consolidation, consolidation of IT and HR payroll functions across the City that they could save approximately \$22 million and obviously they would have to begin that early in the Fiscal Year to get there, but they believed that was quite doable, that this budget does not include a scheduled furlough nor does this budget include any mass layoffs of employees but she wanted to be careful how she says that, they were not doing any layoffs for budgetary reasons but as they go through the process, particularly if they did major consolidations, there may be some reduction in force due to the consolidations, but they were doing the consolidations, a, to save money, but b, they think they could do it better, that one of the surprises to her was, for example, how many fuel depots they had across the City of Houston, and the amount of money they could save in a lot of cases by just issuing purchase cards limited to fuel to employees who did not have specialty fuel needs and who had access to other options, then they no longer had the liability issues of maintaining underground storage tanks for vehicle fuel, for example, so

they were going to be looking at all of those so it may have an impact on the total workforce in the City, but that would be determined as they went through the process and the furlough option, she did not want to balance a budget with a furlough, that in her opinion it would mean that they had not drilled down deeply enough, that she also did not want to surprise anybody and was not going to say that they would not have to do a furlough, that this was a very delicately budget based on a very conservative revenue estimate, that if the revenues were even less than their conservative estimates they had a fall back, the furlough option was there, but it was not part of the budget, that it was a much more pay as you go plan so she did not want to rely on debt or furlough to balance it, that they were really working on restructuring what they do, that the context in which they had to put the budget together, the projected decrease in Property Tax Revenues for this year over last year was \$45 million, a little over 5% decline, there was a slight uptick in the projections for Sales Tax Revenue of just under \$14 million, about a 3% uptick but again Sales Taxes could be very volatile and they did not know how that was going to work out, that there were two police cadet classes in this budget, which would add 140 officers and have a net increase in the Police force when balanced against attrition, that there were three fire cadet classes which would add 126 new firefighters, which would barely meet what they anticipated to be their attrition levels in the Fire Department so as new money becomes available she was going to be keeping her eye on their ability to add to both of those departments in terms of a cadet cadre, that they were also going to present next week, as part of the budget process, the 5 year review, that she spent 20 years doing project economics and did a lot of forecasting and there was a lot of flex in a 5 year budget, but again they wanted to kind of lay out to Council where they see the stress points in the budget so that they could start preparing for them now and as soon as this budget was put to bed she was going to assure them that they were going to begin developing the draft budget for 2012, certainly by September, so that again Council Members would have a large lead time because they believed that the 2012 Budget would be as difficult to balance as this current budget, that she looked forward to beginning the budget process with all of them and again the more they could do constructively and anything they could submit in writing in advance that they could respond to so that they were not jammed up at the end, that this was the reason that they took a long slow process with plenty of deliberations, that it worked better, that she looked forward of the good leadership of Mayor Pro Tem and Chairman of the Fiscal Affairs Committee Clutterbuck, who had been through this a few times before and knew what she was in for, and asked Council Member Clutterbuck if she had anything she wanted to add.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that for the new Council Members and as a refresher for her and her colleagues they would be having a Council break the week of May 24, 2010 so that everybody would have a chance to review the budget in detail, that her staff would provide the new Council Members all of the questions that were asked to the department directors last year, as well as their written responses, they would also provide new Council Members copies of the amendments that were introduced last year so that they could see the format, that they would go into the amendment process, if any, at a later point and Marty Stein, Agenda Director, would be sending out the format for that, that if the other Council Members would like to be included to just let her know, that they would ask that everybody get their questions to the department directors via her office a week before the department directors were scheduled to speak, this enables the department directors to get prompt, concise and thorough answers to their questions in a timely fashion.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew that Council Member Clutterbuck had done a lot of work in preparation for this, that one of the things they were going to try to do to promote efficiency and save trees was that the questions and answers were going to be posted on a special drive so that rather than having to deliver stacks of paper to everybody's office they would post them as soon as they could and then they would be able to access them from wherever they were so that it would be more efficient.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that the Rainy Day Fund was very important to her and she created it as a Council Member and worked very hard to lobby it with her colleagues in a very tight budget to set it aside, that it had not been replenished since Hurricane Ike, the money was available and could be designated to the Rainy Day Fund, that once it went into that fund it could only be expended for a natural disaster, that what this budget does was identify \$20 million but it was not designated so that it was available through the course of the year if they needed it for budget purposes and that was a policy decision on her part and was really up to Council how they felt about that, that one of the things that they had done, and while she still believed that the Rainy Day Fund was important and Ms. Mitchell when she lays out her future year plans would talk about how they begin to replenish it, was that they had a much more effective process of disaster recovery than they had in the past and so does, unfortunately, the State and FEMA, that she knew when Tropical Storm Allison came through, which caused her to create that Rainy Day Fund, it was months and months before they got any federal response and they had to pay out of pocket, that now they had a mechanism and much quicker response so they thought they could operate through identifying the money and it was a streamline process and it was for the convenience of the budget; that there were going to be job losses in the budget, that in order to achieve \$22 million in savings, for example through consolidations, they were a service organization, three quarters of what they spend was salary and overhead for their employees, so it would impact employees, there had already been some jobs lost through this process in terms of executive level positions and reorganizations but as they go through there was no question that there was going to be, the distinction she was drawing was that they were not having to do what a lot of other cities had done, which was just slash whole sections of their work force because they could not pay their bills, they had made some careful decisions over the years, they had budgeted carefully and their economy had held up better than any other area so they were working through it, but the language could be deceptive in the budget, she had said that all of the departments had cut spending, it was in discretionary spending, some of the departments had actually gone up in their discretionary spending, because when they had the contractual obligations, for example, in police and fire that was the amount that they cover and they had to cut in other areas, that if they looked at her own Mayor's office budget, for example, they would see that it looked like it went up and one of the reasons was because she had pulled staffers from other City departments who were imbedded in those payrolls and she said early on that she would try to be more transparent as to who was actually reporting to her, but in order to meet her budget target in the Mayor's office she did not fill the position that was previously held by Elena Marks, so they do not have an Environmental Coordinator for the City and she also laid off the Education Coordinator, so there had already been job losses starting in the Mayor's office, that they would have to work through that, that it was up to the departments, but it would not be based on the salaries of the positions, it would be based on the operational needs of those departments.

Mayor Parker further stated that they strongly discourage Council Members from offering amendments specific only to their Council districts, that as a reminder, she and Ms. Mitchell met individually with every Member of Council and asked for their budget priorities and then offered a second round and Council Member Stardig immediately responded and a couple of other Council Members did as well to a last chance, was there anything else they wanted to see in the budget, they tried to accommodate it and she would tell them if they brought anything that cost money they needed to bring it with something that offset that expense; that every year that she served on City Council she ended with a budget surplus and a couple of times she did designate it to go to specific departments, that it was not the best policy in terms of budget control, that they ask that Council Members be treated as all other City departments and that was that money that was unused at the end of the year rolled over to the ending fund balance and they start fresh, just as Council Members had asked for zero based budgeting for other departments she would expect them to have zero based budgeting for City Council as well and the current policy was that Council Members had discretionary spending for their budgets but she was asking them not to transfer it to other departments at the end of the year and that they

have some consistency across the City, but again they had a great deal of flexibility during the budget process to offer budget amendments and that was a decision not by the Finance Department but a directive from the Mayor's office; that when she talks about a 3% cut here and a 1% cut there it was cuts in the discretionary spending and the overall City budget had gone down but they would not necessarily see those direct cuts in each department; that she would encourage Council Members if they felt the budget allocations that she had presented were incorrect or insufficient that they move money among the departments at the beginning of the year and she fundamentally disagreed with the idea if they had money left at the end of the year they should spend it, whether it was by Council Members or in the departments, that she understood the concept and again when she was a Council Member she did the same thing and wanted to do it but what they expected to have happen was that departments ask for what they need, they try to accommodate that need, they spend during the course of the year and if they could cut that spending it goes back to the general fund so that they could then reallocate the budget based on the overriding priorities of the City, that Council Members certainly had the option, if they wanted to allocate in their budget, at the beginning of the year, for money to go to the Parks, Fire or Police Departments they could do so but she would prefer that they did it through the budget process rather than saving it up and doling it up at the end of the year, that they had problems in previous years where Council Members actually wanted to donate left over budget monies to non profit organizations, it was totally inappropriate, and often to fund items that the department directors themselves said were not their priorities, they may have been Council Members priorities, that she saw the point and was not inclined to move in that direction, but they could have the dialog.

After discussion by Members of Council, Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 32

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 and 3

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

Position Two	- MR. RICHARD A. RICE , for a term to expire 9/30/2011
Position Three	- MR. JAMES R. JARD , for a term to expire 9/30/2011
Position Nine	- MS. ROBIN REED , for a term to expire 9/30/2010
Position Ten	- MR. TALMADGE SHARP, SR. , for a term to expire 3/31/2011
Position Eleven	- MR. SHAUKAT ZAKARIA , for a term to expire 9/30/2010
Position Twelve	- MS. ALGENITA SEGARS , for a term to expire 3/31/2011
Position Thirteen	- MS. BETH WOLFF , for a term to expire 3/31/2011
Position Fourteen	- MR. DAVID WYNN ROBINSON , for a term to expire 9/30/2011
Position Twenty	- MR. JEFF E. ROSS , for a term to expire 9/30/2010

- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0279 ADOPTED.

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for establishment of a connection charge in the amount of \$4,874.39 per acre for properties connecting to the 8-inch wastewater line constructed by **ACETYLENE OXYGEN COMPANY** located along Northcourt Street from Flintlock Road - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG**
- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0280 ADOPTED.

Council Member Noriega stated that breakfast today was provided by HISD, that it was the HISD first class breakfast that they feed the children and she wanted to thank them.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to note that in passing Item No. 2 they reappointed a number of Members of the Planning Commission, that they had new Planning Commissioners a week or so ago and they had reappointments today and asked the Members in the audience to stand and be recognized; that they appreciated their service in the past and looked forward to their strong service in the future, that she did expect attendance and they would enforce the attendance requirements of the Planning Commission.

Members of Councils congratulated the newly reappointed Members of the Planning Commission and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 4 through 7

4. RECOMMENDATION from Interim Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$626,150.70 and acceptance of work on contract with **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Sharpstown Golf Cart Barn - 11.85% over the original contract amount **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0281 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,212,020.74 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Midtown-Southeast - 4.36% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0282 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$842,721.90 and acceptance of work on contract with **COLLINS CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Eastway Plaza - 3.90% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0283 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 10 through 32

10. RESOLUTION of the City Council prescribing the date, time, and location of a public hearing on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; authorizing notice of such public hearing - **HEARING DATE - 1:30 P.M. - TUESDAY - JUNE 8, 2010** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2010-0032 ADOPTED.
12. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **TYSON REFRIGERATED PROCESS MEATS, INC** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2010-0033 ADOPTED.
13. RESOLUTION supporting the City of Houston's request to the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** to waive Local Match Participation for the Federal Off-System Bridge Program administered by TxDOT - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2010-0034 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES regarding certain Ground Transportation Permit Fees at the Airports; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; containing a savings clause - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0354 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **RECIPE FOR SUCCESS FOUNDATION** for Support Services for After-School Education Programs; providing a maximum contract amount - \$485,760.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0355 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston, the **SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **SPARK** to provide an additional \$100,000.00 and continue the program for the development of neighborhood parks on public school grounds under the SPARK Program - CDBG Fund - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0356 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing fourth amendment to contract between the City of Houston, the **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **SPARK** to provide an additional \$200,000.00 and continue the program for the development of neighborhood parks on public school grounds under the SPARK Program - CDBG Fund - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0357 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Automobile Rental Concession Agreements by and between the City of Houston and **AVIS RENT A CAR SYSTEM, INC**; **BUDGET RENT A CAR SYSTEM, INC**; **DTG OPERATIONS, INC**, d/b/a **DOLLAR RENT A CAR**; **EAN HOLDINGS, LLC**, d/b/a **ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR**; **THE HERTZ CORPORATION**; **VANGUARD CAR RENTAL USA LLC**, d/b/a **NATIONAL CAR RENTAL**; **ALAMO RENTAL (US) INC**, d/b/a **ALAMO RENT A CAR** and **DTG OPERATIONS, INC** d/b/a **THRIFTY CAR RENTAL** at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0358 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$6,450,000.00 appropriated from the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-1021 in connection with the construction of Genoa-Red Bluff Road and deappropriating \$4,137,500.00 appropriated from the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund by Ordinance No. 2010-0007 in connection with the construction of Scott Street; appropriating \$6,450,000.00 from the Metro Projects Construction Fund for the construction of Genoa-Red Bluff Road as described in Ordinance No. 2009-1021 and appropriating \$4,137,500.00 from the Metro Projects Construction Fund for the construction of Scott Street as described in Ordinance No. 2010-0007 - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0359 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$732,750.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project, setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0360 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 2009-0782 approving first amendment to Energy Savings Performance Contract for Energy Conservation Measures for various City facilities between the City of Houston and **SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC - DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0361 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Convention & Entertainment Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CHP & ASSOCIATES, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INCORPORATED** for Jones Hall Electrical Improvements - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0362 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$33,743.85 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **INLAND ENVIRONMENTS, LTD.**, for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition at former Kingwood Library; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contact and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0363 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$465,200.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and \$6,000.00 out of Parks Special Fund; awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Ervan Chew Park; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and Parks Special Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0364 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing purchase of a three-year Commercial Crime Insurance Policy from the **CHARTIS GROUP**, through the National Union Fire Insurance Company, a Member Company, for Public Employee Dishonesty Coverage, providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years - Not to exceed \$94,196.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0365 ADOPTED.

Council Member Lovell moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 22 out of order, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0284 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP** for the Collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes – was presented.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that there was a five month period after taxes become due that citizens could work out an installment agreement with the Harris County Office, it did not go to any type of collection process, it was entirely in the property owners hands and she would commit to putting something out on Citizens.net and they would see if there were other ways that they could advertise that because the goal was to get the taxes paid, not to collect any kind of penalty at the other end of the process.

Upon further questions by Council Members, Mr. Feldman stated that he thought that Council Member Sullivan during the committee discussion on Monday brought up the idea of raising the performance bond, that he had indicated to the Council Member that had he been City Attorney at the time the RFP was issued he would have inserted a higher bond amount himself to provide greater protection to the City, so the rationale now in taking it up from \$2 million to \$3 million with the assent of the contracting party, he thought, was a very good thing for the City, that it was protection for the City in the event that they do not meet the collection goal, that they could go to a bonding company instead of having to go to the law firm and say "write us a check", that at the end of the day if they do not have a bond that they could go back to as collateral, so it was to the City's advantage to raise it to \$3 million; that the only party that they spoke to was Linebarger, since that was the recommendation that they be awarded the contract and they were the one who had to assent to it so they were voluntarily agreeing to go up to \$3 million, that if it had been \$3 million in the RFP it would have made no difference whatsoever in the selection process because that just cost the vendor, law firms, money, it did not cost the City money, so it had no affect on the actual procurement process, that any of these types of situations it was to the benefit of the City to negotiate changes to the contract that served the interest of the City, that the three years, for example, the RFP had three one year options on top of that, and working with Council Members and discussing the concerns he thought it was an outstanding idea to just cap it at 3 years with no options so that they know they were going to have competition in 2 1/2 years, so to for the bond, it was in the interest of the City; that the 20% collection penalty that was triggered on July 1 and when back taxes are delinquent was a matter that was created by State Law, the money does not come from the City, the money comes from the delinquent tax payers, the City is not paying a fee, and how did they arrive at 20%, well the first question was how did they arrive at 15% back in 1981 when that penalty was first established, to be frank with them it was lobbying efforts on the part of various firms that got Legislature to do that, then, he believed, in 2001 the cap of 15% was raised to 20% by the Legislature, the argument of the firms at that time was that it cost them more.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that they could go and ask the Legislature to allow them to collect that money and they could do their own collection operations; that they had heard Council Members requests and would consider it in the hopper for the next Legislative session, she would caution Council Members though that since it was a redistricting year their ability to move items through the State Legislature may be limited, but they heard loud and clear the concerns.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she thought it was as much a factor that this was a specialty area that not a lot of firms wanted to invest in, it was very labor intensive area and required a significant amount of staffing, and ask Mr. Feldman if he had anything to add to that.

Mr. Feldman stated that Council Members concerns were well noted and would point out that this was the first time since 1992 that there had been a competition and he believed it was a vigorous process, that he also believed that it must be understood by the firms in the State that did engage in this type of work that joint ventures were possible and that was an important point, that two or more firms could merge together and pull their resources and they could be as large and as capable across the board as Linebarger so hopefully with this process, since it was the first time since 1992, the word is now out that this City would compete and that this City would hold the vendors feet to the fire and demand the highest performance, that the competition breeds better performance.

A vote was called on Item No. 22. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDIANNCE 2010-0366
ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$11,382,530.40 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Kirby Drive Storm Sewer Relief Project Segment 3 20.83% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C – CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Noriega stated that she was very concerned about Phase 4 B, she had been up and down Kirby several times recently under the freeway at Highway 59 and there were some really scary potholes, truck eaters, that she was very concerned and knew there were issues with TxDOT right under the freeway and knew they had some concern about how much right-of-way the City owned, that she thought the actual right-of-way was working on being dangerous, that she called her office from the car on Monday to ask them to please pass along her concerns, and Mayor Parker asked if she got a response from the Public Works Department and Council Member Noriega stated that she did not know and Mayor Parker stated that she would make sure they followed up. Council Member Lovell absent.

After further discussion a vote was called on Item No. 5. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0285 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

8. **EQUIPMENT DEPOT, LTD.** for Forklifts for Houston Airport System - \$63,738.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Noriega, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Member Lovell absent.
9. **AMEND MOTION #2008-654, 8/20/08, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$1,577,127.00 to \$1,971,408.75 for Fittings and Appurtenances for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **CPR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES, INC d.b.a MDN ENTERPRISES** - \$394,281.75 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Noriega, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Member Lovell absent.

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11. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **SYSCO CORPORATION** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an Enterprise Project – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Member Lovell absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Noriega asked if this was time sensitive, and Mayor Parker stated that it was but they had sufficient time. Council Member Lovell absent.

15. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 45 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to traffic in neighborhood areas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability –

was presented, and tagged by Council Members Sullivan and Bradford. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she had a question for Public Works on this item and asked if they would schedule a meeting with her because she understood with this new program they had an extensive list of current applicants that were on the old speed hump program that had been waiting for a long time, and now it was her understanding that they were going to delete the old list and start a whole new list so she just wanted some information concerning this issue, and she wanted to add her tag to the item. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

16. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of one or more series of City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2010 to provide for the payment of the current expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011; prescribing the terms and form thereof and authorizing the Finance Working Group to determine certain terms and conditions relating thereto; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; approving and authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale to be used in connection with the sale of the Notes; authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement; and making other findings and provisions relating to such Notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0367 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE approving Supplemental Borrowing evidenced by City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2010A to provide for payment of current expenses of the City for a portion of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Notes; authorizing the procedure for determining the terms and conditions of such Notes; authorizing the execution of a Note Purchase Agreement; approving Co-Bond Counsel; making other findings and provisions related to such Notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0368 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 99-0161 to establish a maximum contract amount for the contract between the City of Houston and **FROST NATIONAL BANK** for Automated Filing Fee Payment Services for the Houston Police Department - Additional funding \$125,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0369 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$725,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; re-appropriating \$725,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RATNALA AND BAHL, INC** for Willow Run and Tidwell Timbers Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0370 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$400,862.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (as passed by Ordinance No. 2007-0131); and re-appropriating \$400,862.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PATE ENGINEERS, INC** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - **DISTRICT B -**

JOHNSON – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0371 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 33 and 34

MISCELLANEOUS

33. RECEIVE nominations for appointment to Position 12 on the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two year term that will end March 1, 2012 – was presented. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to nominate Mr. Charles Stava to Position 12 of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors, that he had passed out his resume. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to close the nominations, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0286 ADOPTED.

34. **SET HEARING DATE** to consider a Municipal Setting Designation ordinance for Silver Bishop Holdings, LP for the site located at 5802 Navigation Blvd. - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16, 2010** - was presented. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to set 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010 to consider a Municipal Setting Designation ordinance for Silver Bishop Holdings, LP for the site located at 5802 Navigation Blvd., seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0287 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 35 and 36

35. MOTION by Council Member Clutterbuck/Seconded by Council Member Lovell to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, on request from Chuck Davis, C. L. Davis & Company, on behalf of Houston Independent School District, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, for abandonment and sale of Glenheath Street from Glen Loch Drive west to its terminus, and two 10-foot-wide utility easements and the attendant aerial easements, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 200-square-foot water meter easement, all located within Glenbrook Valley, Section 7, and/or Glenbrook Valley, Section 7, Replat, and a right of entry for Houston Independent School District, Parcels SY10-055A through C and KY10-145 - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 14 on Agenda of May 5, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented. Council Member Noriega voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Costello and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0288 ADOPTED.

36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the City of Houston to submit the 2010 Consolidated Plan to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**, including the following 2010 grant applications: 1) 36th Program Year Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$32,769,402; 2) Home Investment Partnerships Grant in the amount of \$14,066,375; 3) Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Grant in the amount of \$7,793,944; and 4) Emergency Shelter Grants in the amount of \$1,329,099; and to accept the aforementioned grant funds, if awarded – **(This was Item 18 on Agenda of May 5, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** –

was presented. Council Members Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that this was time sensitive, they were the Consolidated and Action Plans, they had to be submitted to HUD, the Action Plan was their one year for how they were going to spend the money and the Consolidated Plan was for 5 years, that one of the things that she was concerned about and the reason that she tagged it was that they had complaints in the past that they had to have public hearings as required by HUD on how they propose to spend the HUD dollars and in the past they really had not done much with the public hearings, they just sort of had them, it was sort of like kangaroo hearings, like a kangaroo court and they went forward with what the Housing Department thought, so one of the questions she asked was what did they do with the public comments, who made them and how did they incorporate them or not incorporate them in the Consolidated and Action Plans, so they did do a number of things as a direct result of the hearings as HUD encourages them to do, so she wanted to commend the Housing Department for doing that, that moving forward she knew that Mayor Parker was going to look at the various programs that they had and how they spent HUD money, that she knew they really wanted to make sure that they did not run afoul of them any more, that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for what she was doing and wanted to thank Mr. Noteware because the Housing Department was certainly more responsive than they used to be.

Mayor Parker stated that it was always great to hear Council Member Jones say something nice about the Housing Department; that she did feel they had a much better working relationship with HUD, that as she had mentioned they had a full meeting of the Regional HUD Office and the local HUD Office with the new leadership in the Housing Department and it was going well.

A vote was called on Item No. 36. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0372 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Stardig stated that she would like to ask the administration to consider stricter guidelines to be put in place in the Council Chamber and would offer the following recommendations; one, with regard to those who violate the Chamber Rules, what action is taken and how was it addressed, that the officers be the ones to give assistance to the citizens at the podium or someone from the City, a City employee; that on a separate issue she also asks that they get the Legal Department to review, for those who do come to Council to speak, once in the Chamber that hats or sunglasses be removed because they had camouflage ponchos coming up; that coming from a banking environment where they ask folks to remove their sunglasses or hats for safety and security coming into a banking lobby, that they were a government entity that she felt they should expect the same safety and security, that it also had to do with the citizens who attended the Chamber as well, that they were protecting them as well, that it was not only for their safety and security but for those around them, but she did have to reiterate that she would ask that they have stricter guidelines and guidelines for those who violate Council rules. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that was an excellent suggestion and would say that she to was irritated when the cell phones go off, unfortunately it tended to be members of the media when that happens, but if the City Attorney would help review the rules, particularly on the issue of whether they would ask people to remove hats and so forth, as a reminder they did have to go through a metal detector in order to come into the Chamber and there was probably some rules that they could tighten up and she would ask him to take his review to the Council Governance Committee, that the Chairman was not in the room at the moment but she was certain that he

would be happy to hear that, that it was a well taken issue. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig further announced the following; she attended the Houston Police Department's Police Week Memorial Service; on Saturday she and her staff helped paint a fence with Coca-Cola team members, for the Salvation Army Command Center; last weekend attended the Art Car Parade; she and her team attended a fund raiser for Jaycee Park on Saturday, Party for a Playground; that District A would host a Crime Prevention Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the Spring Branch VFW at 1560 Foley. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Costello announced the following; that he and Council Member Johnson attended the CSTEM (Communication, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Competition that was held Nationally at the George R. Brown Convention Center last Saturday, that he was the judge of the Robotics Competition on Saturday morning; they were having their Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting next Tuesday, and as a follow up to that they would have one of the representatives from Public Works to talk about the pilot project they were doing in Cottage Grove that they last week approved, which was a TCEQ funded pilot project to look at low impact development and its effects on storm water quality. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Bradford announced the following; that he had a chance to preliminarily look at the (budget) document that the Mayor gave them yesterday and wanted to commend her because public safety was a primary mission in their City and thought she had done a really good job of maintaining a fiscal strategy in that budget document which would allow them to keep public safety efforts and strategies in place to an extent that he believed would keep their City safe and allow them to move forward; that more than 20 students from the 2005-2006 Texas Fiesta Yellow Cab Mentoring Program at McReynolds Middle School were graduating from high school, a milestone that might not have been possible without the one on one tutoring and motivation that the students received from their mentors, that in addition to financial support that had provided McReynolds students with school soccer programs, computer labs and bicycles for holiday gifts, the company offers a mentoring program that matches at risk students with Yellow Cab and Texas Taxi Fiesta staff members as mentors; the Greater Houston Southwest Chamber of Commerce would host a Helen and Clyde Wilburn Scholarship reception where 10, \$2,000 scholarships, would be awarded to HISD graduating seniors, that it would take place on Thursday, May 13, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Tradition Bank Bellaire at 5501 Bissonnet. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sullivan announced the following; that he had a townhall meeting last night in the south belt area portion of his district and wanted to thank San Jacinto College for hosting them and also the City employees who showed up and Dr. Homer Garcia from the US Census; that National Police Week had been here and some of the neat events were the memorial service on Memorial Drive at the Police Memorial Candlelight vigil, training academy tours yesterday with kids from their schools, service award ceremony at the Aquarium Restaurant and yesterday the opening of the Police Museum at 1200 Travis; that he wanted to thank Fire Station No. 101 for hosting him for dinner last week, Fire Station No. 93 for hosting a dinner last night for he and his staff prior to their townhall meeting; that they launched Fire Boat No. 65 and dedicated it last week at Lake Houston, that it would be stationed at Fire Station No. 65 at Huffman; that last week was National Day of Prayer and wanted to thank the Houston Area Pastor's Council for putting it on; that home school graduation ceremonies were last Saturday and a constituent graduated at Champion Forest Baptist Church, that it was a large group and 78 students graduated and had a combined scholarship total of \$2.3 million for home

school students, that two of those 78 students received 4 year appointments to WestPoint; that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for being receptive to his budget suggestions earlier. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that since Council Member Sullivan mentioned the census and there was an unfortunate incident last week where someone pretending to be a census worker initiated a home invasion, they wanted everyone to cooperate with the census, that census workers would not ask to come into your home, they had name badges and carried bags that said census, that they would knock on the door and ask you to come to the door, that they wanted everyone to continue to cooperate with the census door to door efforts, that it was critical for their future. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell announced the following; she would help dedicate a new mosaic mural created by Chavez High School students, with the guidance and support from the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art, who put on the Art Car Parade that they enjoyed this weekend, the mural was titled "Pas A Las Americas" which meant "Peace to the Americas", that it joined a colorful mural that was created and installed last year by students at Eastwood Academy, that the mural was on the exterior wall of Simon's Men's Wear building at 6635 Harrisburg Boulevard; that she would be offering welcome remarks at the opening reception of the 2010 U.S. Chamber of Commerce National Conference on Corporate Community Investment presented by the U.S. Chamber Business Civic Leadership Center, that Mayor Parker would be involved also during the convention from May 12, 2010 to May 14, 2010; that she wanted to say congratulations to Joe Jaworski who was elected Mayor of Galveston on Saturday, that she wanted to offer special thanks to Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas, who served Galveston since 2004; that she wanted to say congratulations to George Greanias who was now the Interim President and CEO of METRO, that she wanted to say thank you to Fred Wilson for the work that he did and wish him well on his new endeavors; that the IT Department had been doing some upgrades and it had been a total mess, that she had heard from other people that their calendars had been wiped out and they had missed meetings because their calendars were not upgraded, that what if they had an emergency, that if they were going to do this, and she was all for upgrades, they had to figure out a better way to do it and if they could not do it here then they had to go and find someone that could keep up with the technology and the upgrading of the technology because they were all very reliant on it now, if they could take a look at it she would be very appreciative. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the point was taken, they got delayed a little bit by the focus on the budget but the IT task force, to be chaired by Larry Kelner, was being assembled, they were almost there and she was looking forward to turning them loose across the City because she thought they had some big picture IT needs but then they also had some granule needs in the department that were not being addressed. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson announced the following; on Friday they were having their District B Fourth Annual Senior Prom, May 14, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Acres Home Multi Service Center at 6719 West Montgomery; he would be joining State Representative Sylvester Turner, Senator Mario Gallegos, Representative Alma Allen and a host of other State representatives, as well as Council Member Adams at the Consumer Rights Electricity Work Shop at the CWA Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010; there would be an annual health fair at the Greater Lawn Memorial Church of God in Christ at 4807 Wain Street on May 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

PRESENT)

Council Member Clutterbuck announced the following; that the highlight of Police Week was going to the awards day for all of the police officers and members of the civilian staff who were nominated for awards for exceptional deeds performed during the year, that it was truly inspirational and outstanding; that she wanted to give a huge round of applause to her nephew Miles Clutterbuck who played in the Kyle Chapman League and he pitched a perfect game last week. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Noriega stated that she went to a presentation on education, that the panel and had several people including State Representative Scott Hochberg talking about education, that they had a group that was a tax research group that laid out the money that the State of Texas had for education and she was very struck by the fact that education funds were going down, correction funds, public safety, that what they called public safety at the State level was DPS and the prisons, that they made the point that the prisoners had increased 400% but the expenses for prisons had increased 900%, which was a staggering amount; that she went to hear Klienberg's presentation on where Houston was and asked at the end what did they need to do and he talked about the fact that all roads lead to education; that there was an editorial in the paper over the weekend by Mark Levan and he was talking about the TYC (Texas Youth Commission) Program and things that they had been doing instead, that a few years ago they had a fairly significant scandal at the Texas Youth Commission and since then they had diverted youth into community based programs so that kids who offend in Houston or Harris County stay here, that they had received a grant to provide services with kids in the home and have them on probation rather than ship them off, what was happening now was that those funds were in jeopardy and they were not the only folks with shortfalls, the State and County had shortfalls, that actually it was probably cheaper for the County to send kids to TYC than to deal with them here, particularly if they lose these grants, but the overall expense was quite a bit more, it was almost double, and it was really less expensive to all of them, as taxpayers, to keep kids in their homes and to provide the kind of counseling and resources and support that allow kids to move forward and not reoffend, that the data on these programs had been really positive, but there was a real possibility that folks were going to start sending their youth back to TYC and this was not directly their lane, that she guessed she kind of saw pop-of as an opportunity to bring up issues that she thought were of the general interest or that had to do with the common good, that every youth that they did not send to the Texas Youth Commission, which was out in west Texas or in south Texas, somewhere where parents could not get there and visit their own children, where they were isolated, where bad things happened, every time they kept a child here in the area it saved \$80,000 a year, that was a lot of money, if they put some of that 900% or some of that \$80,000 into their local schools it would benefit all of them, that they do all kinds of things for economic development, where they come up with tax abatements or different things to bring businesses here, but the single most important thing, that she thought they could do, was to have better schools, and they all had a piece of that and they all needed to work on that but she wanted to bring it up and just mention it so as they walked around and visited with the other elected officials in the area, the Congress folk, the State officials, the Legislature, as they go into a Legislative session next year, as they vote in November, that they remember this and look at ways to try to keep their youthful offenders here and provide the services that were needed in order to keep them from becoming criminals and allow them to have a productive life, so much of Houston is poor and this was one of the outcomes of that but it did not have to be, that it just caught her attention and she wanted to mention it as another facet that they needed more money for education and less money for prisons and it was ashamed that they put so much money into public safety when they had so many pressing needs with their youth. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams announced the following: they had sent out a mass mail out to attend the District D Community Leader Reception at the Houston Zoo near the reflection pool, that they would have a enormous turnout tomorrow night; that they wanted to give condolences to the Haynes Family for Reginald Haynes who was a Houston Public Works employee, that his life was lost during a tragic break in by the one posing as a census worker; that Senior Captain Ricky Johnson, Houston Fire Department, would be going home tomorrow; today they would be celebrating the Administrative Professional Conference at the George R. Brown Convention Center at 12:00 p.m.; that she had a budget question for the Mayor, she had served in three positions as Council Member, Controller and now Mayor and had to go through the extensive budgetary process, what was the hardest decision being on all three sides in coming to the conclusion of her budget, what had been the most difficult decision that she had to make, and Mayor Parker stated actually telling Dr. Lawson that, if the only way she felt she could meet a budget reduction was by cutting library hours, to come up with a plan, that Council Member Bradford talks about how libraries were crime fighting tools and education tools and they allow kids to escape who had no other escape and that was the hardest one. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Gonzalez announced the following: that it was National Book Week, and he wanted to thank the students and staff at Mendell Elementary School, he had an opportunity to read to them on Tuesday; May 14, 2010, Friday; he was Honorary Chair for Relay for Life of the Greater Heights; on Monday, May 17, 2010, the Avenue CDC Groundbreaking in District H for Aldine Terrace at 4004 Irvington Boulevard, the redevelopment of a 20 acre tract of land just south of Cavalcade Street; to remind everyone as they started entering the hot summer Houston months to remember not to leave their children inside vehicles for any amount of time, that the temperature inside a vehicle rises very quickly and a small child was really at risk when that happens. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Hoang announced the following; Saturday was the 18th Annual Gulfton Festival and Parade, that it was organized by the Gulfton Citizens Advisory Council and the HPD Gulfton Store Front; today was the birthday of his Constituent Services Director, Dawn Hurtt and wanted to say Happy Birthday to her. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Rodriguez left early but they were all distributed a card for the golf tournament, that there was an extensive discussion yesterday about Brock Golf Course, but Gus Worthum Golf Course was also struggling but they had put together a conservancy and a plan to try to do private sector fund raising, that she had mentioned yesterday that she was not a golfer but she was sponsoring a team and was actually playing, that she was not completely crazy, she recruited Harry Hayes to play on her team, that anyone who would like to support a City of Houston owned golf course with a great history, she thought it was the oldest golf course in the City of Houston, could go to the ParksBoard.org to sign up for the tournament which was organized and hosted by Council Member Rodriguez. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:04 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary