

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 22, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Ms. Deborah McAbee, Division Chief, Land Use Division, Legal Department; Mr. Nelson Espitia, Director Citizens Assistance; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director present. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on city business.

At 1:50 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations would begin with Council Member Adams. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Adams invited the Mr. Stuart D. Saunders, Chairman of the Board for Light House for the Blind, to the podium and stated that Light House for the Blind was a private, nonprofit, education and service center dedicated to assisting people who were blind and visually impaired to live independently and was awarded the 2010 Employment Retention Growth Upward Mobility Award by the National Industries for the Blind and presented a Proclamation to the Chairman proclaiming today as "Lighthouse of Houston Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Saunders stated that he appreciated the recognition and was proud of the work that they did. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Members Johnson and Bradford were called on for the second presentation and Council Member Johnson invited Mr. Michael Lawrence Harris to the podium and stated that it gave him great pleasure to pay recognition to the Dean of Houston Radio Talk Show Hosts, who served as news director of KCOH and host Person to Person and Gospel Melody Time; and earned respect and popularity for his ability to voice his opinion on all topics and had earned numerous recognitions; and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Michael Lawrence Harris Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Bradford congratulated Mr. Harris and stated that each day on the AM dial of 1430 he entertained and informed the Houston/Harris County area and for Representative Harold Dutton presented on behalf of the State of Texas a Resolution for his 35 years of service in the radio industry; and recognized today as "Michael Lawrence Harris Day". Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez congratulated Mr. Harris on his success and moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Reginald Williams and Ms. Andrea Hickson during the presentation for Mr. Michael Lawrence Harris, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0395 ADOPTED.

Ms. Andrea Hickson, 440 Louisiana #575, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-236-0306) appeared and stated that she wanted to add the voice of Senator Ellis to all those praising Mr. Harris on his accomplishments; and presented a Proclamation from the Senate of the State of Texas recognizing Mr. Harris as an exemplarily Houston citizen and top radio host and humanitarian; and commended his accomplishments. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

A Spokesperson stated that recognition of Mr. Harris was way over due; and thanked all

for recognizing him. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mr. Reginald Williams, 1919 Smith #1180, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-227-7240) appeared and stated that on behalf of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee he had a Certificate to present to Mr. Harris for his inspiration over 35 years and congratulated him on his recognition. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Mr. Kevin Dancy to speak during presentation for Mr. Michael Lawrence Harris, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2010-0396 ADOPTED.

Mr. Dancy stated that on behalf of Congressman Al Green he presented a Proclamation thanking and congratulating Mr. Harris for his 35 years of radio. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams read a Resolution stating that Mr. Harris was an asset to the Houston community providing vital forms of discussion on behalf of State Representative Al Edwards, Senate District 146. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Jones stated that on behalf of Representative Sylvester Turner she was presenting a Resolution regarding his services and awards. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that at her house there was a special place in heaven for those who spoke truth to power. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Harris thanked all for the recognition; and stated that he covered City Council during the time Mayor Welch was present; and applauded all for what they did in keeping the city going; and recognized his wife and other friends present. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there was another accolade from Congressman Gene Green offering thanks, praise and recognition of Mr. Harris's 35 years. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he had one more resolution to be presented on behalf of State Representative Garnett Coleman, District 147 and a Pastor Nash just brought him parking money. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Jones invited Mr. Fred Zeidman to the podium and stated that Mr. Zeidman was doing wonderful things for this country and city; he was a renowned corporate turnaround specialists, devoted champion of Israel, baseball lover owning the Washington Nationals and appointed chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council appointed by President George W. Bush in 2002; and among other things past vice chairman of the Board of Regents for Texas Southern University and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Fred S. Zeidman Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Zeidman stated that it was an honor to serve Houston; thanked all for his recognition; introduced his family and that he was able to do what he did because of his wife Kay. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Members thanked Mr. Zeidman for what they did and his wife and family for their support. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:25 p.m. Council Member Jones invited Reverend Max Miller with Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist church to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Jones led in the pledge. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:27 p.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary call the roll. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 2:28 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Ms. Marisol Rodriguez, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-550-7712) appeared and stated that she was coordinator for HOPE and former City of Houston employee and present today asking the bilingual pay not be taken away for non-classified employees and to request fulltime vacancies be eliminated, and to clarify the criteria on each proposed amendment and how it would save money. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mr. Peter Brown, 805 Rhode Place #350, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-528-0049) appeared and stated that Mayor and Council were doing a great job; that he was present regarding Agenda Item 15; that Mayor Parker appointed him as chairman of the Mayor's International Trade and Development Council and charged them with making Houston a competitive and international destination which he was excited about; that the new Director of Aviation Mario Diaz was a great asset; that next week Council should have an item for the Houston Arts Alliance and he was very involved, it was a great organization and urged support; and finally there was a budget amendment, Item 30, which he hoped would not be eliminated and that was the Mayor's Fellows Program, he was involved with that three years and it brought honor and talent to the City of Houston. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Brown for coming and stated that she was glad he continued to be involved in promoting Houston; and Mr. Brown stated that he was proud to be on the team. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. Brown for coming and stated that with the new international program it was important to be known as the destination site and would like his support on showcasing the number of consulates in Houston with their flags; and Mr. Brown stated that it was already in motion to have one place for all 94 flags fly together and believed it would be at the new renovated area of the Julia Ideson Library; and hoped for Council's support. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Mayor Parker for placing former Council Member Brown in his capacity as he was an international traveler and good to place him as goodwill ambassador for the City of Houston; that at the IBI Committee, International Business Initiatives Committee, they would have someone from the State Department this week to explain the consular corp. and rules, etc., and he was a natural fit in his appointment; and Mayor Parker stated that she hoped at the committee meeting they would discuss the fact that on Monday morning they had a special presentation for police officers, representatives of Harris County,

District Attorneys Office, etc., on rules for the diplomatic corps.; and those rules would be taken back to HPD and taught. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Jeanette Rash, 2104 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-228-8872) appeared, presented information and stated that she was present representing the Safe Clear Management Group and bringing attention to issues since there was an amendment concerning the budget; that the SafeClear Management Program was more than secondary accidents being reduced; it was less time lost on freeways, less fuel lost by free flowing freeways; and as a public service announcement the public needed to be aware of risks, don't run low on fuel, keep good tires, etc., and urged Council to look at overall things done by SafeClear when making decisions. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Lovell thanked Ms. Rash for coming and stated that SafeClear was such a success story Ms. Rash traveled around the nation teaching other cities how to implement the same program and it was very much about keeping traffic moving and the most important was it was about safety; and all having trouble should stay in their car, call 311 and wait until a wrecker came; that she was totally against cutting a successful program; that when you got out of your car passing cars could cause a suction and pull you into the freeway and Ms. Rash was moving for slowing down when passing wrecker drivers just as you did when passing emergency vehicles to keep them from being injured and she had her pledge to vote against any reduction to SafeClear; and upon questions, Ms. Rash stated that she had not been paid since February for the program and understood an allocation was forthcoming; and Mayor Parker stated not specifically focused on Ms. Rash, but there was an ordinance requiring no one be in arrears with their taxes when receiving payment from the City of Houston; and she had strong words with HPD on paying the good guys and hold on to payment for the rest and it would be coming, they had gotten to the bottom of the problem. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Jere Talley, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-403-8888) appeared and stated that she was vice president of the Houston Organization of Public Employees (HOPE) and a 17 year veteran with the City of Houston at HPD; that they understood the city's budget situation, but HOPE members and City of Houston employees were dependent on a simple promises made to them regarding their 3% raise in their contract; that 3% made a critical difference, with higher water bills, electric bills doubling or tripling and gas on its way up; and urged Council vote no on any delay of the 3% raise for employees. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was pointed out to the Council Member who made that motion that it could not happen without the consent of HOPE and she would trust it would not be forthcoming. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Members Jones, Adams, Rodriguez, Bradford and Gonzalez thanked HOPE members for coming and indicated they gave HOPE their support and if a vote were to come they would vote in their favor. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Ms. Brenda Thorn, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-403-8888) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Ms. Annika Dowling, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-403-8888) appeared and stated that she was executive director of HOPE and wanted to thank those Council Members speaking in their support and honoring their contract; that they knew these were tough economic times and HOPE members were not just employees of the City of Houston but also residents. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she did want to apologize, HOPE had presented to her previously recommendations for efficiencies and she passed them to different committees, but never formally responded and she did apologize; that she would be working to get an answer back to her as rapidly as possible, but they were not ignored. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that there was an item on all budgets about the HOPE usage fee; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that while she would be opposing the budget amendment, because again this was a contractual agreement just as the 3% was, the Council Member pointed out what they considered an error in the way the budget was presented; that some departments showed the number as part of the payroll number and others broke the number out and it should be done consistently and should not have appeared as a separate line item and they believed the motion was invalid and would request the Council Member withdraw it, but it was a correction which would be made in the budget. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Eric Jackson, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-403-8888) appeared and stated that he was an employee of the Public Works and Engineering Department and was also present asking for a no vote on the 3% cut; that Mayor Parker stated that they would honor the contract and he thanked them for that and they would continue to work with the Mayor and Council to find efficient ways to cut the budget. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Jackson also presented her suggestions to cut spending and she thanked him. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Roy Sanchez, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-403-8888) appeared and stated that he was treasurer for HOPE and a City of Houston employee and he was concerned with the 3% and was glad all was now clear, but he was also concerned with the bilingual pay, it was important to be known as an international city and he worked for Code Enforcement where most contractors and many homeowners were Latino and he needed to communicate with them. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she agreed with him and believed if they wanted to be an international city they had to welcome people and give them service whether they spoke English or not and it was frustrating to hear the distinction between classified and non-classified employees and they needed to move away from picking one set of employees over another; and would vote no if it came up. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time to question Mr. Roy Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0397 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams stated that this was not a Hispanic issue this was an issue of anyone speaking any language outside of English; and upon questions, Mr. Sanchez stated that he did not speak perfect Spanish but enough to communicate, but if you did not understand or speak it you should not get pay; that as long as a proficiency test was fair and done even handily he saw no problem with it. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that to make sure all were on the same page there was an executive order in effect since the Whitmire Administration which in essence said if you receive bilingual

pay you had to be proficient and have a reasonable expectation of using it in your job and some contact with the public to use the language and if anyone was receiving bilingual pay and did not demonstrate any of the three criteria they were in violation of the executive order and she would be happy to initiate an audit if needed. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time to question Mr. Roy Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0398 ADOPTED.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that unfortunately her amendment invoked much discussion and debate and consternation on what this did and did not do; that it was her experience in watching how this was applied that a form was filled out and no proficiency confirmation and her concern was not to do away with speaking with the multicultural society in Houston, it was part of the beauty, instead it was to address the concern she and others had which was the policy of giving a dollar stipend to a person because of their language ability; that she was hoping to inspire a discussion of having the language as a part of the job requirement or skill and the dollar evaluation would go with the job description. Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time to question Mr. Roy Sanchez, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent. MOTION 2010-0399 ADOPTED.

Council Member Hoang stated that he was the one who proposed the 3% reduction but for Council offices, not departments, and he wanted it clarified; that he supported payment of the 3% extra to him; that Council should be role models and cut themselves first and he also supported the bilingual pay as long as they were proficient and worked with the public. Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that current policy was if a person was not to use the language in the regular course of his or her duties they should not receive bilingual pay; and Council Member Jones stated that a society was judged by their lowest standard and what was good for classified was good for non-classified. Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would issue a plea they save the debate and advocacy for tomorrow morning; that the public was waiting to comment. Council Members Stardig and Johnson absent.

Mr. Rudy Espinosa, 1222 Tamworth, Houston, Texas 77015 (281-452-5218) appeared and stated that he was secretary for the Latino Leadership Council and his issue was also on bilingual pay; that the ability to speak another language to communicate with a diverse citizenry was a skill and a necessary component of a government; that the City of Houston had over the past years had paid an incentive pay to those employees qualified to speak a language other than English to communicate services; that a citizens ability to communicate was vital to understand services they did seek and they still had to pay taxes whether they understood or not. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Ozell Taylor Johnson at the top of the three minute speakers, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business.

Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. MOTION 2010-0400 ADOPTED.

Mr. Augustine Castillo, 1103 Erin, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-656-7804) appeared and stated that he was still looking for a left turn lane off Irvington onto Patton; that they were looking at 1,00 people who would be driving there and Patton was the only avenue to I-45. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Costello, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that was a METRO project and there was never a left turn lane contemplated or in any of the plans and not currently in any plans; that he was welcome to keep making the request and suggested he work with his District Council Member as it may become a CIP issue in the future. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he knew he had worked with someone in his office and he also traveled that intersection daily and was very familiar with it and they would continue to work with him and keep him informed and see what options were available; and Mr. Castillo stated that he was upset they put an obsolete left turn going the wrong direction when it could have been turned around and helped. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Martha Blackwelder, 4605 Post Oak Place Drive #205, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-439-0051) appeared and stated that she was the executive director of the Asian Society Texas Center and they were currently building a \$15 million center on Caroline and Southmore in the Museum District; that they were the only such institution outside of New York which focused on educating all Americans about Asia and the city's funding through the HOT tax for the Houston Arts Alliance supported the arts component of their work and they were able to bring rare and unique Asian arts performances to Houston; and invited all on Council for a private hardhat tour; and thanked all for their support. Council Members Johnson, Costello, Adams, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Gwenevere Cloud, 7250 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77017 (281-477-6767) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Costello, Adams, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Bill Maxey, 307 Welch, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-540-2909) appeared and stated that his wife was present last week speaking about being trampled by a horse; that he spoke with Council Member Adams last week about discussing potential changes to the HPD Mounted Patrol and she offered to contact him, but this had not happened and the next parade was this Saturday; that Council Member Lovell recommended the Mounted Patrol be replaced by HPD bicycles and they thought that was a wonderful idea and hoped it would be enacted; and thanked other Council Members for their assistance. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she personally observed actions of the Mounted Patrol at last years Pride Parade and did not think they were in the best interest of public safety and crowd control purposes at all times; that they would be at this parade and she did hope they would return to the professional behavior which made them a benefit to the parade in previous years. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan thanked Mayor Parker for not issuing to the Police Department just how to handle the parade; that he appreciated her giving her thoughts and insight to the Police Chief and thought it was good to let him run the department. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams and Noriega absent.

Ms. Ozell Taylor Johnson, 3337 Parkwood, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-748-6594) appeared and stated that she was present to address the issue of taxes at 712 East 39th, Lot 5, Block 65, it was the first piece of property she bought and she kept it up and she was concerned about a house built on her property; that it was a HOPE house and she submitted pictures, on the telephone post it said 712 East 39th and the driveway to her property had been moved and the house appeared to be on her lot; that she even in the past received notices that her grass had not been cut when her brother had cut it and she went to a reverend complaining a group out there was trying to acquire many properties to build HOPE houses and that was why she was present. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the city did not handle tax protests here, but if she would sit and visit with someone in Citizens Assistance they would try and help her through this. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that the Mayor asked she speak to someone and she wanted to follow it with her; that they tried to do good title searches and they would try and help her; that her office would work with the Mayor's Office. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mr. George Beedle, 2525 Old Farm Road 2317, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-785-0220) appeared, presented information and stated that he spoke in May before Council and Lieutenant Gallier was assigned to him; that his case was closed and the suggestion made was to proceed with the case suggested and proceed to the District Attorney's Office. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that if he would give her opportunity to review his suggestions, but at this point someone with the Legal Department would possibly call him back and they would follow-up. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that if he remembered correctly one challenge was the crime may have occurred in another jurisdiction; and Mr. Beedle stated that was correct and initially the case was split between Houston and Webster and after the HPD officer told the Webster officer the case was not solvable because it involved computer, the Houston officer took the case by himself and excluded the Webster officer and it alienated that officer; and Council Member Gonzalez stated that he saw where an officer had contacted him and he thought there would be a follow-up; and Mayor Parker stated that she did not know if they could do anything with his particular case, but if they were not doing all they should in computer identity theft situations she would like to follow-up and that was her indication, they would get back with him. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Linda Shearer, 2521 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-526-7662) appeared and stated that she was appointed executive director at Project Row Houses last September which was located in Houston's Third Ward; that they were founded in 1993 by seven visionary African American artists dedicated to preservation and revitalization of 22 abandoned shotgun houses on Holman Street and art was to be the catalyst for social change; that today she was present to speak on behalf of the Houston Arts Council; that Rick Lowe spearheaded the effort turning the houses into artists projects; that Project Row Houses had now grown to 10 blocks and 49 buildings and had local arts programs; that this summer they would open 8 new units on Anita and Scott and throughout its 16 years they had received assistance from the City of Houston through the Arts Alliance and the HOT funds and they were extremely grateful for the continued support and thanked Council for their part in making Houston the vital cultural capital that it was. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that what they did off Holman was very important, it was dilapidated and the area was disadvantaged, but a bright spot was Project Row Houses and Rick Lowe's vision had grown to now have low income housing rental and that was scarce there and she was happy to support Row House through the Houston Arts Alliance; and Ms. Shearer stated that they had now started a greenhouse collective to do a community garden and looking into a community store. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Antoine Plante, 3601 S. Sandman #220, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-498-4853) appeared and stated that he was director and conductor of Mercury Baroque a nonprofit organization based in Houston and 10 years old; that they grew quickly through the support of the community with the HOT funds in collaboration with the Houston Arts Alliance; that they believed the beauty of music was an essential part of life and brought it to share with a large population and were the largest baroque orchestra in the south; and with the funds through the Houston Arts Alliance they had many programs for the community and had provided 50 concerts; that they employed this season 120 musicians with 87 being from Houston and 33 booked 232 hotel nights. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Plante for appearing and stated that all should do themselves a favor and buy a ticket to the Mercury Baroque Ensemble, performances were inexpensive and it was a highlight to hear the music as it was intended to be played on very unique instruments and Antoine was a conductor extraordinaire and had received many awards. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Wendy Watriss, 1113 Vine, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-223-5522) appeared and stated that she was present to speak about some of the arts in Houston and thank Council for their support; that she thanked Mayor Parker for joining them at the opening of the 2010 Photo Fest this year which was one of the largest cultural tourism organizations in the State of Texas, it was a platform for international discovery of international and U. S. artists from over 60 countries and over 40 states in the U. S.; that they worked with organizations in all Council Districts and in terms of the Hotel Motel Tax they brought 5,000 hotel rooms to Houston in March and April this year and using the formula of the Greater Houston and Convention Bureau they generated for Houston \$1.5 million dollars and more with airlines, etc., that they were recognized as one of the most important events in its field throughout the world and they thanked the City of Houston for helping support this. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Waitriss and Mr. Baldwin for all their visionary work with the Houston Photo Fest, it brought much to Houston and gave artists opportunity; and wished them continued success. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Larry Elliott, 6606 Falling Waters, Spring, Texas 77379 (832-724-1096) appeared, presented information and stated that he had been a fireman the last 28 years in the City of Houston and his Dad and brother were also firefighters and today they were present regarding overtime pay not paid to about 16 employees when 1,600 were; that some did not hear of the lawsuit going and did not get their names on it, but the city ruled all overtime should be paid to the paramedics and EMS and he and Inspector Lambert did not get paid and were told it was too late, Inspector Lambert wrote Mayor White and received a letter back stating intentions were to be fair to everyone and over 50 were not paid at all for overtime; that they got their own lawsuit and a judge ruled the statute of limitations was over, but they were present to let all

know there were still over 50 who were not paid and deserved it. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would ask the City Attorney to draft a response; that she did see he had a letter from Bill White from 2005 and did not know if he received response since then and not commenting in anyway on whether they had any obligation in this instance, but he did deserve a response and would make sure one was forthcoming. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Billy Lambert, 9506 Vanwood, Houston, Texas 77040 (713-569-3786) appeared, presented information and stated that he was a 37 year veteran of HFD with 18 years on the EMS service and 16 of those as a paramedic; that today he was present representing over 50 guys who felt they suffered an injustice; that he felt if the Mayor and Council were given the proper information they would respond fairly and the 50 or more employees he spoke of worked the same overtime hours as their coworkers and partners, but because of various reasons were not on the EMS lawsuit and because their name was not on the lawsuit it did not mean they were not entitled to compensation for overtime work and those employees and their families would be damaged for the rest of their lives because their pension would be less than their counterparts; and urged all be made whole again. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Gatha Brown, 26426 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas 77377 (832-403-6445) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P. O. Box 26352, Houston, Texas 77207-3552 (832-885-1659) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 5900 Selinsky Drive #94, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-269-9817) appeared and stated that she was with her daughter as she was visually impaired; that she was present before, but again here as she was speaking on civil rights and civil liberties violation; that she was a victim of civil rights abuse by the Houston Police Department; that she believed in the department, but they had corruption within the Mykawa Road Unit and she brought the issues to Council before and over two years had been a victim of false arrests, illegal seizure, search, falsely imprisoned, etc., and all fell behind the right for her to file a consumer right protection complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance concerning a corporation, Champion Toyota Gulf Freeway, and State Farm Insurance Company who were guilty of defrauding her and maybe many others out of their money; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired; and urged the Mayor to answer how she could get the complaint inside Internal Affairs. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that her understanding was she appeared before Council before and was contacted by the Legal Department or Citizens Assistance Office and declined their assistance; and Ms. Martin stated that was not true, no one had contacted her; and Mayor Parker stated in that case she was happy to have someone from Citizens Assistance visit with her at this time. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Owolabi Isiaka, 7447 Neal Ridge Drive, Missouri, Texas 77489 (832-468-1283) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Roland Curry, 8707 Cowart, Houston, Texas 77029 (832-613-7301) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Lamar Khanna, 7920 Bluff Trail Drive, Pasadena, Texas 77332 (713-743-1403) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James Gararett, 12114 Sandrock, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-991-5334) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jerry Babbitt, 3307 Austin, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-523-5958) appeared, presented information and stated that he was a staff member at the St. Joseph House and they were present in March and again today to thank Ingrid in Council Member Jones office who did a wonderful job of gathering information which they were presenting today; and to remind Mayor Parker that they have an open invitation for dinner in her honor whenever her scheduled allowed and invitation to Council Members to come by and see the history of the house and what they did; that their work was never ending as there were so many in Harris County who had mental illness and each was treated special as they each had individual problems. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Ms. Trisha Greenwood, 45510 Woodside, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-921-0462) appeared and stated that she was a member of the St. Joseph Clubhouse and present seeking Council's assistance; that she was a former Houston police officer and due to stress she became depressed and overwhelmed, became paranoid and suffered from anxiety and panic attacks and became a burden to the city and resigned; that she was placed on medications, tried holding several jobs and her mental health became worse; that ultimately she was divorced and hospitalized five times; filed for bankruptcy and became more of a burden and lost custody of her children and moved in with her mother; and St. Joseph House helped. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she was very brave to come with her story and they did get that St. Joseph did a lot of good work; and upon questions, Ms. Greenwood stated that she saw her children a lot and based on positive experiences at St. Joseph she was seeking assistance in obtaining funds to hire lobbyist to send to Austin to educate the legislature; that they were seeking \$2,300 and that was a small amount considering the grant money they would obtain if their Bill passed the Senate and it had already passed in the House. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Ms. Greenwood and Ms. Babbitt were trying to hire a lobbyist to get funding for the mentally ill and Ingrid had assisted in information; that she commended her for coming and sharing her story and in her job as an attorney she saw many mentally ill criminalized and would like to speak with them and see if there were non monetary ways she could assist them, such as lobbying the legislature, etc. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that unfortunately the city could not assist them with direct city money in their lobbying efforts, the fact they were working with Representative Coleman meant they had a strong advocate and she would trust he would work hard for them. Council Members

Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Noriega stated that she had a staff person present willing to visit with them on how they may advocate with them. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mr. Jason Perry, 2310 Converse, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-598-1998) appeared and stated that he could not wait to see the Mayor in the upcoming parade; that the TABC had a moratorium and not enforcing bars right now and a particular bar near him served underage children and it was a cancer on the community; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that Lieutenant Gallier was present to speak with him and certainly they would be happy to work with TABC on the issue. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Stardig stated that this was a passion of hers; that after hours bars were serving and others serving minors and through the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life they were addressing this and if he would like to follow the committee a staff member would give him meeting times; that Council Member Adams was the chairperson, but this was important and needed to be addressed. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Darlene Hosea, P. O. Box 87784, Houston, Texas 77287 (832-892-3278) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Bobby Jordan, 317 Lake Harbour, Huffman, Texas 77336 (713-451-1492) appeared and stated that on Monday the 14th he stopped his work schedule and went to Austin concerning the hearing on the 30% increase the Council was trying to pass on water rates; that he wondered if the voters opinion counted as in court when Mr. Hotze was on the stand his attorney asked what he believed about the 2004 Proposition and what it was to do for the city's budget and before he could answer the judge stopped him and said he did not care what his beliefs were as they were there for a legal matter, Mr. Jordan further stated that it appeared Council did not either; that in 2004 the taxpayers passed Proposition I and II trying to stop the city's out of control spending and they had chosen to ignore it and sent seven attorneys to Austin, but no one was there representing the taxpayer, except Mr. Hotze and Mr. Bettencourt who he believed footed the bill on it; that the county used 60% of the water produced by the city but only paid for 25% and if numbers were correct the first they needed to make cuts in was the Legal Department who made such arrangements; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Frances Mears, 5107 Tidewater, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-433-0563) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Debra Ann Ross, 12014 Tambourine Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477 (281-780-9992) appeared and stated that she was present as it grieved her about what was happening about the bilingual Latino community; that she was born here and was bilingual and saw both sides of

society and understood English classes were available to anyone; that she did not understand how speaking Spanish was considered a skill, it was not; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Julius Groves, 9612 Irby, Houston, Texas 77088 (713-445-5905) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he was the U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

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. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

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

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

At 4:19 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 23, 2010. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 23, 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 8:27 a.m. City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:11 Mayor Parker called the meeting to order, that they had the regular agenda and then they would go into the budget, that they would start with the public hearing. Council Member Jones absent.

## **HEARINGS**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston to amend Land Use Assumptions, A Capital Improvement Plan, and Impact Fees in accordance with Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code – was presented. Council Member Jones absent.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to appear at the hearing and Mr. Marcotte would make remarks concerning the hearing.

Mr. Mike Marcotte, Director, Public Works and Engineer, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled "Combined Utility System Water and Wastewater Impact Fees Presentation

June 2010", a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Hoang stated that the study on the water impact fee was higher than the wastewater impact fees, that Mr. Marcotte's recommendation for the water impact fee was lower than the wastewater impact fee, what was the reason, and if there was such a gap in the history was there any way that they were going to close that gap and if they were going to close that gap what measures were they taking and when were they going to take that measure.

Mr. Marcotte stated that it was based on history in that they had been engaged over the last number of years in increasing the fees basically on a percentage basis, the cost of wastewater improvements and necessary wastewater improvements had been greater so they had built a delta between them, that in order to make it a simple adjustment this year they maintained the current fees and just raised them by CPI, that he thought on a going forward basis what they needed to examine was closing that gap by putting more of the increase on the wastewater side and less on the water side, they could still recover basically the same percentage but they could alter it, that the good news, he guessed if there was underlying news, was that the vast majority of their people who came in for service did not get one service or the other, they get both, so it was not like they were able to benefit from the disparity, but there was a disparity and the disparity was rooted in history.

Council Member Sullivan asked if the Mayor could walk him through the process, that he saw 1a First Reading and asked if they would be voting today, and Mayor Parker stated that they would be voting twice, that they would vote today, it was not taggable, that it required two readings so they would do it today and then next week, that it was not taggable because it had to be done by June 30, 2010 and required two readings. Council Member Sullivan asked Mr. Marcotte if he could give them a rundown on stakeholder input, builders, developers, etc., and what their input had been as to the effect the impact fee increases would have on them.

Mr. Marcotte stated that this had been vetted with the Planning Commission, which had a great deal of development ties, people that were tied into that community, that obviously they had been very sensitive to the issue of raising the impact fees and doing something that would be detrimental to any future development, especially in this tough time, that they had heard from developers that this was a concern if they were raised to any great levels, so they had been sensitive to that and one to attract development and redevelopment in this area, yet he would point out that in a redevelopment entity they would look at the base use that was already on that on that property, so it was not like they had to pay a new fee, but clearly he thought input from the development community was important to them as they made the recommendation.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he personally did not consider input from the Planning Commission the same as input from outside stakeholders, that frankly it was kind of counter, in his opinion, counter to what private sector and industry represented, that was what he was seeing, that he was going to take it that there was not a lot of input from stakeholders outside of the Planning Commission, and Mr. Marcotte stated that other than the indirect feedback that he had gotten there was not formal process, but thought that the fact they were dealing with an increase that was less than 1% that it would be a positive response, but they had not had a formal process.

Council Member Adams stated that she knew they sold "raw water" as well as "treated water" and knew they were calculating the impact fee based on the "treated water" and asked how much did they make for the sale of the "raw water", and Mr. Marcotte stated that they recover their operations and maintenance cost and there was a cost of service study done on "raw water", that it was considerably less than "treated water", obviously, because there were different costs involved, but he did not believe there would be an impact fee for any "raw water" sales, that it would just be for "treated water", basically for people who were hooking up the

system and having new development, that he would be happy to provide her the detail of the schedules, that there were two different bins, one was a capital recovery charge and the operation and maintenance and they recovered full cost.

Council Member Costello stated that on Exhibit 7 they were proposing their new water rate to be \$338.04 and yet the summary on the back had \$4,06.62 and asked Mr. Marcotte what the difference was, and Mr. Marcotte stated that Mr. Lathan informed him that there was a typo and that the number on the chart was the correct one, the number on page 9 was incorrect. (Note: See RCA, number should have been \$4,026.62)

Council Member Gonzalez stated that one concern that he had was that here in Houston they prided themselves in having good affordable housing stock and asked if it was not likely that any increase to their impact fees could then just pass those costs on to the cost of that development or future development, and Mr. Marcotte stated that he thought they were sensitive to that in two ways, one was that they tried to hold the impact fees down, but secondly, as he pointed out, anything that was at or below the medium cost, which was now \$150,000, plus or minus, land and home, was exempted from impact fees, that they wanted those houses and would not charge them an impact fee at all if they were at or below the medium value. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Marcotte if they were going to continue the practice of proposing fee increases without having input from the respective industry representatives, because they had this discussion before that it was really important to him that they have input from industries being impacted by proposed fee increases, and Mr. Marcotte stated that he took his point that they could have a more formalized process, he thought they had gotten input and thought that at this level of increase they did not see a need for a great deal of consultation but any major increases going forward he would take their point that they would need to have a formal process, and Council Member Bradford asked if there was informal input from the industry this time around, and Mr. Marcotte stated yes, by the Planning Commission and some consultation with engineers who they dealt with, with the planning community, and Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to go on record that it was really important that they had that input from the industry on these issues.

Council Member Jones stated that for a lot of people any increase was substantial and she would like to see them talk more to the Planning Commission and engineers because ultimately costs were always paid to the end users in some way, shape, fashion or form, that she was really uncomfortable in listening to the fact that some bureaucrats, or whoever they were, decided what was a major increase or not, that there were people who could not afford \$2 extra dollars, so she was really uncomfortable determining that a certain segment of people should not have any input because another group of people decided that it was not meaningful, that she would really like for them to revisit the transparency of all of this and making sure that the people of the City were aware of what they were doing at the beginning and allowed to have meaningful hearings and input. Council Member Lovell absent.

The City Secretary asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the hearing, and there being none Council Member Clutterbuck moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0401 ADOPTED.

- 1a. ORDINANCE adopting amended Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvement Plan, and Impact Fees in accordance with Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code; amending Chapter 47 of the Code of Ordinances of Houston, Texas and containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a savings clause; and providing for severability - **FIRST READING** – was presented. Council Members

Bradford, Jones and Sullivan voting nay, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2010-0482 PASSED FIRST READING.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Marcotte for the great work that he did on the water and sewer rates, that he was a star witness in court on the rate validation suit; that for those Council Members who may not know Mr. Marcotte submitted his resignation yesterday and made that announcement to his staff, that she wanted to make sure that all of Council was aware of that and that they could publicly thank him for his service to the City of Houston, that it was a job well done, that they would bring Mr. Marcotte back for a formal thanks.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 36**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 2

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, for terms to expire June 1, 2014:

Position Sixteen - **MS. EDNA L. RAMOS**  
Position Seventeen - **MS. SHEREA A. MCKENZIE**  
Position Eighteen - **MR. KARUN SREERAMA**  
Position Nineteen - **MR. DONALD J. HENDERSON**  
Position Twenty - **MS. JACQUELINE C. TRAYWICK**  
Position Twenty-one - **MR. MUSTAFA TAMEEZ**  
Position Twenty-two - **MR. GARY W. WARWICK**  
Position Twenty-three - **MR. KENNY MEYER**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0402 ADOPTED.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 3

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,228,029.35 and acceptance of work on contract with **ACM CONTRACTORS, INC** for Water Line Replacement in First Ward Section II - 2.05% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0403 ADOPTED.

#### **PROPERTY** - NUMBER 4

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from David Turnbo, Gullett & Associates, Inc, on behalf of Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P. [Magellan Pipeline GP, LLC (Larry J. Davied, Vice President) General Partner], for the sale of a 40-foot-wide subsurface pipeline easement within an existing CenterPoint Energy transmission easement, within the Battaglia Tract (Parcel Q45-001), out of the Reels and Trobough League Survey, A-59, Parcel SY10-066 **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0404 ADOPTED.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 6 and 7

6. **PHOENIX PUMP, INC** to Furnish Vertical Turbine Wet Pit Pump Rebuild Kits for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$76,402.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0405 ADOPTED.
7. Omitted

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 8 through 36

8. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **FIFTH WARD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** to provide a loan of Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds in the amount not to exceed \$595,000.00 for eligible costs in connection with the acquisition, rehabilitation and resale to income-qualified households of up to seven (7) foreclosed homes with proceeds from sales to be returned to the City of Houston NSP Program - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0483 ADOPTED.
10. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$101,808.82 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 previously allocated to various affordable housing activities and \$526,059.56 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2400 previously allocated to various affordable housing activities; and appropriating \$101,808.82 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (2409) and \$526,059.56 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (2400) to the City's Housing and Community Development Department for use by the City's Single Family Home Repair Program, including payment of related home repair relocation expenses – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to agreement for Professional Services between the City of Houston and **THE GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP, INC** \$221,250.00 - Enterprise Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Reservation of Rights Agreement between the City of Houston and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC** and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS OPERATIONS** (Collectively, "Centerpoint Companies") relating to the relocation of utility facilities for the Dynamo Stadium Project; providing for arbitration of a disputed issue; establishing a maximum contract amount; providing for certain expenditures relating to the subject; containing other provisions relating to the subject – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
17. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HI-WAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY** for Paving Equipment Preventive Maintenance and Repair Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$748,963.40 - Fleet Management Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0484 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$45,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund for Purchase of Stormwater Filtration Systems for the Solid Waste Management Department **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - JOHNSON; C - CLUTTERBUCK and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0485 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$500,000.00 appropriated from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-681 in connection with the Houston Amateur Sports Park, \$1,200,000.00 appropriated from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-218 in connection with the Bayou Drive Project, \$1,241,000.00 appropriated from the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-786 in connection with the Cambridge Bridge Paving Project, \$1,982,000.00 appropriated from the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund by Ordinance No. 2008-1008 in connection with the N. Macgregor Way Relocation Project; appropriating \$500,000.00 from the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for the Houston Amateur Sports Park as described by Ordinance No. 2009-681, \$1,241,000.00 from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund for the Cambridge Bridge and Paving Project as described by Ordinance No. 2009-786, \$1,982,000.00 from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund for the N. Macgregor Project as described by Ordinance No. 2008-1008; and authorizing the transfer of sums appropriated out of the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund by this ordinance to reimburse the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund for expenditures to date in connection with the projects described in this title - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and H – GONZALEZ** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
22. ORDINANCE de-allocating \$115,000.00 from the Building Inspection Fund (as authorized by Ordinance No. 2010-0163); and appropriating \$115,000.00 from the Reimbursement of Equipment/Project Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0486 ADOPTED.
23. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 4.3950 acres commonly known as 5802 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0487 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$179,605.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **R.G. MILLER ENGINEERS, INC** for Aldine Westfield Road Paving Improvements from Tidwell Road to Little York Road (Approved by Ordinance No. 2004-0742) **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0488 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,828,170.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund and \$737,780.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for South Braeswood Reconstruction from Kirby to Stella Link; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, project management, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0489 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE granting to **TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms

and conditions **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0490 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

33. ORDINANCE granting to **GI ENVIRONMENTAL VACUUM SERVICE, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **FIRST READING** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
34. ORDINANCE granting to **FPF DEMOLITION, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company, dba FERNANDEZ & SONS**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0491 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
35. ORDINANCE granting to **AMERIWASTE SERVICES, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0492 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
36. ORDINANCE granting to **TWISTER WASTE INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0493 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

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

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

5. **DELL MARKETING LP** for Microsoft Software through the City's Master Agreement with Texas Department of Information Resources for Houston Airport System - 3 Years - \$994,313.13 Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0406 ADOPTED.

## ORDINANCES

9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF HOUSTON** providing up to \$300,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for Job Training and Employment Services - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0494 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **JOHN L. WORTHAM & SON, L.P** for Insurance Broker of Record Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,489,800.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0495 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **eCIVIS, INC** for subscription to the grant network and related services for the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years - \$201,450.00 General Fund – was presented.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he saw comments from the administration on the matrix regarding his two budget amendments and it did make mention of eCIVIS and would like for somebody from the administration could visit with him to see how this could help with what he was trying to accomplish with the budget amendments, and Mayor Parker stated that she would have somebody come visit with him.

Council Member Adams stated that she would also like to know what the return was and would like to tag the item and to speak to someone concerning this, because it was her understanding that there were various departments that were using it, but some were not using it to its potential and she wanted to know why, what was the return and how active it was before, and Mayor Parker stated absolutely.

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Parking Operations and Management Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **REPUBLIC PARKING SYSTEM, INC** for Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$11,929,380.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to International Facilities Agreements with **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC; BRITISH AIRWAYS, PLC; KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES; SOCIETE AIR FRANCE; DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA AG; AEROVIAS DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.** and **TACA INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, S.A.** at George Bush Intercontinental Airport//Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0496 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SEVERN TRENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** for Operation and Maintenance Services for the Kingwood Area Water and Wastewater Utilities and Facilities (Approved by Ordinance No. 2002-91); amending Ordinance No. 2002-91 to increase the maximum contract amount - \$1,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Johnson, Jones and Adams.

Council Member Johnson stated that in the RFQ there was a 24% goal attached to this

and when it got to the RFP it was then lowered to 14%, that he had a question as to why they lowered the goal in respect to the MWBE participation on this and if someone could give him an explanation he would appreciate it, and Mayor Parker stated that they would do that.

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,872,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund approving and authorizing payments for land acquisition costs, Appraisal Fees, Salary Recovery, and other services, for and in connection with finding a public necessity for various street projects including Parker Road; Hardy Toll Road to Eastex Freeway, other miscellaneous land acquisition, and miscellaneous right-of-way acquisition, design, and construction – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0497 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$50,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund and approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **GEOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE** for Professional Consulting Services for a sustainable infrastructure program – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Costello.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,460,000.00 out of Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund; allocating \$500,000.00 out of Stormwater Fund; awarding contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for construction of Local Drainage Projects; providing a maximum contract amount; 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 Drainage Improvement Commercial Paper Series F Fund and the Stormwater Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0498 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,563,164.75 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATHELYNE A. KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES, L.P. d/b/a NATHELYNE A. KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES, INC** for Design of Broadway Street from IH 45 to Airport Boulevard (Approved by Ordinance No. 2006-0201) - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$998,824.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund awarding construction contract to **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.** for Intersection Improvements Construction Contract for Beltway 8 at Clay Road, and W. Airport Boulevard at Chimney Rock Road; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies, project management, construction management and engineering testing services relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0499 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,237,395.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund, awarding contract to **ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LTD.** for Generic City Wide Overlay Package #14 - Hot-In-Place Asphaltic Concrete Recycling (Work Order Contract); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, project

management, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0500 ADOPTED.

31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,529,150.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Package 2); 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 Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0501 ADOPTED.

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37. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2009-1359 to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City and **RON SMITH & ASSOCIATES, INC** (Contract #4600009345) for Latent Print Support Services - \$2,332,000.00 - General Fund – (**This was Item 16 on Agenda of June 16, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADFORD**) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
38. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2005-822 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing second amendment to the contract with new **AT&T MOBILITY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS, LLC (Formerly NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS NATIONAL ACCOUNTS, LLC)** and first amendment to contract with **GTE MOBILNET OF SOUTH TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS** by **SAN ANTONIO MTA, L.P., it's General Partner, by VERIZON WIRELESS TEXAS, LLC, it's General Partner and SAN ANTONIO MTA, LP, d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS** by **VERIZON WIRELESS TEXAS, LLC, it's General Partner**, to extend the terms of the contracts for Wireless Voice and Data Telecommunications Equipment and Services for Various Departments - \$1,420,686.75 - Central Service Revolving Fund – (**This was Item 19 on Agenda of June 16, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLUTTERBUCK**) – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to thank Richard Lewis for getting a written explanation to them by the end of the day last week with respect to the air cards, that was information that made him feel good about voting for this.

A vote was called on Item No. 38. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0502 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE relating to Water Conservation Incentive Program for rent restricted apartment units; containing provisions related to the subject – (**This was Item 26 on Agenda of June 16, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARDIG and BRADFORD**) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to point out when they went into these agreements that she wanted to make sure that the businesses they entered into understood that this was an even playing field, that they were competitors with the open market and that they needed to plan for such increases in the future, that she wanted to make that point for the public. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was noted, and for the public the conservation incentive

programs would be coming in two parts, this dealt with rent control projects that were HUD funded, they had not proposed yet a water conservation program for commercial properties and would be running that through a Council committee before they did that. Council Members Johnson and Adams absent.

**Items received during meeting.**

10. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$101,808.82 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 previously allocated to various affordable housing activities and \$526,059.56 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2400 previously allocated to various affordable housing activities; and appropriating \$101,808.82 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (2409) and \$526,059.56 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (2400) to the City's Housing and Community Development Department for use by the City's Single Family Home Repair Program, including payment of related home repair relocation expenses – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0503 ADOPTED.
  
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Reservation of Rights Agreement between the City of Houston and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC** and **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS OPERATIONS** (Collectively, "Centerpoint Companies") relating to the relocation of utility facilities for the Dynamo Stadium Project; providing for arbitration of a disputed issue; establishing a maximum contract amount; providing for certain expenditures relating to the subject; containing other provisions relating to the subject – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0504 ADOPTED.
  
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to agreement for Professional Services between the City of Houston and **THE GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP, INC** \$221,250.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0505 ADOPTED.
  
20. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$500,000.00 appropriated from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-681 in connection with the Houston Amateur Sports Park, \$1,200,000.00 appropriated from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-218 in connection with the Bayou Drive Project, \$1,241,000.00 appropriated from the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund by Ordinance No. 2009-786 in connection with the Cambridge Bridge Paving Project, \$1,982,000.00 appropriated from the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund by Ordinance No. 2008-1008 in connection with the N. Macgregor Way Relocation Project; appropriating \$500,000.00 from the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for the Houston Amateur Sports Park as described by Ordinance No. 2009-681, \$1,241,000.00 from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund for the Cambridge Bridge and Paving Project as described by Ordinance No. 2009-786, \$1,982,000.00 from the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund for the N. Macgregor Project as described by Ordinance No. 2008-1008; and authorizing the transfer of sums appropriated out of the Woodlands Regional Participation Fund by this ordinance to reimburse the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund for expenditures to date in connection with the projects described in this title - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and H – GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0506 ADOPTED.

40. Consideration of proposed amendments to Item 40A below, submitted in writing on June 16, 2010 by Council Members Clutterbuck, Stardig, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega, Bradford and Jones (by Bradford) as set forth in the attached Exhibits (Amendments will be considered in the order of a matrix prepared by the Administration) – **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented.

At 9:40 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that on the agenda they had all of the amendments as they were received, that they should have also received from the administration a separate matrix where the items were listed by amendment number and for ease of reference as they went through it they were going to be operating off of the matrix, that for some of the Council Members who had been here before there were various ways to slice and dice this and this seemed to be the easiest way to keep track of by the amendment number on the edge of the sheet so that was what they were going to be operating off of, that she suggested since they may have a long day that they take their regular lunch break at noon and she was also going to request that they have a brief recess in the middle of the afternoon, sort of a milk and cookies in the middle of the afternoon to, but if for some reason they needed to take a recess to deal with items that was certainly something that they could work through, that if they operated off of the matrix that had been distributed they had printed the amendments exactly as they were presented to them, they would see there was also a column with administration comments and she would explain why that was there, if they would notice if they went through by amendment number the very first one, 1.01 by Council Member Costello they would call them one by one, but if they noticed the second one if they went across to the administration comments they would see that it was crossed referenced where there were three Council Members who offered very similar amendments, that what she was going to ask was as Ms. Russell calls the item in order that there be a motion to bring the other similar items up at the same time so that they could have one discussion and take any procedural motions on those other items then, but that did not mean that they would not take individual votes on their particular budget amendment if Council Members desired to have individual votes on theirs, that when they had all of them on the floor at the same time some Council Members may withdraw their amendments, they may coalesce around one, they would work through that, that she would recognize the maker of the motion to speak first, would give an administration response, their options were to withdraw the amendment, maybe they slept on it and decided it was not a good idea, substitute the amendment, they may move to table to the administration and in this context when they say "move to table", often it would mean that they were killing it, it would mean they were sending it to the administration to finish the work on it, not that it was dead, that she wanted to be clear, this was the one place where it was a little bit different, when they refer back or table in the normal context had a different meaning, but for this she had tried in the administration comments to express where they were on this and why they were making a request for a particular motion, that if there was not anybody on the list to speak after they had spoken to their own amendment there was not need to call the question she would just bring the vote up and they would move forward, that she would point out that she was chairing the meeting and would be respectful of her role as chair but did reserve the right to speak on these issues as necessary, but by putting the administrations comments into this matrix meant that everybody knew what was coming so they were not surprised and they should be able to move through this in a fairly organized manner, they would point out to everyone that she was always a little surprised when she reads the morning paper that they did have a balanced budget presented to Council and she had stated this on a number of occasions it was balanced, as they all knew, with some numbers that were not as accurate as they would like them to be, one on the revenue side and another on the expenditure side, but Council was very aware of that, but assuming those two budget numbers were hit the budget would be balanced.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Bradford.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to make sure that he understood what she said the "request motion to table" meant by the administration, that his specific question was if a Council Member were to agree to the motion to table it what did that mean from the administration standpoint, and Mayor Parker stated that they were working on that, for example if they looked at Costello 1.03, they request a motion to table and the response from the administration is that they already had this in draft form and were planning on bringing it to the Neighborhood and Protection Committee, they agree, they were working on it, it did not mean that it was going away, and they had tried to be as specific as possible in the answer and if they needed more clarity from Council for a motion to table she would be happy to provide that, and Council Member Bradford asked if the administration was concurring that if there was a time span within the motion that an action should be taken, and that action would be taken within that timeframe and Mayor Parker stated yes.

Council Member Hoang asked what was the time span, that she had not answered that, if they had a motion on the table, and Mayor Parker stated that when they got to it if there was any question at all she would be happy to clarify it when the motion comes up, or the individual motion.

Mayor Parker stated that they still had the same speaking rules as a regular Council process, that they would have 5 minutes, that she would recognize the maker of the motion to speak first, she would give a brief response and then they would have the normal cue.

Note: Several motions were made which were stated "table to committee" and it was the interpretation of the City Secretary that these motions were to table and refer to a committee.

Note: All items listed on the matrix were written motions that City Council presented last week and were tagged.

#### Amendment 1.01 - Costello

Within 90 days, the administration shall conduct a survey of best practices in peer cities regarding long-range funding for drainage and street infrastructure. Survey results shall be presented to the appropriate council committee for discussion and review – was presented.

Council Member Costello stated that he understood that the administration was agreeing with this and thought that it was a good practice that they should have, and Mayor Parker stated that yes the administration agreed.

A vote was called on Item No. 1.01. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0407 ADOPTED.

#### Amendment 1.02 - Costello

Within 90 days, MCJ, MCA, HPD and Legal shall coordinate to establish an efficient and functional Court Liaison Office containing one (1) FTE. The goal of said office will be to reduce classified officer overtime for court appearances and non-mandated dismissals due to officers not present. MCA will report back to the appropriate council committee's) with recommendations for policy changes – was presented.

Council Member Costello moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment Numbers 8.07 – Clutterbuck and 4.06 – Bradford with Amendment 1.02 - Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0408 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had three similar items on the floor.

Council Member Costello stated that he would rescind his Amendment 1.02 and defer to

one of the others for discussion, and Mayor Parker asked if he was formally withdrawing his amendment, and Council Member Costello stated yes.

Amendment 8.07 - Clutterbuck

The Chief of Police, City Attorney, Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts, and Chief Clerk shall report to City Council by September 1, 2010 on a plan to reduce wait time and improve efficiencies for police officers at Houston Municipal Courts – was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that if they had been a party to any action out there, whether on the prosecuting side, the police or customer side they knew how difficult it could be to have things run timely and they suspected that there were roles to play from all of these entities in trying to achieve a solution to that and she looked forward to the report.

Amendment 4.06 – Bradford

Houston Police officers' municipal court overtime pay is currently not subject to any control within the Houston Police Department. Therefore, the Chief of Police is bound by the discretion and practices of another city department when budgeting and managing the overtime account for HPD officers' municipal court pay expenditures. The Chief of Police doesn't determine which municipal court location an officer must report to, what time officers must report, how long they are required to stay, or if they must return at a later date when released. All of these variables impact HPD's court costs and are within the purview and control of the Municipal Courts Judicial Department. To encourage greater oversight and promote accountability of municipal court overtime pay expenditures for police officers, this amendment requires the transfer of responsibility as well as \$5,600,000.00 (HPD's FY2011 projected municipal court overtime expenditure) from the Houston Police Department's court overtime pay budget to either the Municipal Courts Administration or Municipal Courts Judicial Department, as determined by the Administration.

This amendment does not require the expenditure of any additional funds; therefore no funding source needs to be identified.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would withdraw Amendment 4.06 and fully support Amendment 8.07 – Clutterbuck because it better addressed the issue with a specific date for a plan of action.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration agreed with the need for this and were in fact working on it and did believe they could have a report back before September 1, 2010, but certainly respected that date.

A vote was called on Amendment 8.07. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0409 ADOPTED.

Amendment 1.03 - Costello

Within 90 days, the administration shall present an update to city council of its Five Phase Roll-Out Implementation Plan for citywide expansion of the automated recycling program - was presented.

Council Member Costello stated that he understood that the administration was working on the issue and the reason he brought it up was that Director Hayes had presented a master plan but what he was requesting from the department was more of a business plan where he would like to see expenditures and also their goals and moved to table Amendment 1.03 in light of the fact that he was meeting with Director Hayes tomorrow to talk a little bit about it and understood that he would be making a presentation to the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

Council Member Costello moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 5.04 - Bradford (On behalf of Jones) with Amendment 1.03 - Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0410 ADOPTED.

Amendment 5.04 - Bradford (On behalf of Jones)

Respectfully request that the Administration fund recycling marketing programs in underutilized and under served communities from the FY '11 SWMD budget or any identified budget surplus - was presented.

Council Member Jones stated that she just wanted them to look at their recycling programs across the City, that recycling was important, and stated that she was withdrawing Amendment 5.04.

Mayor Parker stated that they had Amendment 1.03 – Costello before them, having to do with roll out of their automated recycling program, that the administration agreed to make sure it was a full business plan presentation in addition to a layout of which neighborhoods would be impacted.

Council Member Adams asked Mayor Parker if there was a particular time that she wanted it to come before the committee, and Mayor Parker stated that the administration comments were within 30 days to the committee.

Council Member Jones stated that on Amendment 5.04 she actually wanted to request to table, and Mayor Parker stated that she may, but she respectfully would request that she withdraw because it was covered by Council Member Costello's, and Council Member Jones stated that was fine.

A vote was called on Amendment 1.03 to table and refer to the administration. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0411 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 1.03 was tabled to be brought back to the Neighborhood Protection Quality of Life Committee.

Amendment 1.04 - Costello

Within 180 days, the administration shall explore the feasibility and permissibility of requiring all >65 Medicare eligible City retirees to enroll in one of the City sponsored Medicare Plans. Findings shall be presented to the appropriate council committee for review and recommendation – was presented.

Council Member Costello stated that at one of their presentations by HR, in terms of their group health insurance coverage, they obviously spent a great deal of money in this particular area and there was a discussion about their plan for over 65 and the seven options that were available to them and that they currently only had 48% of the eligible people involved in the plan and just that 48% was saving the City over \$10 million and saving the participants over \$4 million, so he was not quite sure why they did not have 100% of the people involved in the plan, that he understood that the administration was working with the necessary departments to try to move everyone towards that program, and moved to table Amendment 1.04, seconded by Council Member Bradford, and Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 1.04 was tabled and referred to the administration and the administration would be bringing back this discussion to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, and a vote was called. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0412 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 1.04 was tabled to that committee.

#### Amendment 3.01 - Noriega

Within 180 days the administration shall review and make recommendations for process and organizational changes in the following areas. Results will be presented to the appropriate City Council Committees/City Council for discussion, recommendation of policy changes and approval.

1. Assistance provided to Houston residents and businesses in the areas of economic development, planning, building permitting, inspection and other permits to evaluate the need for "citizen advisory" services which would speed projects and streamline interaction with the public.
2. Charges and reimbursement processes for Public Safety services and materials provided to other governmental agencies and private entities. The review will include both the cost of services and the reimbursement and/or coordination procedures.
3. Our CIP process to make recommendations for a multi-year implementation plan to improve the process. Recommendations should be made to move our CIP planning and implementation process towards a perpetual, condition based, data driven system which includes all city assets.

Council Member Noriega stated that this item addressed three things, first to have some kind of assistance for citizens working their way through the permit process where people could get some help as they weigh through all of the completed permitting process, that it was her understanding that it was going to be incorporated into the new facilities; that second was looking at reimbursement for public safety activities that they take outside the city limits, that she thought sometimes they had issues where they perform services like HAZMAT or SWAT or maybe even ambulance transports and were not getting their full reimbursement and her understanding was that the administration was already looking at that, they had been discussing it for a while now; and third was talking about Capital Improvement Projects, the CIP process, that the suggestion was to have a citywide metric based CIP ranking or system where they had some idea of the needs based on the whole City so that there was a balance to individual Council districts asking for certain kinds of things and she saw it as another piece of information and the administration was going to come back to them with recommendations – was presented.

Council Member Noriega moved to table Amendment 3.01, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0413 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 3.01 was tabled and referred to the administration, that they fully agreed with the intent of all of these items and would be bringing them back.

#### Amendment 3.02 - Noriega

Within 180 days the administration shall appoint personnel to review the possible use of a non-emergency "911/311" alternative for fire and police and other possible systemic changes to improve public's understanding and use of the emergency system. Recommendations will be made to the appropriate City Council Committees/City Council for discussion of the recommendations, changes to processes and policy and approval – was presented.

Council Member Noriega stated that this was about having some kind of non emergency public safety number, that her office sat and discussed possibilities and this was a suggestion that there was a need for having some kind of number that people could remember, rather than the formal phone number, for public safety issues that was not a 9-1-1 number, that the administration had looked at this and they were going to talk about some kind of education

program on using 3-1-1 for non emergency public safety concerns, that the thought was that was already what was in place but there was not a clear understanding by the public.

Council Member Noriega moved to table Amendment 3.02, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck.

Mayor Parker stated that they would come back to the Public Safety Committee with a discussion of this, that it was a very valid issue and they recognized that they needed people to differentiate between 9-1-1 for emergencies and other police calls and it was very difficult to remember the other police number, they should be calling 3-1-1, they needed to make sure they knew that.

A vote was called on Council Member Noriega's motion to table Amendment 3.02 and refer to the administration and then to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0414 ADOPTED.

Amendment 3.03 - Noriega

Reduce City Council Budget by \$110,213 (an additional 2%) to match the reduction required of most city departments - was presented.

Council Member Noriega moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 11.01 – Hoang with Amendment 3.03 Noriega, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0415 ADOPTED.

Amendment 11.01 - Hoang

Reduce the FY2011 budget for each City Council Office by 3% (\$11,766) of the FY2010 budget (\$392,222). FY2011 budget for each office will be \$380,456 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he had a parliamentary inquiry and stated that he thought maybe something was left off, that there was a reference to Hoang on Amendment No. 3.03 – Noriega and no reference to his item, but on his item, Amendment 10.02 – Sullivan, there was reference to Amendment 3.03 – Noriega and Amendment 11.01 – Hoang, should it not be cross referenced, and Mayor Parker stated yes that Council Member Sullivan was correct, there was a mistake on their part and asked if Council Member Noriega would make a motion to bring up Council Member Sullivan's proposed amendment as well.

Council Member Noriega moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 10.02 – Sullivan with Amendment 3.03 – Noriega and Amendment 11.01 – Hoang, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0415 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.02 – Sullivan

Eliminate staff increase for City Council members- total savings \$347,912 – was presented.

Council Member Noriega stated that Amendment 3.03, was an item to reduce the City Council budgets by an additional 2% to match the reduction required of City departments, that they ask City departments to reduce their budgets by 3% and they reduce the budget of the City Council budgets by 1%, that she needed to state for the public that this was not as clear as it seemed, when most of their budget was used to hire personal when they were talking about reducing by as much as 3% they were looking at firing someone, if they had a department that had equipment, that had fuel, that had overtime it was easier to reduce it, so it was difficult to provide services to the public without staff and a 3% cut was a lot, that at the same time it was hard for her not to think that if they were asking the City directors to cut their budgets by 3% that they should not lead by example.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would withdraw Amendment 10.02 and Mayor Parker stated that the administration appreciated his withdrawal of Amendment 10.02.

Council Member Hoang stated that considering that the administration already proposed the 1% cut previously if he was going to propose another 3% cut it would be a 4% cut and considering many other colleagues having difficulty managing their budget he was going to withdraw his Amendment 11.01.

Upon questions by Council Member Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that it was correct that Council offices were treated somewhat differently than the other City departments, the administration, to a large extent, dictated to the other departments what they may or may not spend, the only exception was the City Controllers office, which was a City department but headed by an elected official and they negotiate with the Controller the needs of the office, but in general if she sets a budget target citywide that reduces budgets 2% the Controller would match that in solidarity with those departments, that they propose to Council an across the board cut of 1% to Council, that Council had the authority in the Chamber to reject that, but within their individual budgets they did have a great deal of discretion, some Council Members chose to have very small staffs and pay them a lot and some Council Members had larger staffs and paid them not so much so there was a lot of variety, that all they set was a recommended target for all of Council and they view all of Council and that was one of the things that had caused some problems in the past, that it was not 14 individual departments, it was one department divided 14 ways, that she was not encouraging this but Council could, at this table, increase the allocation for Council by a motion on the floor.

Council Member Hoang moved to extend speaking time for Council Member Stardig, seconded Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2010-0417 ADOPTED.

After further discussion and questions by Council Member Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that one of the things that happened during the course of the current fiscal year was that all City departments took a mid year cut except City Council and she believed the City Secretary Office, that she had a very small budget and it was all people, but they would notice in the current administration's proposed budget there was also a recommendation to cut the City Secretary by 1%, that there was no magic in that number, that it was within the discretion of Council; that the administration was neutral on Council Member Noriega's Amendment 3.03.

After further discussion by Council Member Adams, Mayor Parker stated that no they may not shift expenses to another department, that it had not been done and would not be done and once the budget was passed she could order money moved from one department to another, but from Council to another City department it could not happen, it would not happen, that within Council budgets, between one Council Member and another, by agreement of Council Members it absolutely could happen because they view, as a courtesy, Council as one budget, where money could be moved between Council offices, so if there was a need a Council Member could turn to another Council Member for assistance in their budget, that on the insurance issue the administration offered a proposal to equalize the insurance burden among Council offices by taking the insurance off of the top and then dividing 14 ways, that she distributed to Council a list showing the insurance burden by Council office so they could see the extreme disparity, that it was a whole staff member, that \$30,000 was a whole staff member between insurance from one Council office to another, that Council could decide to adopt that method of allocating insurance and dividing expenses and she thought that would help a lot of Council offices.

After discussion by Council Member Clutterbuck, Mayor Parker stated that when they say that the Council budgets had been cut they were basically cutting discretionary spending in Council, they give Council a new budget target that has the 3% HOPE increase that had the

mandatory increase for insurance and then with that built in then they cut 1% off of the top of that.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that for the benefit of the public watching, and to clarify, the Mayor, Controller and Council Members salaries were set as a percentage of a district judges salary, they had no control over their salaries, the only time they change was when the State Legislature gives a raise to the judges, that it was set by law.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Noriega stated that she would move to table Amendment 3.03, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, and Mayor Parker stated that the effect of this would be to withdraw the amendment and asked if Council Members Sullivan and Hoang, who withdrew their amendments in favor of Amendment 3.03, were comfortable with Council Member Noriega withdrawing her amendment, and Council Member Sullivan stated that he agreed and Council Member Hoang stated no, that he would like the motion to table.

A vote was called on Council Member Noriega's motion to table Amendment 3.03. Council Members Hoang, Clutterbuck and Costello voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2010-0418 ADOPTED.

#### Amendment 4.01 – Council Member Bradford

During a March 11, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting, HPD personnel reported that the number of documented gang members increased during calendar year 2009 by 42% when compared to 2008. Also, reported gang crimes for the same period increased by 7%. Recognizing that youth summer and after-school programs are effective crime prevention strategies, this amendment requires that a full-time position of Youth Programs Coordinator be established within 30 days after approval of the FY2011 Budget. The Program Coordinator will identify, coordinate, help organize, implement and expand existing City of Houston administered and/or funded summer and after-school programs as well as private, religious and non-profit organizations' youth programs as permitted, with emphasis on crime prevention strategies. Also, coordinate information between private, religious, non-profit schools and police regarding truancy violations.

This position may be assigned to any centralized office within the City government as determined by the Administration. The funding for such a position is available and permissible under the Housing Department's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines – was presented.

After discussion Council Member Bradford moved to adopt the following substitute to Amendment 4.01, seconded by Council Member Lovell, as follows. Council Member Pennington absent.

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This position may be assigned to any centralized office within the City government as determined by the Administration ~~The funding for such a position is available and permissible under the Housing Department's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines with funding to be identified."~~

Council Member Bradford stated that this amendment actively recognized After School Programs as effective crime prevention strategies by allocating a much needed resource, a Youth Program Coordinator to work with large apartment complexes, schools, etc., around the City of Houston, so he would ask his colleagues to support this proposed amendment as presented in a substitute amendment.

Mayor Parker stated that the motion from the Council Member was to adopt the substitute amendment, the administration agreed, that she spoke to the Council Member and agreed with the intent, the funding identified in the original motion was problematic, they would work to find suitable funding. Council Member Pennington absent.

After further discussion by Council Member Johnson, a vote was called on Council Member Bradford's motion to adopt the substitute for Amendment 4.01. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0419 ADOPTED AS SUBSTITUED.

#### Amendment 4.02 – Council Member Bradford

Super Neighborhood Councils represent geographically designated areas where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community. They form organizational structures, draft by-laws, and they are officially recognized by the Mayor and Council Members. To accomplish their objectives, Super Neighborhood representatives need information and statistical data that is organized, easily accessible, and geographically specific. To the extent existing City of Houston personnel and resources are available and adequate, this amendment requires the initiation of a process within 30 days after approval of the FY2011 Budget by the Police, Fire, Public Works and Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Parks and Recreation, Houston Emergency Center, Administration and Regulatory Affairs departments to utilize technology to sort information and statistical data via Super Neighborhood boundaries and make it available.

This amendment only proffers the use of existing City personnel and resources; therefore no additional funding source needs to be identified – was presented. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that Super Neighborhoods representatives needed information and statistical data, that this particular amendment assists to get information to the community level in a useful and understandable format giving citizens a tool to help themselves. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington and Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Stardig stated that crime stats seemed to be the most important thing to the neighborhoods and if they could reevaluate the super neighborhoods to be more in line with the beats, the beats seemed to dictate where the TIRZ dollars go and other funding, that she would appreciate the movement towards those lines. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration did not cross reference Council Member Pennington item with this one, they felt it was somewhat different but did believe the discussion was similar so she wanted to give him an opportunity, that they could certainly pass both, they had Council Member Bradford's on the floor and was going to suggest that they move right into his amendment after this, if there was no objection, when they dispose of Council Member Bradford's, that Council Member Pennington's was Amendment 12.01. Council Member Lovell absent.

A vote was called on Amendment 4.02. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0420

Amendment 12.01 - Council Member Pennington

Under **Police Department**, Department Description and Mission, Under Section **“Department Short Term Goals”** Subsection **“Maintain/Increase Productivity”**,

Add the following language:

5. *The Department shall commit to increase and sustain coordination and communication with super neighborhoods, neighborhood security, off-duty HPD, constables, and other relevant security personnel to maximize efficiency, communication, and increase productivity.* – was presented.

Council Member Pennington stated that this was a proposal, which he believed the Mayor concurred would codify existing practices, that he knew most of the Council Members had attended a number of Super Neighborhood meetings, probably neighborhood property association meetings where they see active volunteers, security forces and of course many of them also had contract deputies, contract off duty HPD Officers or private officers and particularly given the current budgetary situation he thought that these forces and volunteers could be of enormous help to HPD if they had the proper coordination, that he thought they were making a great step forward with their new radio frequencies, that he had a good visit with IT yesterday about that, so they would propose the amendment to hopefully make the HPD more effective in preventing crime and solving crime, and also empowering the neighborhoods to feel like they had some things that they could do themselves.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not intend to jump around like this without the references but since Council Member Stardig raised the issue of police data being accumulated by super neighborhoods this seemed to be congruent with that. Council Member Noriega absent.

A vote was called on Amendment 12.01. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Gonzalez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0421 ADOPTED.

Amendment 4.03 – Council Member Bradford

As a part of the budget process each independently elected official including the Mayor, Council Members, and Controller’s office are allocated an approved budget. Council Members are allocated an equal pro rata share of funds for the fiscal year. Often times, conditions and spending priorities vary throughout the year; therefore some Members completely exhaust their budgeted amount, while others due to certain variables may have “year-end excess funds.” To continue to allow some Council Member discretion and independence in managing their respective “approved” budgets, as well as encourage and provide an additional modest incentive to spend funds in a frugal manner, seek opportunities throughout the year to save, and allocate any excess or un-spent funds to core service activities, this amendment requires the Administration to identify not less than five (5) City of Houston core service activities or related goods that any Council Member’s office having residual or year-end excess general funds may be transferred to as specified by the respective Council Member.

This amendment does not require the expenditure of any additional funds; therefore no funding source needs to be identified – was presented. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that this was an effort to provide some direction concerning the utilization of residual or excess funds at the end of the fiscal year and leave some independence in the process and direct these funds toward what was described as core

service activity. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Bradford moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 9.02 – Adams with Amendment 4.03 – Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Jones absent. MOTION 2010-0422 ADOPTED.

Amendment 9.02 – Council Member Adams

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To continue to allow some Council Members discretion, independence in managing their respective "approved" budgets, encourage and provide an additional modest incentive to spend funds in a frugal manner, see opportunities through out the year to save and allocate any excess or un-spent funds to core service activities, this amendment requires the Administration to identify not less than five (5) City of Houston core service activities or related goods that any Council Member's office have residual or year-end excess general funds my be transferred to as specified by the respective council Member. This amendment does not require the expenditure of any additional funds; therefore no funding source needs to be identified - was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that there were now two items on the floor, Amendments 4.03 and 9.02, having to do with the disposition of excess funds at year end by Council Members.

Council Member Adams stated that she thought when they got elected the first term Council Member Rodriguez set the tone because she thought there was a need, she thought, in mounted patrol and they just did not have the budget for it and Council Member Rodriguez with his excess funds was able to purchase much needed equipment for the mounted patrol, and also when the Bio Bags came out and a lot of the senior citizens were not able to purchase the bags she was able to roll over \$7,000 to Solid Waste and they gave out all of their bags to their constituents, that she knew Council Member Stardig did the same thing, that this was something that they did with the excess, they look at a need in a department, that she thought they should have, as a Council Member, the oversight to utilize those excess funds in a way that they thought, that she thought that Council Member Sullivan had done something as well. Council Member Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Adams motion was the same as Council Member Bradford and asked if she would withdraw her motion in favor of Council Member Bradford's, and Council Member Adams stated that she would withdraw her motion in favor of Council Member Bradford's motion, and Mayor Parker stated that would be 9.02.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she had originally intended to oppose this but in discussion with the Council Member it allowed the administration to determine what the critical needs were at year end and would constrain Council to those particular items, that it preserves the discretion of the administration in terms of administrative authority under the Charter; that they were aware in the language that the administration would specify up to five (5) specific purposes, at least five (5) specific purposes, which may not include their particular item, that it does not give full discretion to Council Members; that she would vote in favor of this motion when it comes forward, that she remained opposed to it in principal and thought all funds at the end of the year should go back to the General Fund to be completely reallocated, but she appreciates the fact that Council Members worked with her on a motion that she could live with.

A vote was called on Amendment 4.03 – Bradford. Council Members Costello, Clutterbuck and Noriega voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2010-0423 ADOPTED.

#### Amendment 4.04 – Council Member Bradford

To determine what are adequate and necessary staffing levels required to accomplish the stated objectives of the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department, an independent work demands analysis for each department shall be conducted by an individual, entity, or organization that is separate and apart from the City of Houston. The police department's analysis shall also address the issue of one-officer and two-officer units, as needed in the field to promote the safe and efficient delivery of police services. The process to initiate the analyses shall commence within 60 days after approval of the FY2011 Budget.

The funds allocated for each analysis shall be limited to not more than \$200,000.00 and the source of funding will be the appropriate percentage of the Houston Police Department's Asset Forfeiture \$7,200,000.00 Fund No. 2202/2203/2204/1000, FY2011 projected revenue and Houston Fire Department's Permits and Revenues \$6,052,020.00 Fund No. 1000/1200/1200020004, FY2011 projected revenue - was presented.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to begin by offering an amendment to the first sentence of the motion to read "to determine what are adequate and necessary "classified" staffing levels, inserting the word "classified" staffing levels into the amendment, seconded by Council Member Noriega.

Council Member Bradford further stated that the amendment was an attempt to promote the safe delivery of services by firefighters and police officers in the field, that they must determine how many police officers and firefighters were needed and to do what, that a work demand analysis would help them answer that question, that in addition to that they had police officers killed, they had firefighters killed in the line of duty and the question had been raised whether there were enough personnel on the scene or not, that there was pending litigation concerning the one officer versus the two officer unit issue, that would an officer's life been save had a two officer unit been present or not, they did not know the answers to those questions, whether they needed 500 more police officers in the field, 1,000 more police officers in the field, they did not know, the work demand analysis would produce a process which allowed for the Fire and Police Departments to develop a matrix to conduct an analysis to answer the question, what is the proper staffing level needed to safely deliver services in the City of Houston, that the previous Police Chief, Chief Hurtt indicated that they needed more than 1,000 officers, now there was a request for 400 more officers, they did not know what they needed in the way of a number of officers to effectively deliver safety services.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration concurred with the need to do this, they simply questioned the funding source, that she would respectfully ask that he either table it and as they reflect their intent that they would identify funding to do this, or substitute with wording "that allowed them to fund a different source of funding than that specified", that they would work with him on that, it was not their intent to oppose it, but the funding identified in his original motion was 100% allocated and unavailable for this use.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would comment on the \$200,000 figure, that actually talking to firms that did that type of work, universities that did that type work and individuals that did that type of work, this was a price range that they recommended would be adequate in their purview to do this, that having said that he respectfully accepted the amended language that the Mayor proposed to identify funding to do this and asked if they were still talking within the time frame that was proposed in the amendment, and Mayor Parker stated to

begin, yes, and Council Member Bradford stated that the friendly amendment was dully accepted.

Mayor Parker stated that they now had Amendment 4.04 – Bradford, which he had amended to specify that it referred to “classified staffing” in the Police and Fire Departments and “with a budget of no more than \$200,000 to commence within 60 days of approval of the budget, funding to be determined”, that they believed they had identified funding and the motion was to move that item.

After further discussion by Council Members, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that in the Mayor’s note it indicated that the funds mentioned in the amendment were 100% allocated and unavailable for use, but she did add that if funds were identified then they could proceed with the study as indicated. Mayor Parker and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After further discussion by Council Members, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that at this point they would be voting on the item as amended with Council Member Bradford’s indication of adding “classified” to the first line, (Anna and Marty reminded him about the funding) and also that “the funding to be identified no more than 60 days from adoption of budget and no more than \$200,000”, that was the amendments that they would be voting on. Council Members Sullivan and Lovell voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Clutterbuck absent. MOTION 2010-0424 ADOPTED.

#### Amendment 4.05 – Council Member Bradford

All General Fund positions (FTEs) in any City Department that have been vacant or unfilled for the entire six month-period beginning January 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2010, shall be eliminated. No later than July 31, 2010, the Administration shall submit to City Council Members a roster of all such positions having been eliminated and the projected savings. If it is later determined that reinstating any of these eliminated positions is necessary, the respective Department Director shall present such justification in writing, along with the costs including benefits, to the Administration for ultimate approval. At least quarterly or every 3 months, the Administration shall submit a report to City Council Members with a roster listing any and all such positions that have been approved for reinstatement.

This amendment does not require the expenditure of any additional funds; therefore no funding source needs to be identified – was presented. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that this was an exercise to further tighten their belts, that the elimination of the positions that had been vacant for six months continuously, in his view, was evidence that they could do without those positions, that this amendment only would require that positions that had been vacant the entire six month period, January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, that they needed to eliminate that position because it was obviously a position that they did not desperately need because they had been operating without it, but it also allowed any department director who thought a position was needed to offer written justification to the administration and the administration would have sole authority to approve or put that position back on the books and just simply give Council a roster so they could keep a running account of what had been put back on the books. Council Members Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Bradford moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 8.03 – Clutterbuck and Amendment 8.04 – Clutterbuck with Amendment 4.05 - Bradford, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2010-0425 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.03 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All Departments – General Fund: All attrition related vacancies and "new-hire" positions funded from the General Fund after June 30, 2010 shall require written justification and budgetary impact to be submitted to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for approval – was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Amendment 8.04 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All Departments – General Fund: Any FTE position that has gone unfilled for more than 3 months as of July 1, 2010 shall be eliminated. Reinstatement of the position will be made only with written justification and budgetary impact to be submitted to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for approval – was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had three items on the floor, Amendment 4.05 – Bradford, Amendments 8.03 and 8.04 – Clutterbuck. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this was a similar motion related to vacancies and new hire positions, Amendment 8.03, that it related to attrition and insuring that all department directors, in the General Fund, offer justification and budgetary impact for the new hire, that she knew it was the current practice of the administration, but it was a significant amendment that came about last year during last year's budget resulting in tremendous savings to their overall budget, in fact close to \$10 million and they would like to just insure that it was codified, that her position was codified and that the public knew that they were working under recognition of dire circumstances, difficult circumstances in their economy and unpredictable revenues and they would be operating on a thin line. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck further stated that Amendment 8.04 related to FTE positions and her particular amendment had the requirement that any vacancy that had gone longer than three months probably was not needed, that she knew that it had been discussed at length in Mayor Parker's administration and she saluted her, that she thought that Mayor Parker had eliminated a number of positions that were previously just kind of floating, and moved to table Amendment 8.04 – Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Noriega. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Clutterbuck if she would move to withdraw it in favor of Council Member Bradford's or would she wish to table Amendment 8.04, that her amendment and Council Member Bradford's were in conflict with each other, she had a three month limit and he had a six month limit. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she disagreed with the six month limit, she thought that anything that had been opened longer than probably sixty days probably was not needed, if they were able to operate for two months without it then they were probably able to continue on through the fiscal year without it, that she understood that was the Mayor's practice and was why on Amendment 8.04 would be happy to either withdraw or move to table, that she saw that Mayor Parker had a request to move to table, but she would yield to whatever the Mayor's request was. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that the administration was happy to see a combination of the two where positions that had been unfilled for longer than three months but had not statutory burden upon them to be eliminated; that all three amendments were active, the administration agreed with the intent, that it was already current practice that positions required Mayoral approval to be filled, the only difference was that this would put a time limit, that two of them dealt with existing vacancies and the other dealt with future actions; that department directors still had to receive approval for new hiring and they

were working diligently in the spirit of both of the amendments to make sure that FTEs were eliminated when they were unfilled for long periods of time, that it was a time honored practice here to have FTEs to pad the budget and they knew where Council Members were going and respected that and were trying to stamp that out, that Amendment 8.03 – Clutterbuck, was directed to future hiring and they absolutely agreed with it, that the other two they agreed with the spirit and requested a motion to table because they did intend to comply with it, but as was rightly pointed out it causes some heartburn over things like the Fire Chief's position but that could be addressed because the language was broad enough that it simply could be reinstated with a letter to the Mayor; that if they pass the budget and there were new positions proposed in the budget those new positions were approved by a vote of the Council, they saw it as a prospective amendment saying again that they did not believe it was necessary in the sense that they were keeping a close eye on all the departments and making them justify new hiring, but she was certainly not opposed to it because it was a clear statement of intent by City Council that they watch the size of the City workforce and any increase, so it would have no impact on positions that were embedded in the current budget, but would be any new positions added, that would be Amendment 8.03 – Clutterbuck, and Amendment 8.04 – Clutterbuck and Amendment 4.05 – Bradford had to do with existing vacancies from the beginning of the year; that she would assume a common sense interpretation of this was that seasonal positions were not considered vacant until the season actually commences and they do not, in her view, have a hiring freeze, she expected departments to fill critical positions when they become vacant, that what she expects though was that those departments make sure that the finance office and the administration knows those positions and is respectful of Council's desire to limit headcount.

After further discussion, Council Member Clutterbuck requested a point of order and stated that there was a motion to table on the floor, and a motion to table suspends debate and discussion, that she should have called the point of order, and Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated the fact that she allowed them to work through some of these amendments to see if there was a compromise position available, that she had called her on a point of order and Council Member Clutterbuck had made a motion to table, that it had been her intention to take each item in order but if she would like to move her item first, and seeing no objection she would recognize her point of order.

A vote was called on the motion to table Amendment 8.04 - Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0426 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 8.04 was tabled to the administration for consideration.

Mayor Parker stated that on Amendment 4.05 – Bradford, they agreed with the current practice, that the only objection was adding a bureaucratic practice of the quarterly report, but no strong objections to that.

Council Member Bradford moved to table Amendment 4.05 – Bradford, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0427 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 8.03 – Clutterbuck, was active on the floor, which was for future hiring, that the administration agreed with that, it was the current practice.

A vote was called on Amendment 8.03 – Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0428 ADOPTED.

Amendment 4.07 – Council Member Bradford

The City of Houston Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee considers matters related to public safety and law enforcement. The Committee's Chair, Vice Chair, and Members are

appointed by the Mayor. Because public safety is a community responsibility, many of the variables impacting Houston residents' general safety are out of the control of public safety departments within the City of Houston. Greater neighborhood and community input is needed to render informed, inclusive decisions and help to restore greater public trust in Houston's safety service strategies, as well as the citizens' complaint and review processes.

In order to promote greater community involvement, understanding, support, and trust in safety service activities, as well as the citizens' complaint and review processes, this amendment permits each District Council Member to appoint one (1) citizen from each respective council district to serve as an Advisory Board Member of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. These members would serve in an advisory capacity only and be subject to re-appointment every two years. The first of such appointments shall commence immediately after the approval of the FY2011 Budget.

This amendment does not require the expenditure of any additional funds; therefore no funding source needs to be identified.

Council Member Bradford stated that Amendment 4.07 was an opportunity to allow for broader community input into safety services operations, that the current advisory committees and commissions were the Police Advisory Committee or the Civilian Review Committee, that they operate under the Police Department umbrella where as the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee was not under the umbrella of the Police Department at all, that this was an opportunity to allow District Council Members to give constituents in their districts an opportunity to have critical and necessary input into the safety services process, that it did not require a District Council Member to nominate or appoint someone, that he thought it was an excellent idea to broaden the community input into what happens in the safety services arena by allowing an advisory board to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, that he thought that in today's times and some of the things that had happened recently to breach some of that trust in their safety services process he thought it was an excellent time to deploy a method where a broader number of citizens via their District Council Members could be involved in the process substantively in an advisory capacity only. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration was opposed to this only in so much as they believed that the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee was already reviewing a range of issues having to do with public input on public safety and believed that the committee should have the discretion to discuss how best to receive citizen input, they would actually prefer a motion to table to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee for determination of how they would like to proceed.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this would be to create an advisory committee to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, based on input from each individual District Council Member it would not be citywide advisory committee as were the Police Advisory Committee and Citizen Review Committee, that the administration would suggest that it might be better hashed out at the committee; that she was opposed to it in this form, she did not think it should be dealt with at the Council table, she thought it should go to the committee.

Council Member Bradford moved to table Amendment 4.07 and refer to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee for discussion, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0429 ADOPTED.

Amendment 4.08 – Council Member Bradford

The proposed FY2011 Budget is balanced in part by an anticipated \$22 million savings via "efficiencies." Whereas, all city services are important, core services must be maintained. These include, but are not limited to, basic sanitation services, infrastructure needs, and safety

services. To reduce the City's spending and not negatively impact the delivery of core service activities, City Department Directors shall engage in a discussion and analysis to collectively identify:

1. What are core services;
2. Which departments contribute directly and/or indirectly to the delivery of core service activities; and
3. Activities deemed not to be a part of core services must be reduced or eliminated to a level which collectively accounts specifically for a quantifiable \$22 million savings in personnel and/or activity cuts.

By the end of the first quarter of FY2011 (September 30, 2010), The Administration shall present to Council Members a report itemizing such savings.

This amendment does not require the expenditure of any additional funds; therefore no funding source needs to be identified.

Council Member Bradford stated that this issue had to do with the City starting a discussion and acknowledging that every thing that they do was important but was not absolutely necessary, that there were some indications that the economy may be in the same condition as it was now, that going down the road it may get better or worse, they did not know, but thought they needed to start a collective discussion about if they had to reduce expenditures further let them determine what type services they could reduce under the umbrella of core services versus kind of an arbitrary or equal percentage to all departments, that he was not saying what the City did was not important, but as they may have to cut further down the road let them having something identified, that what was performed out there by various departments were very different activities, that there were some activities that were outside the scope of basic sanitation, infrastructure and safety services and many departments participate in those type activities, additionally he had a chance to sit through all of the budget workshops and he was still concerned about the \$22 million being specifically quantified as a savings, that he knew the administration was absolutely committed to identifying and making those savings, that all he was asking was if they were committed to those savings at some point they had to identify where those savings were going to come from and this amendment would require them to identify those savings by September 30, 2010, the first quarter, that if more time was needed to identify those savings, six months versus three months, he was amenable to changing the time line to six months, but at some point if they were going to do the savings they had to have them identified.

Mayor Parker stated that her comments start out saying she was opposed, that one of the issues were the terms "core" and "noncore" services and those were largely a matter of interpretation, that many City jobs and functions were currently under review for consolidation or elimination and the appropriate committees would review those changes as they bring them forward, that she was very sensitive to the timeline that he had and she agreed that in order to achieve \$22 million of savings they could not wait until the third quarter of the fiscal year in order to do that, they had to bring them forward, that as he had explained it here it was something that they intend to honor the spirit at least, whether Council votes on this or not, that a motion to table would not be inappropriate because they did intend to bring each item back, they had already launched a program to review IT functions in the City, they had already launched a program to review fleet management and fuel programs in the City of Houston, that they were trying to consolidate payroll and HR functions in the City, there was a reorganization of their MWBE Program, that all of those would be coming to the appropriate Council committee and at that point she thought they could have a productive core or noncore function discussion, and finally just a minor exception, they did not ask all departments to cut X out of their budgets, that some departments had lesser cuts than others, that what they did was to ask each department director to determine what their core or noncore services were and where they could find their cuts.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that it was not so much that they were opposed to the motion as they wanted to be clear what it was that substantively they would be doing that they were not already doing; that she did not view it any way as a hostile amendment it was simply that they wanted to be clear what the impact would be, what was being asked of them and in truth it had been her view that the budget process each was the opportunity for Council Members to decide core and noncore services and often during the budget process there were motions to eliminate certain functions that the City provided in the view that they were not core services; that Council Member Bradford had a very clear and consistent message that he considered Library, After School and Parks Programs to be just as an essential core service as anything that police and fire provide, that this might be something that they can, rather than part of the budget, since it had no immediate budgetary impact, because they were attempting to provide these cuts, that it could be done at the committee level, but that would be up to Council.

After further discussion, Council Member Bradford stated that he was looking for in this motion for the administration to quantify those \$22 million in savings at some point, that if they were going to do it that must occur; that he thought it was really necessary that they have the discussion about what were core services.

Mayor Parker stated that she would try to clarify, that he was absolutely correct that they were intending to find the \$22 million in savings through efficiencies, that it was not intended to cut specific services and it was not inappropriate to ask that they make regular reports, that the administration was committed to making a monthly report at the Monthly Fiscal Affairs meeting as to where they were on that and thought that was an appropriate thing to do, because if the timeline began to slip they had a problem that they were going to have to deal with, that if Council Member Bradford would separate that piece from the discussion of core services, which she thought rightly belonged to more of a philosophical debate at the Council committee level, they could support the motion to table it to the Fiscal Affairs Committee with a monthly report from the administration on progress on achieving the \$22 million in savings.

Council Member Bradford moved to table Amendment 4.08 and refer to the Fiscal Affairs Committee with a monthly report from the administration on progress on achieving the \$22 million in savings, seconded by Council Member Costello.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted the directors that were listening to understand that she supported the administration and the Mayor for anyone attempting to misled the body and the citizens of the City with regard to anything with the budget or any of the process of the City that she supported the administration for disciplinary action up to and including termination and she wanted to make sure that was very clear to all directors of the City that any attempt to misled the body was unacceptable, and Mayor Parker stated that on behalf of the administration there was never any intent to misled Council, sometime there were disagreements as to the best way to proceed.

A vote was called on Council Member Bradford's motion to table Amendment 4.08 and refer to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee with a monthly report from the administration on progress on achieving the \$22 million in savings. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0430 ADOPTED.

At 12:14 p.m. Council Member Johnson moved to recess for one hour, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0431 ADOPTED.

The City Council reconvened at 1.21 p.m. to continue the meeting. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Costello and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the grand jury, that had been looking at the police issue, the police incident on the west side, had returned indictments, there was going to be a press conference at 3:00 p.m. today, that she had indicated to Council that they would be taking a recess this afternoon, that she would respectfully request Council's agreement to recess about 2:45 p.m. so that she may join the Police Chief and the District Attorney, who would announce the actions at 3:00 p.m., that she was not going to announce them now, but did request the opportunity to join with the Chief, that at the appropriate time she would request an hour recess. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Costello and Lovell absent.

Council Member Sullivan moved to limit Council comments to two minutes per Council Member for the balance of the day, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. Mayor Parker and Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez voting aye. Council Members Clutterbuck, Hoang, Gonzalez, Noriega, Bradford and Jones voting no. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Costello and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0432 FAILED.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated the spirit in which that motion was offered, that Council Members debate had been going very smoothly, that she also appreciated that Council Member Sullivan amendments were still to come so he was limiting his own ability to speak. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Bradford offered a number of items on behalf of Council Member Jones, that Council Member Jones would be allowed to speak to those items. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Amendment 5.01 - Council Member Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones)  
Respectfully request in an effort to get the best value for tax payer dollars through competitively bid suppliers, all departments shall make purchases for supplies through authorized vendors as per Strategic Purchasing Agreement, including purchases less than \$50,000, which is not required to come before City Council for approval – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that this was just to make sure that all department directors use strategic purchasing agreements in if they exist to buy supplies and that was an effort to make sure that they get the best value for their dollar for their purchases, and offered a substitute motion to amend Amendment 5.01, seconded by Council Member Bradford, as follows:

“Respectfully request in an effort to get the best value for tax payer dollars through competitively bid suppliers, all departments shall make purchases for supplies through authorized vendors as per Strategic Purchasing Agreement, if such agreements exist, including purchases less than \$50,000, which is not required to come before City Council for approval.” Council Members Johnson and Adams absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration agreed as amended and thought it was an excellent idea.

Council Member Pennington asked if Council Member Jones had considered how it would affect trying to buy locally if possible, presuming that the department involved would look at the market and receive informal bids, if not formal, that they had some discussions around the table about trying to buy local where they appear to be competitive. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she had not thought of that and thought it was a good

idea, that her concern specifically addressed a list of supplies that she saw where the prices were well over what the Strategic Purchasing Agreement would have gotten those supplies for and the intent of this was to make sure that they get it for the best value and that was what she was looking for, that she had not thought of any friendly amendment language, that she was happy to welcome that because it was all about getting the best value for the taxpayer dollar, and Council Member Pennington stated that they “could limit it to Texas”, Strategic Purchasing Agreements for purchases by Texas entities.

Mayor Parker stated that she understood the intent of her motion and that was that the Strategic Purchasing Department enters into these agreements and sometimes it was local vendors and sometimes it was national vendors, that it could be any of the above but the intent was to get the lowest possible price for the City of Houston, that she was cognizant of the comment about wanting to buy locally, but it was also a budgetary issue and the intent of Council Member Jones was to force the departments to at least acknowledge that they had existing Strategic Purchasing Agreements, that she did not realize that it was a problem and they were going to pursue that, that at the same time they would be coming back to Council shortly with a buy Houston or hire Houston discussion and thought they could accommodate Council Member Pennington’s interest at that point.

A vote was called on Council Member Jones’s substitute motion for Amendment 5.01. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0433 ADOPTED.

Council Member Jones moved to consider Amendment Numbers 5.02, 5.03 and 5.05 collectively, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0434 ADOPTED.

Amendment 5.02 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones)

Respectfully request that the Administration review and consider the cost to outsource or financially collaborate with other governmental entities, i.e., the county, the duties of the City of Houston jails from the FY '11 HPD budget or any identified budget surplus – was presented, and tabled by MOTION 2010-0435. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Amendment 5.03 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones)

Respectfully request that the Administration review and consider the cost to outsource or financially collaborate with other governmental entities, i.e., the county, the duties of the Houston Police Department’s crime labs: drugs, evidence receiving, firearms, toxicology and serology/DNA from the FY '11 HPD budget or any identified budget surplus – was presented, and tabled by MOTION 2010-0435. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Amendment 5.05 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones)

Respectfully request to facilitate a greener and environmentally friendly city and to encourage alternative transportation, that the Administration include restrooms equipped with showers, when renovating the Council Floor of City Hall Annex, to accommodate the offices of the new Council Districts, from the FY '11 GSD budget or any identified budget surplus – was presented, and tabled by MOTION 2010-0435. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that on Amendment Numbers 5.02, 5.03 and 5.05 they had discussions before the Mayor was elected about things that she (Council Member Jones) thought were important to the City that they needed to work on so she was thankful that Mayor Parker decided to start implementing them before they got to the budget process, that she was trying to set the record for getting through budget amendments and was why she was putting them all together; that one had to do with their getting out of the jail business, out of the crime

lab business and the other ones had to do with having a healthier Council and transportation options, and moved to table Amendment Numbers 5.02, 5.03 and 5.05 because Mayor Parker was already addressing those needs so they did not need a budget amendment for that, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0435 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the items were tabled to the administration to be brought back at the appropriate time. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Amendment 5.06 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones)

Respectfully request a(n) employee(s) in each contracting department be directly responsible for monitoring S/MWDBE participation on their contracts to be funded by the respective department or any identified budget surplus – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 10.25 – Sullivan with Amendment 5.06 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones), seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0436 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.25 – Council Member Sullivan

Eliminate funding for Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance Dept.- total savings \$1,358,921 - was presented. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that it was her intent to make a request to table Amendment 5.06 as well, that she had spoken to Mayor Parker prior to her being elected and after she was elected to their having to fix the S/MWDBE Program and again Mayor Parker handled that, in her opinion, without the need for a budget amendment, that she had a transition team and she had met with them to see if they were looking at the concerns that she had and they were actually doing more than she thought and they found other things that obviously concerned her so she was pleased with what Mayor Parker was doing and she would request a motion to table. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he did not consider the two amendments connected at all and guessed an argument could be made both ways, that he had intended to ask for a vote individually when it came up, and Mayor Parker stated that they could do that. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones moved to table Amendment 5.06 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones), seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0437 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 5.06 - Bradford (On behalf of Council Member Jones) was tabled to the administration. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 10.25 was an item to eliminate funding for the Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance Department, that the administration was opposed to that, that to announce to the Council and public, there was a reorganization plan in place and should be available within the next 45 days, they would be taking it to the MWDBE Committee of Council Member Rodriguez, so the administration opposed the motion. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Pennington moved to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney, on Amendment 10.25 - Sullivan, seconded

by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0438 ADOPTED.

Council Member Pennington asked Mr. Feldman what was the current status of the law, were they required to have minority or could they just have small business. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Mr. Feldman stated that there were a variety of laws that were applicable to the City at both the Federal and State level with respect to minority contracting, that if there was a specific law that he had in mind that he was asking about, and Council Member Pennington stated that in these contracts they had been talking about certain goals, as he recalled, rather than requirements, and was wondering, that he thought he had seen some other local agencies advertise small businesses as participating rather than minority businesses solely, so he wondered if it was a legal requirement if they had minority and not small businesses, that if federal grants were involved there might be a different issue there than with local funding and was just curious as to what the State law was, and Mr. Feldman stated that was precisely the point, the City receives a great many federal grants, which had as part of their requirements certain minority female business enterprise hiring requirements, in some instances small business requirements and it varied very much from grant to grant, but there was a whole panoply of laws and regulations that applied to the City depending on where their funding came from with respect to both Affirmative Action and the use of minority enterprises and small business enterprises, that if they wanted a short answer from a lawyer it was "yes". Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

A vote was called on Amendment 10.25 – Sullivan. Council Member Sullivan voting aye, balance voting no. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0439 FAILED.

Mayor Parker stated that there was a change to the rules, that if the City Attorney was at the table she no longer had to have a motion to hear from him, he just had to have her permission to speak. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

#### Amendment 6.01 - Council Member Stardig

Re-establish Matching Grants Program for Neighborhood Improvements to be Administered by Planning & Development Department (\$100,000). Funding for this program will be transferred from the Mobility Response Team Fund (Fund No./Bus. Area No. : 2304/1000/2000) – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to highlight the fact that she felt it was important that they leverage their dollars and in doing that she has asked that they reestablish the matching grants programs for neighborhood improvements, to be administered by the Planning and Development Department, of \$100,000 and the funding be transferred from the Mobility Response Team. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had cross referenced Council Member Gonzalez Amendment 13.11, which was really an expansion of the funding for the Mobility Response Team, and asked Council Member Gonzalez if he wanted his amendment discussed now or get to it later and Council Member Gonzalez stated yes.

Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 13.11 – Gonzalez with Amendment 6.02 - Stardig, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays one. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0440 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.11 – Council Member Gonzalez

Request that the Houston Police Department to employ Mobile Response Teams after hours. Currently MRTs are only deployed until 9 pm but there is a need to deploy more MRTs after 9 pm. – was presented. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that in regard to Council Member Stardig's amendment he did support the matching grants program but was not in favor of the monies being transferred from the Mobility Response Team; that he was advocating for the administration to consider how the manpower was allocated for the Mobility Response Team to potentially work beyond the hours that they currently do. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that they support the Matching Grants Program for neighborhood improvements, they had been used very well and were very popular with neighborhood associations, however she also supported the Mobility Response Team, that it was the administration's intent to bring a full staffing discussion to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee to talk about the appropriate use of the Mobility Response Team and would prefer not to seek funding for the Neighborhood Grants Program from that Mobility Response Team Program. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Gonzalez stated that his amendment was actually, as the administration had agreed, just to update the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee on their current staffing plan, because he had seen gaps where sometimes there was a need for mobility response beyond 9:00 p.m., their current hours, and perhaps through looking at the staffing plan they could see how they could better be mobilized, and moved to table Amendment 13.11, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 13.11 – Gonzalez was moved to table for discussion to the Public Safety Committee. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0441 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Stardig moved a substitute motion to Amend 6.01 “for an initial funding of \$25,000 for first quarter of 2011 to be identified by the administration and to work to identify the remaining \$75,000 over the course of the year”, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

After further discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Council Member Stardig's substitute motion for Amendment 6.01. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0442 ADOPTED.

Amendment 6.02 - Council Member Stardig

All Departments will, within 30 days of passing of the FY2011 budget, submit goals to the Administration and City Council using S.M.A.R.T goal setting guidelines. These will consist of Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Bound goals - was presented.

Council Member Stardig stated that this was something that came up during the budget review process, that she was a bit disappointed by the goals set by some of their directors, that how do they measure their success next year if they did not know what the measurement was and some of the goals did not mean a thing to her and some of the departments that were critical to the success of the City did not have good goals in her personal opinion.

Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 10.27 – Sullivan with Amendment 6.02 – Stardig, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0443 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.27 – Council Member Sullivan

Penalize certain departments for failure to report real numbers on FY09 Performance Measures- total savings \$14,151,274 (see attachment for explanation) - was presented.

Mayor Parker stated in truth Council Member Bradford's motion considered earlier about core and non core all went to these same issues of department goals.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he thought that was their goal, that he thought they were all working toward the same thing, that he did not want to split hairs in the language in his motion, that Mayor Parker had agreed as amended.

Council Member Stardig moved to table Amendment 6.02 – Stardig and refer to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0444 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had offered Council Member Sullivan substitute language to Amendment 10.27.

Council Member Sullivan asked for clarification on the last two words “where available”, that he would hope there would be some accountability because he would not want a department who was not reporting real numbers now to then say “well it was not available”, and Mayor Parker stated that yes, they intended to honor both the letter and spirit of his motion.

Council Member Sullivan moved to adopt the administration's substitute language for Amendment 10.27 – Sullivan as follows: “~~Penalize certain~~ Ensure departments ~~for failure to~~ report ~~real~~ actual numbers on ~~FY09~~ annual budget Performance Measures ~~– total savings \$14,151,274 (see attachment for explanation)~~ where available”, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0445 ADOPTED.

Amendment 6.03 - Council Member Stardig

Within 6 months after approval of the FY 2011 Budget the Legal Department will develop and implement the model Deed Restriction Program. The Legal Department will provide a sample set of legally enforceable deed restriction language for neighborhoods to choose in order to renew or implement deed restrictions in City of Houston neighborhoods. The Planning and Development Department will facilitate the rollout of the Program information and neighborhood education within 6 months after design by the Legal Department - was presented.

After discussion Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 9.01 – Adams with Amendment 6.03 – Stardig, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0446 ADOPTED.

Amendment 9.01 - Council Member Adams

Amend the General Fund-Legal Department budget to review the cost and need for additional investigatory resources in support of the Legal Department Neighborhood Services Division's enforcement of deed restrictions, dangerous building demolition, alcoholic beverage license protests, SOB ordinance enforcement and prosecution of crime based nuisances. An additional investigator, if warranted, would require approximately \$50,600 in personnel costs – was presented.

Council Member Adams stated that she would support Council Member Stardig's amendment and withdrew Amendment 9.01 – Adams.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Adams stated for the record that she wanted to thank Vice Chair and the Legal Department for meeting with them in a meeting in her office concerning this and how to move it forward, that she came up with some wonderful ideas on how to press forward, that she thought extra personnel was needed across the board, but knew that Mayor Parker was going to look at her reorganization to see if they could find somebody, but if they could not they could definitely understand, but they looked for the other progresses that she was sure was going to take place in the Legal Department to help them meet the goals that they were trying to do with deed restrictions.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration would respectfully request that Council Member Stardig table Amendment 6.03 and refer to the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee.

After further discussion Council Member Stardig moved to table Amendment 6.03 – Stardig to the Neighborhood Protection Quality of Life Committee, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0447 ADOPTED.

Amendment 6.04 - Council Member Stardig

All HPD Stations open 24 hours will provide a coed gym with access to both male and female officers without having to access gender specific areas to gain entry - was presented.

Council Member Stardig stated that with the exposure and liability opportunity she thought it was something that she strongly urged her colleagues to support and vote for, that they identified one station at this time that needed to have these accommodations taken care of.

A vote was called on Amendment 6.04 – Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0448 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.01 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All Departments – General Fund: The Department of Finance shall monitor all budgeted civilian vacancy FTEs, including full-time, part-time, and over-time positions, and their corresponding annualized salaries, on a monthly basis and will adjust the department budgets accordingly. The adjustments shall be reflected in the Monthly Financial Operations Report to Council - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Clutterbuck, Mayor Parker stated that she believed they were already doing this and would request a motion to table, but were happy to see if the presentation did not provide the level of detail that she wanted they could adjust accordingly, and Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she did not want to table Amendment 8.01, she would like a vote on it, that it was the same amendment that she offered last year that had significant impact and would like to see that codified again as part of this year's budget, and Mayor Parker stated that the administration did not oppose that.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Adams asked if the administration could ask Budget and Fiscal Affairs to bring a report to see actual numbers to see how much was saved per department concerning this particular issue and see if it was a big difference because she knew they did it last year and there should be some type of reporting numbers available from the departments, that she was trying to figure out if it was done and what departments actually yielded and did they see in the yield a savings, how did they measure that the amendment was effective. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mayor Parker called on Ms. Mitchell to respond, and Ms. Mitchell stated that for last year's amendment requesting the same thing, from Council Member Clutterbuck, they developed a tool which was in their monthly report every month, that it did not give the dollar amount but gave the number of FTEs and how they were capped and what they had to get to by basic attrition, retiring, etc., they did not rehire, that the savings piece was automatically taken out of their budgets and they had to maintain these levels, so it was automatically taken out and put into the General Fund.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that just for clarification, amendments like this to the budget did not carry forward into perpetuity, they applied to this budget only, that sometimes they incorporated them in future budgets, that while they intended to provide this information at the requests of Council Members it would need to be done annually in order to insure that.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Amendment 8.01 – Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. MOTION 2010-0449 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.02 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All Departments – General Fund: All civilian employee staffing levels reflecting occupied FTE positions shall be funded at FY 2008 levels or lower if recommended by the individual department directors – was presented. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this was to point out that they were expecting revenues to be only \$6 million more than their revenues in Fiscal Year 2008, that she understood that it was unrealistic to implement this amendment and that that she would withdraw Amendment 8.02. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a great number of items left and would respectfully a request to motion for an hour, that she knew the media wanted to relocate and she needed to leave the Chamber for approximately one hour. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to recess for one hour, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. MOTION 2010-0450 ADOPTED.

The City Council reconvened at 3:50 p.m. to complete the agenda. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Pennington and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that at least two Council Members went to the County building for the press conference, that to inform Council, the District Attorney returned indictments against four police officers, the department fired those four police officers and an additional three police officers, that they gave two day suspensions to four police officers and she believed a counseling letter to the fifth one, so twelve officers in total received discipline in the incident, that the video tape of the incident was not being released by the District Attorney's office, and it was her intention that it not be shown until trial, that it was a rather contentious press conference because the media protested, that she wanted to thank District Attorney Lykos and Chief McClelland, that the Chief did everything by the book when he received the video tape he contacted the District Attorney's office, they both had been very careful and thorough because they wanted certainly the discipline from the departmental side to stick and they wanted to draw the distinction between officers who behaved in an inappropriate way with a suspect and the men and women who did a great job day in and day out for the citizens of Houston, that they deserved their due process but they also needed to take swift action to protect the integrity of the department. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Pennington and Jones absent.

Amendment 8.05 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All Departments – All Funds: Eliminate bilingual pay for all non classified employees – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Pennington and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this was an item that had received a significant amount of public and personal attention on the part of the public at large, that her amendment was to eliminate bilingual pay for all non classified employees, that as she stated previously the philosophy behind that was to honor their bilingual employees and honor it as a skill required to be specified in a job description, that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and her colleagues who took the time to talk to her personally about this and more important to hear what she was intending and not misconstrue what she was intending, that she wanted to thank the Mayor for her commitment on the part of her administration to eliminate bilingual pay for all non classified employees unless the employee was in direct contact with the public, demonstrates proficiency with testing and there was a reasonable expectation that the language would be used in the normal course of that person's job duties and not just the occasional performance of those job duties, that the Mayor had made that commitment to her and that commitment to enforce executive policy and moved to table Amendment 8.05 – Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Jones absent. MOTION 2010-0451 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.06 - Council Member Clutterbuck

The City of Houston taxpayer funded share of under 65 retiree health insurance premiums shall be no more than 50% - was presented. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this was to put into effect and to put into the budget and ordinance and the Mayor's stated policy of having a 50/50 split on taxpayer funded share of under 65 retiree health benefits, that she thought that this combined with her commitment on Council Member Costello's excellent amendment was the type of thing that would help reduce their cost to the taxpayer, that currently they were paying a little bit more and this was just to bring it into her stated policy. Council Member Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that one minor correction to the administration comments on Amendment 8.06 – Clutterbuck, it would actually be opened enrollment in May 2011, that would be the next time it would come up, that currently they were 52/48 and this would make a minor shift it just would not have a significant impact on this current budget. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Costello asked Council Member Clutterbuck how much this would save, and Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this amendment was projected to save about \$2 million for a full fiscal year, that there would not be much in this fiscal year but going forward, should the Mayor adopt it for the next fiscal budget, it averaged out to be about \$2 million per year, and Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank her for referring back to his amendment, that he thought in the future as they moved forward they had to spend a little bit more time working with their HR in terms of their group health insurance, they had to become a little more creative, that in his firm they offered and paid for 95% of coverage in his firm and that was a luxury that he had decided to do over the years, but just recently they changed their policy and were offering their employees to pay the difference of the increase and yet they covered the base, that they had to be more creative as they moved forward and hoped that the HR people were focusing on that. Council Member Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she just returned from the US Conference of Mayor's meeting and a lot of the cities had gone to self funding and she had instructed the HR Department to at least explore that as they moved forward. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig asked when would they see a transition or result of the increase for those people that may have other choices for insurance that were in this category, where they may shift to their current job, where they retired from the City and now had another job and they had a choice to go to another and had chosen to stay with the City, and Mayor Parker stated that it had already begun and did not know if they had at the table today the actual numbers and asked Ms. Mitchell if she had an answer to that, that they could get if for the Council Member, that they had seen a shift in the insurance, and Ms. Mitchell stated that she knew that they could opt out and take insurance somewhere else and opt back in with the City, which was quite a benefit to them, and Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Waguespack, her Deputy Chief of Staff, was in the back and would see if he could get that information.

Council Member Johnson asked if anything had changed significantly in respect to the federal funds that were available for the retirement benefits, he thought it was \$5 million, and Mayor Parker stated that she thought it was also related to Council Member Costello's amendments, that there had been a flurry of information from the Federal Government but not the actual, that it had not been nailed down yet, that was her understanding, and they of course wanted to take advantage of anything they could do to reduce the insurance burden for their employees and were seeking that, but that went to the heart of Council Member Costello's motion that was made earlier.

Council Member Adams stated that just for the record, she knew that Mayor Parker said that the administration was neutral and asked if Mayor Parker was going to go with the vote of the Council or what was her opinion on this personally, and Mayor Parker stated that she already did the heavy lifting on this unilaterally earlier in the year, that it would certainly be gratifying to have Council show that they somewhat agreed with that, but it was truly not necessary to do this to alleviate this year's budget, that it would have more of an impact on next year's budget, but the contract would be amended significantly before then so this was more of a statement of principle or a symbolic vote in her opinion.

Mayor Parker stated that she believed when the contract was considered under the previous administration, how to handle the retirees under 65 was delegated to the Mayor by the Council and she took advantage of that, that delegation did not have to occur the next time they considered this.

After further discussion Council Member Clutterbuck moved to table Amendment 8.06 – Clutterbuck and refer to the administration, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0452 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.08 - Council Member Clutterbuck

The Mayor shall report to City Council by September 1, 2010 a detailed plan for fleet consolidation, including parts, fuel distribution and personnel savings – was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck offered a substitute motion for Amendment 8.08 as follows:

“The Mayor shall update report to City Council by September 1, 2010 and provide a detailed plan for fleet consolidation, including parts, fuel distribution, take home vehicles and personnel savings by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY11.”, seconded by Council Member Noriega.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to suspend the rules to consider Amendment 10.34 – Sullivan with Amendment 8.08 – Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0453 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.34 – Council Member Sullivan

Review take-home vehicle policy for all non-public safety personnel, and if there have been no after-hours call out within the last 30 days (or pick some other arbitrary period of time) evaluate the need for that employee to continue to take a vehicle home. Consider a vehicle allowance, or reimbursement policy, for any legitimate city business for after hours use as an alternative policy – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the purpose of his amendment was that he wanted to specifically exclude public safety personnel, police and fire, and was looking for employees that were taking vehicles home that were not being called out for service, that if they were not being called out for service to him it was more of a commuting privilege, that Mr. Andy Iken explained the distinction between vehicles that employees were working out of, he did not intend to capture that, if an employee was working out of his vehicle from his home, every morning he jumps into his vehicle, turns on the laptop, gets his assignments and goes out into the field working that was not his intent, that his intent was someone parking in the driveway and the car never leaves until they go to work the next day; that he wanted to be specific in excluding public safety personnel because HPLU contented that Houston Police officers who took home their vehicle were actually generating a profit for the City in excess of the cost and it was a discussion that they ought to have sometime.

Mayor Parker stated that she supported Council Member Clutterbuck's motion and supported the intent of Council Member Sullivan's as well, although she would request a motion to table because she believed it was incorporated within Council Member Clutterbuck's, however, the administration going forward was going to look at all take home vehicles, including those of classified employees, as part of their overall fleet review, that it was already in the works, that she agreed with his motion but what they were doing was somewhat broader than that, that there was a current policy that she believed was a 30 mile radius and if they went beyond that they had to park it, they could not drive it home beyond that, that they were not intending to change that, they would evaluate to see whether that was working, that some of what was in the motion by Council Member Clutterbuck was addressed by Council Member Bradford's earlier motion where she committed to coming back on a monthly basis to the Fiscal Affairs Committee to update on progress and this would have been included in that as well, but this specifically addressed how fast they had to come back with a plan on everything to do with vehicles in the City of Houston; that they fully intend, as they bring their fleet maintenance and fuel consolidations, to ask for a vote of Council in support of these changes, that they do not require an expenditure, they hoped to result in savings, that she wanted Council to weigh in on these policy changes so they would be brought forward for a vote at that time.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendment 10.34 – Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0454 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Council Member Clutterbuck's substitute motion for Amendment 8.08 – Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-455 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.09 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All General Fund Departments - All human resource related activities from the various City departments shall be consolidated under the Human Resources department - was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to table Amendment 8.09 – Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0456 ADOPTED.

Amendment 8.10 - Council Member Clutterbuck

All General Fund Departments - All information technology related activities from the various City departments shall be consolidated under the Information Technology department - was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that this item was similar to the previous one and understood that the administration was undertaking this and she looked forward to the results of it brought to the table and moved to table Amendment 8.10 – Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0457 ADOPTED.

Amendment 9.03 – Council Member Adams

Amend the General Fund-General Service budget to review the cost and need for additional investigative resources in support of the General Service Department Property Management ( Position Request for Assistant Property Manager, dangerous building demolition, Asbestos Inspections, Lead Inspections, Mold Inspections An additional Assistant Project Manager, if warranted, would require approximately 42,000 in personnel costs. There is a great need for this position. Currently you have one Asbestos Inspector for the entire City of Houston. With the increase need to demolish more buildings this position will assist the current Property Manager – was presented.

Council Member Adams stated that she did not know if they were aware that there was only one project manager that conducted all of the asbestos inspections, that she was requesting another position because the Mayor's intent with Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life was to look at ways that they could improve City functions, and understood that Chief Curran and his administration were looking at ways to certify their current inspectors to go out and do asbestos training and did not know how that was working, but this was the reason that she requested additional personnel for this particular position.

Mayor Parker stated that she agreed with the thrust of Council Member Adams motion and in discussion with General Services Department the feeling was that it did not take the asbestos inspector's full time, that it was current that when he was not there it could cause a backlog and they were trying to address it in other ways by training other employees and when they brought in a new GSD Director that person would have an opportunity to reorganize the department, that they would commit to her that they would address full coverage of asbestos inspection but would respectfully ask that she either table or withdraw her motion so that they would have a chance to get to that.

Council Member Adams asked if she could make a motion that they table Amendment 9.03 until they hire a new GSD Director to see if the position was warranted for future if funding became available or if he deemed it necessary for them to even have that position for an assistant project manager to help the current project manager who did this particular work.

Mayor Parker asked if she would table it to a discussion at her committee of the adequacy of their Asbestos Inspection Program for the City of Houston, and Council Member Adams stated that she guessed they could ask Chief Curran's administration if they could come forward and give them a plan, and Mayor Parker stated that they would bring it back when the new GSD Director was in place and take it to her committee if that was acceptable as a substitute for her motion to table.

Council Member Adams moved to table Amendment 9.03 – Adams and bring it at a latter date to the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0458 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that they would have the discussion at the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee and Council Member Adams agreed to defer Amendment 9.03 until after they had a General Services Director so that they could actually drill down and see if they needed to fill the position, that it was the hiring of

an additional person and they wanted to give the new director an opportunity to investigate that.

Council Member Sullivan moved to roll up Amendments 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 10.08, 10.09, 10.10, 10.12, 10.13, 10.16, 10.17, 10.19, 10.20, 10.21 and 10.30 and withdraw them, seconded by Council Member Johnson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0459 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.04 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap Audiovisual Supplies allocation at estimated actual for FY10- total savings \$179,284 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.05 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap computer supplies allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$71,401 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.06 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap paper and printing supplies allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$71,401 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.07 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap postage allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$121,039 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.08 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap food supplies allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$79,932 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.09 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap landscaping and gardening supplies allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$53,828 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.10 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap small tools and minor equipment allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$80,016 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.12 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap Real Estate Services allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$299,726 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.13 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap Janitorial Services allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$581,370 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.16 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap computer equipment/software maintenance allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$94,985 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.17 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap office equipment services allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$7,843 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.19 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap the Computer Software Maintenance Services allocation at the FY10 level- total savings \$119,565 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.20 – Council Member Sullivan  
Reduce Print Shop Services to FY10 budget allocation- total savings \$27, 802 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.21 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap Advertising Services allocation at estimated FY10 level- total savings \$45, 532 - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.30 – Council Member Sullivan  
Eliminate City Hall Fellows program - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he and Mayor Parker reviewed these and understood the rationale for some ongoing discussions and considerations that were underway right now, that he thought that at the end of the day they were all going to be where they wanted to be, and Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to express her appreciation that he had withdrawn all of these items and disposed of them so rapidly so that they could move the agenda, that she appreciated that action; that for the benefit of the public these had to do with cutting many of the line item expenditures at the total budget level, the position of the administration was that these would best be addressed at the individual departmental level and they worked with the Council Member on what his concerns were.

Amendment 10.01 – Council Member Sullivan  
Delay three percent across the board pay increase for all civilians' employees of the City of Houston- total savings \$8,600,000 – was presented. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration was opposed to the item, that it would require the consent of the bargaining unit to reopen the agreement, that it had to do with the 3% across the board pay raise for City employees.

A vote was called on Amendment 10.01 – Sullivan. Council Member Sullivan voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2010-0460 FAILED.

Amendment 10.03 – Council Member Sullivan  
Reduce allocation to Mayor's Office by six percent – total savings \$186,642 – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration was opposed to the item, that it had to do with the apparent increase in the Mayor's office budget of more than the 3% across the board pay raise, that it had to do with moving personnel from ARA into the Mayor's office, that there was no increase in the total City budget. Council Member Costello absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Clutterbuck asked to have an organization chart from the Mayor's office, a listing of all individuals who were paid through the Mayor's office and others who serviced her and were paid through other departments, and Mayor Parker stated that she understood the request and it might surprise her to know that one of the first things she asked for upon her election was an organization chart for the Mayor's office and there was not one, that they had created one and it would be forth coming. Council Members Johnson, Gonzalez and Lovell absent.

A vote was called on Amendment 10.03 – Sullivan. Council Member Sullivan voting aye, balance voting no. Council Members Johnson, Gonzalez and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0461 FAILED.

Mayor Parker stated that in general if they were present in the Chamber and they called a vote and if they did not say anything they were considered to have voted yes, but in order to vote no they had to affirmatively vote no and she was just clarifying that as they moved forward. Council Member Lovell absent.

Amendment 10.11 – Council Member Sullivan

Reduce allocation for Management Consulting Services to FY09 level- total savings \$1,411,509 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he was interested in why their levels had gone up so much, if it was more true accounting where they were capturing numbers and trying to report them in a more clear manor then that was something that he thought was good, if it was the fact that management fees were growing this much then he thought they did want to reign them in, and Mayor Parker asked Ms. Mitchell to respond on Amendment 10.11 – Sullivan and asked if she could clarify what the item was. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Mitchell stated that this was a variety of things, that it would take a while for her to pull that out, that if they would take her department for example, in management consulting they had Barton Smith, Fred Mason and several contracts in there, Jefferson Wells for hurricane work, and then in other departments, GSD for example, had consulting contracts out as well, so does PWE, that a majority of the City did, that she was more than happy to do a total breakdown for him on each one of them, that she was not sure on the savings because they had the contract at this point, but was happy to get that back to him by the end of the week.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he was looking to comparing it to the FY09 level, and for it to jump from where it was up half a million, he thought, got his attention, and Mayor Parker stated that she was opposed to the amendment because Council Member Sullivan was operating off of a total and it was a roll up of all the City departments with a number of different items, that she did know that one thing that was in this one that had not been in previous was that they were in active Meet and Confer negotiations right now with the Police Department so they had a contract with Lowell Denton, but there were some others like that as well, and Ms. Mitchell stated yes, that also if they would look at the Latent Print at \$2.3 million in the Police, for example, this was one way also that they could do things without increasing benefits as well, which was less costly on the City, and Mayor Parker asked Ms. Mitchell if she was saying that the consultants dealing with the Latent Prints were also part of this, and Ms. Mitchell stated yes, \$2.3 million.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would withdraw Amendment 10.11 because he did support that item when they voted on it and still did.

Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 10.11 was withdrawn by Council Member Sullivan.

Amendment 10.14 – Council Member Sullivan

Reduce allocation for fuel to FY10 budget allocation- total savings \$1,614,336 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that it looked like the administration agreed with the motion as amended, and Mayor Parker stated that the administration would support the Council Member if he offered the substitute amendment for Amendment 10.14, that it was a point well taken, the Council Member was questioning the accuracy of their price estimates and they had agreed to review those.

Council Member Sullivan offered a substitute motion for Amendment 10.14 - Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Bradford, as follows,:

~~“Reduce review allocation for fuel to FY10 budget allocation – total savings \$1,614,336 determine accuracy of the price estimates.”~~ All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0462 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.15 – Council Member Sullivan

Cut the HOPE Union Business Usage allocation – total savings \$ 2,700 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendment 10.15, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0463 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that most of the departments reported this as part of base salary, that there was at least one department that included it separately in the budget and they wanted consistency so they would correct that presentation in the future and thanked Council Member Sullivan for pointing that out.

Amendment 10.18 – Council Member Sullivan

Eliminate allocation for Private Investigative Services- total savings \$49,277 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan withdrew Amendment 10.18 and stated that he received an explanation from the administration.

Amendment 10.22 – Council Member Sullivan

Reduce Contingency allocation to \$1,000,000- total savings \$2,731,000 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he thought it was an excessively high contingency when they were trying to balance the budget.

A vote was called on Amendment 10.22 – Sullivan. Council Member Sullivan voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2010-0464 FAILED.

Amendment 10.23 – Council Member Sullivan

Cap education and training allocation at estimated FY10-total savings \$45,532 - was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that this was an item having to do with education and training, that the substitute referenced those training costs not directly job related and she thought that was a reasonable request and also thought that it was timely to have a review of the EB Cape Program for the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, that she believed that the City of Houston was large enough and conducted enough trainings that they ought to be able to offer space in their trainings to other entities for a fee and actually make money and there was an active program to do that at the EB Cape Center and she would like to bring that forward.

Council Member Sullivan offered a substitute motion for Amendment 10.23, seconded by Council Member Bradford, as follows:

“Review all education and training allocations and eliminate those not directly job related. Present review of EB Cape program expansion to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee”. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0465 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.24 – Council Member Sullivan

Cap tuition reimbursement at FY09 actual expenditures- total savings \$386,353 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that with respect to tuition reimbursement, a lot of people were going back to school to gain new skills and make themselves more marketable, with

probably a few exceptions, did anyone pay for that but themselves and their families and he thought it was a luxury to offer that to City employees and did not think it was something that they could afford and offered a substitute motion for Amendment 10.23, seconded by Council Member Stardig, as follows:

“Review all tuition reimbursement program and eliminate those not directly job related unless contractually required”

Mayor Parker stated that they asked for substitute language simply because there were in meet and confer contracts with some of their employees groups that specified this and this would affect those that were not already specified by contract, that the administration agreed as amended.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Council Member Sullivan’s substitute motion for Amendment 10.24. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0466 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.26 – Council Member Sullivan  
Cap Administration and Regulatory Affairs at FY10 budget allocation- total savings \$8,443,359 (see attachment for explanation) – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind Council Members that they moved a lot of functions into Administration and Regulatory Affairs, that it did not actually increase the City budget it just shifted where they were shown, that the administration was opposed to Amendment 10.26 – Sullivan.

A vote was called on Amendment 10.26 – Sullivan. Council Member Sullivan voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2010-0467 FAILED.

Amendment 10.28 – Council Member Sullivan  
Discontinue Use of all inbound long distance lines to all city departments – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan offered a substitute motion for Amendment 10.28, seconded by Council Member Lovell, as follows:

“The administration will evaluate all inbound long distance lines and discontinue any that do not serve an operational or public safety purpose.”

Mayor Parker stated that this was an excellent point and had to do with “1-800” numbers and apparently there were “1-800” lines in the City that had outlived their operational purpose and appreciated the Council Member pointing that out and they were going to do a review.

A vote was called on Council Member Sullivan substitute motion for Amendment 10.28 – Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0468 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.29 – Council Member Sullivan  
Reduce funding for Safe Clear program by adjusting service hours to peak traffic times only, and only on weekdays. Exclude all weekend, night, and holiday services. Total saving \$2.7 million - was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he was not convinced that it needed to be a 24/7 operation and realized that there were some people that were not happy with his offering this and that was okay, but he thought that the bigger discussion was how well it was managed and in asking HPD for the staffing levels that they had in the program it was higher than what he

even expected, that they were looking at about \$1.1 million of HPD management of the SafeClear Program, that he thought it was expensive, that he was all about reducing congestion and was evidenced by his support of the MRT Program and was all about safety for all of their departments and for the public but he thought it was time for them to re-look at the program and to make it more efficient.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration opposed the motion, not because they did not appreciate the spirit of it and they actually believed that it might be possible to civilianize a good bit of the internal function of SafeClear, which would reduce cost and free up those officers, but they did believe it was something that needed to operate 24/7, and would welcome a motion to table to the appropriate committee so they could bring up the proposal forward.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendment 10.29 – Sullivan and refer to the Transportation, Infrastructure and Aviation Committee for review, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0469 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.31 – Council Member Sullivan  
Eliminate all non-essential HTV and Houston MediaSource programming and recording costs. Reduce the city's funding portion by \$600,000 and charge Council and Controller's offices for full production and associated costs of shows, PSAs, and promotional spots - was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would withdraw Amendment 10.31.

Mayor Parker stated that it had to do with HTV and Houston MediaSource funding, that it was all franchise fees and dedicated under law to these purposes.

Amendment 10.32 – Council Member Sullivan  
Eliminate the city's portion of funding for the Bay Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Total savings annually-\$135,000 – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that Bay Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and Greater Houston Visitors Bureau were kind of stepping over each other, he thought, in some areas and when talking to Dawn Ullrich and Greg Ortell it looked to him like there was a lot of duplication of service, that he also portrayed this as Tillman Fertitta's marketing arm for the Kemah Boardwalk, that he thought there was some legitimacy to that statement, that it was hard for him to quantify \$135,000 a year, even though it was in his district, that he wanted to spend money wisely in his district.

Mayor Parker stated that she respected his position on this and did agree, that all of their marketing contracts were currently under review and they would commit to keeping him informed as they went forward, that they would not renew it without bringing it to Council.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendment 10.32, seconded by Council Member Lovell. Mayor Parker stated that Amendment 10.32 would come back to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0470 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.33 – Council Member Sullivan  
Discontinue the practice of city departments paying permit fees to other city departments – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that they were paying City permit fees to the City when City departments did work for each other and he thought it was a practice that he did not support, the money stayed in the General Fund, but thought it was an exercise that they could do without and in visiting with City personnel the pushback was that the City should not be

treated any different than the private sector and he agreed with the concept and would want to clarify that his motion did not lessen the City's responsibility to comply with its own regulations or standards or its own specifications, but that they not literally had to transfer money from one department to another, that they did not pay sales or ad valorem taxes and he thought this was a similar situation.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought that was certainly a valid point, their intention was that all departments follow the same rules that the private sector did and moving money may not be necessary in order to accomplish that, and asked Council Member Sullivan if he would table the amendment to the committee she would bring back a better answer on that. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendment 10.33 and refer to committee, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0471 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendments 10.35, 10.36 and 10.37 – Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0472 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.35 – Council Member Sullivan

Audit whether or not city employees who have take home vehicles are issued W-2, and if so, what the city's financial liability is for that on an annual basis - was presented, and tabled by MOTION 2010-0472.

Amendment 10.36 – Council Member Sullivan

Conduct a performance audit of the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office, and determine if it is "mission critical" to core city services - was presented, and tabled by MOTION 2010-0472.

Amendment 10.37 – Council Member Sullivan

Evaluate annual expenditures to Greater Houston Partnership, and determine cost and benefit. When compared to their total budget, are our financial contributions fair and reasonable - was presented, and tabled by MOTION 2010-0472.

Mayor Parker stated that first was the question whether they issued W2's to those City employees who had take home vehicles, that was a Federal IRS requirement and they did so; that they were doing a reorganization of the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office and would be reporting back; and as the previous answer, they were evaluating the contract with the Greater Houston Partnership and making changes to it and would be bringing it back to Council timely.

Amendment 10.38 – Council Member Sullivan

Conduct security audit for City Hall and City Hall annex to maximize use of HPD classified uniformed officers – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the substitute amendment that the administration offered, Conduct an evaluation and recommend cost reductions by September 1, 2010 of the utilization of HPD classified uniform officers for City Hall and City Hall Annex, that his goal in this particular item was not cost reductions, so he was a little hesitant that since it was not his language.

Mayor Parker stated that in their direct discussions he talked about the use of HPD officers as opposed to security personnel and when they were staffed for the Council floor, that she believed that this was rightly a discussion for all of Council as to what he thought was an appropriate level of security to be provided to them, and would suggest that they table it and

refer to his own Council Governance Committee for discussion.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table the original Amendment 10.38 - Sullivan and refer to the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0473 ADOPTED.

Amendment 10.39 – Council Member Sullivan

Determine whether or not there is a need for the existence of the Houston Airport System Development Corporation - was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that this was an item that he purposed last year as well, that it was kind of a moving target and understood that with the administration's appointment and this body's subsequent confirmation that they had a new Airport System Director and this would now be reviewed and come back before the TIA Committee, which he fully supported.

Council Member Sullivan moved to table Amendment 10.39 – Sullivan and refer to the Transportation, Infrastructure and Airport Committee, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on the motion to table Amendment 10.39 and refer to the TIA Committee. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2010-0474 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.01 – Council Member Gonzalez

Separate funding for the CCSI program into an individual line item and increase funding from \$116,000 to \$139,000 to fully fund program. Transfer \$23,000 from the unreserved undesignated fund balance to cover shortfall if necessary - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this was in regard to an important program that they were currently funding, the Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative, that it focused on those mentally ill individuals that the police come in contact with the most, those that had the highest number of interactions with the Police Department, that the program had been very successful and had already reduced 70% of contacts within the group that they focused on, that the request was simply to continue the funding, to fully fund, and it was his understanding that the administration was committed to try to do, that ideally he would like to see it further expanded so they could focus on additional individuals that could use this program, that there had been a little bit of confusion on what the proper funding level was or the amount of monies, but understood that the administration was working to try to get the accurate number and get it funded. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to table Amendment 13.01 and refer to the administration, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2010-0475 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.02 – Council Member Gonzalez

Appoint a stakeholders committee including members of City Council, Department representatives, and outside experts to review the presentation of the city budget, the line items, and performance measures and make recommendations of changes to the format – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to combine discussion of Amendments 13.04 and 13.05 with Amendment 13.02, that they were similar in nature, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2010-0476 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.04 – Council Member Gonzalez

Require the Finance Department to publish annual TIRZ Capital Improvement Plan that contains all projects funded by all TIRZs in current City of Houston C.I.P. format – was presented.

Amendment 13.05 – Council Member Gonzalez

Beginning with FY2012 budget, require a separate listing of all Transfers of Fund made between different funds (excluding transfers made for reimbursement of utilities, debt service), iteming individual transfers – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that the intent was to bring additional transparency to how the City budget was presented and some of the information that they received throughout the year, that many times just getting the MOFAR sometimes led to their having to ask a lot more questions because they did not understand what particular line items were and he thought sometimes if they just had a little bit more information it would be really helpful, and of course trying to get the TIRZ Capital Improvement Plans in a timely manner would also help to see how it coincided with the CIP and other expenditures that the City was having or planning to have, that he was in agreement with the administration and looked forward to moving this to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee for review so that they could find better ways of presenting the budget.

Council Member Gonzalez offered a motion to table Amendment 13.02, Amendment 13.04 and Amendment 13.05 and refer to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, seconded by Council Member Hoang.

Mayor Parker stated that to be clear it was already within the authority of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee Chair to schedule presentations on how best to present the budget and the administration would welcome any suggestions on how to make that doorstep more accessible to Council Members.

A vote was called on Council Member Gonzalez motion to table Amendments 13.02, 13.04 and 13.05 and refer to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0477 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.03 – Council Member Gonzalez

Require the Finance Department to publish annual report on all sources of federal, state, and grant funds received by the City, itemized by amount and beneficiary Department - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he believed that this would also be discussed and that Council Member Rodriguez also had something similar and getting a little bit more coordination with their grants and incoming grants to the City and trying to see what the total number of grants they received and how they had been allocated and perhaps having that information published so they could have an annual review of what was going on with their grants, that he agreed with the administration's recommendation.

Council Member Gonzalez offered a motion to table Amendment 13.03 and refer to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0478 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.06 – Council Member Gonzalez

Request the Department of Public Works Works to seek additional funding from METRO as allowed per the Consent Agreement to hire more staff to review the designs submitted to the Department by METRO for the construction of light-rail system under METRO Solutions – was

presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he felt that with the volume of paperwork and designs that had to be reviewed, very complex in nature, that perhaps it was taking a lot of their employee work hours that were very critical in other areas and directing them specifically to METRO and their consent agreement did provide for that possibility, that he was in agreement to a substitute amendment to add the verbiage "if needed" that way it gave them that flexibility and understood that the Department of Public Works felt they had adequate staffing right now to handle it but if needed they could refer to this amendment. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she agreed with the substitute, that it was much easier to get information out of METRO these days. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Gonzalez offered a motion to substitute the following for Amendment 13.06, seconded by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Hoang absent.

"If needed, request the Department of Public Works Works to seek additional funding from METRO as allowed per the Consent Agreement to hire more staff to review the designs submitted to the Department by METRO for the construction of light-rail system under METRO "Solutions". Council Member Hoang absent.

After further discussion a vote was called on Council Member Gonzalez motion to adopt a substitute for Amendment 13.06. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. MOTION 2010-0479 ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.07 – Council Member Gonzalez  
Require the Department of Public Works Works and the Planning and Development Department to create unified database containing occupancy loads, parking space requirements, building square footage, building use, etc. - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this was just to seek additional coordination, that his intent was for more information sharing between Public Works and Planning and Development, just to create a unified database, that sometimes he thought there were some duplication that occurred, that both sometimes needed similar information and if they could go to just one database it would probably be a lot more efficient, that he agreed with the administration. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to table Amendment 13.07 and refer to the appropriate City Council Committee, seconded by Council Member Lovell.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not know if it should go to the Technology Committee or to the TIA Committee, that she would let the Council Members decide, that they had made great progress on this and would be happy to bring it forward soon.

A vote was called on Council Member Gonzalez motion to table Amendment 13.07 and refer to the appropriate City Council Committee. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0480. ADOPTED.

Amendment 13.08 – Council Member Gonzalez  
Require the Convention and Entertainment Facilities to provide several multi-cultural online calendars for organizations to post events. Several small organizations do not have the capability to promote events through individual websites and this would help promote the City's vibrant communities - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that his intent was to allow a portal for some of these smaller arts and cultural organizations in town to have access to be able to post their events on any current system that the City had, that a lot of these events were very popular and did draw visitors into the region and thought it would be important to highlight their events if there was such a calendar, that it was his understanding that the Convention and Visitors Bureau was currently performing this and would perhaps outreach to the community a little bit more to make sure that those organizations had the information necessary to post those events as was currently the policy.

Mayor Parker stated that it was her understanding that CVB already did this but perhaps they insufficiently marketed it, that certainly thought that this was an excellent idea and would do whatever they could to get more information to the community organizations. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she would like more information about it as well because if there was opportunities for other organizations then they needed to make sure that it was available as a tool, that she assumed that there were strict guidelines on who had access as who they allowed as they opened things up like this, and Mayor Parker stated that it would be monitored or filtered. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to table Amendment 13.08 and refer to the appropriate committee for further discussion, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0481 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that if someone wanted to claim this discussion to their committee they needed to let her know. Council Member Noriega absent.

#### Amendment 13.09 – Council Member Gonzalez

Direct ARA to conduct a study to assess the number of unlicensed pets that are owned in the City of Houston for the purpose of raising addition revenue for animal care – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that their animal control system in the City was something that obviously was quite a challenge, they dealt with a very high number of stray animals, a lot of pets that came through their animal system and quite frankly it was not their issue per se, it was actually those in the community, that it was a matter of pet responsibility, that he thought that was something that they needed to focus on and really bring awareness to this and put this on the community and making sure they collaborated with all the organizations that dealt with this issue, that they needed to launch some type of education campaign and begin to enforce their licensing regulations that were already in place, that his intent was not necessarily to go out and count how many animals were out there but just assessing how they could better launch the licensing of pets, that the current system they had right now did not really seem to be fitting that purpose, that he believed they needed to find a better way of increasing their licensing rates, which would subsequently increase revenues for this effort and be able to better finance their animal control system going forward. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to express her appreciation for Council Member Gonzalez willingness to tackle these animal issues on behalf of the City, that they certainly would provide him with whatever data he needed in this, that he had expressed a willingness to move forward the work of a task force that former Mayor Bill White created six years ago that looked at these issues but they did not make really substantial progress on it and that would be of great benefit to the City, that if there were other Council Members who wanted to work with Council Member Gonzalez she was sure he would be happy for the help, and Council Member

Gonzalez stated yes. Council Member Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Stardig for agreeing to play a part on tackling the fee issue for the City of Houston, that perhaps a request to Council Member Gonzalez to withdraw his amendment, that they believed that the information was already available and was why they agreed to provide it to him, that it would not require any further expenditure of funds, but the fee issue would be addressed if not by his work but by Council Member Stardig's effort and come back to the Fiscal Affairs Committee. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that his intent was to work with ARA to access and study their current system, that he believed they used Pet Data and paid for that system so that was a cost to the City and finding out what were best practices, was it something that could be done in house with a current system that they may have thus possibly saving some money or could they find a better way of increasing individuals in the community that wanted to be responsible pet owners to use a more customer friendly service to register their pets, that it was not a comprehensive study. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Members were very much in support of his intention, it was the stated purpose for raising additional revenue when she knew in fact that his stated purpose was to try to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the City, so that was what she was trying to focus on, that anyway he wanted to rewrite this they would commit to provide him the information that he needed and the staff assistance he needed to do this since he had agreed to carry the ball forward, that she thought Council Members would be supportive of that if he changed the stated purpose. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez offered a motion to substitute the following for Amendment 13.09 "to convene a working group to address the number of unlicensed and unwanted pets in the City of Houston and try to reduce that number", seconded by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Noriega absent.

After further discussion a vote was called on Council Member Gonzalez motion to substitute language for Amendment 13.09. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0482 ADOPTED.

#### Amendment 13.10 – Council Member Gonzalez

Request that one additional Parking Enforcement Officer be hired to help enforce parking regulations in high traffic areas. The cost of this employee is approximately \$40,000 annually and we request this cost be transferred from the undesignated fund balance – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would make a motion to table the amendment, that it was his understanding that the administration was going to convene a meeting with relevant personnel to look at staffing levels of Parking Enforcement and parking management to see what their current staffing levels were and how they could better be deployed, that he concurred with the administration. Council Member Noriega absent..

Council Member Gonzalez offered a motion to table Amendment 13.10, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0483 ADOPTED.

#### Amendment 14.01 – Council Member Rodriguez

The administration will assist PWE in identifying and allocating funds from federal, state grants and/or other sources to increase the amount of funding for speed cushions and or other traffic calming devices – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to suspend the rules to combine Amendment 14.01 and Amendment 14.02 - Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2010-0484 ADOPTED.

Amendment 14.02 – Council Member Rodriguez

The administration will assist PWE in identifying and allocating funds from federal, state grants and/or other sources to increase the amount of funding needed to fund the Safe Sidewalk Program - was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he was glad to see that they had eCivis agenda item that was mentioned earlier to help them in identifying grant funds or to better use the system to allocate funds from Federal, State and other sources, that they needed to do a better job of funding their Speed Cushion Program and other traffic calming devices and he was disappointed with the progress they made in funding Safe Sidewalk Programs, that he thought they really needed to take a look at this item and do a better job of funding some of these programs, that to give them an example, in District I they had about 99 Safe Sidewalk Projects identified and only one had been funded, that he knew that they were in the middle of working with one, or one was in the design period now but he would really like to make some progress on these issues.

Mayor Parker stated that she supported his intention and would love to find more money for these items, that one of the new positions that she did create in the City when she came in was a Grant Coordinator to try to pull this together because she thought they could add money and save money in the long run.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Rodriguez moved to table Amendment 14.01 and Amendment 14.02 to the appropriate committee, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0485 ADOPTED.

40a. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2011 including providing for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; re-designating a cash reserve in the fund balance; authorizing various other transfers; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability – **(This was Item 36 on the Agenda of June 16, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLUTTERBUCK)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2010-0507 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Stardig asked earlier the number of employees who were under 65 and under the City's health insurance, it was 4,318, that 302 had now opted out, whether they had other insurance or whether they did not want to pay the price, that they were down from 4,300 to 4,000.

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

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to commend Mayor Parker on her first budget and Council Member Clutterbuck for all of her work as budget chair; that he wanted to thank his colleagues for the support on his amendments, that he had been sitting at his chair for three years asking for safe sidewalks and a better way to fund speed cushions, speed bumps before that, but he felt good that they were making progress, that speed cushions were the new technology and was an important part of mobility and pedestrian friendly development, so he hoped they could start making some progress in the coming year.

Council Member Sullivan stated that last Saturday there were memorial services held for Marine Sergeant Brandon Berry who died in the line of duty in Afghanistan, that he wanted to thank the Mayor's office for allowing him to present a proclamation to the family at the memorial service, that HPD and the MRTs assisted with traffic control, and HPD participated, in the Kingwood area for the long rolling procession; that on June 3, 2010 there was an airplane crash in Anchorage, Alaska, where three people were seriously injured and one child died, that it did not receive much attention in the Houston area by the local media, but there was a local aspect, one of the injured passengers was Rachel Zentec, 16 or 17 years old, who had severe burns on 20% to 30% of her body, that she is the daughter of HPD Officer Mike Zentec, who worked in the Kingwood Substation; that he wanted to congratulate Jim Edmonds for his re-appointment and election to Chair the Port Authority; that he wanted to recognize HPD Officer D. Williamson, who worked out of the Kingwood Substation, that he assisted a stranded motorist on Kingwood Drive, Ms. Anna Russell. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Clutterbuck for the budget committee meetings and to her staff, that she wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker on her first budget; that today they talked about SafeClear and she wanted to say to all of the citizens that if they were stranded by the road not to get out of their car, get on the phone and call 3-1-1 and tell them that they were broken down and needed someone to come and assist them and someone would be there to help them, that the woman who was killed the past week, it should not have happened, she should have not gotten out of her car when her tire was flat because there was nothing that she could do, that they hear these stories more and more often so she wanted to say to please stay in their car and be patient, call 3-1-1 and wait for them to come and get them. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Marty and Marta for their yeoman's work in this, they brought everything together and made sure that Council Members had all of the information that they needed. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker now that the budget had passed and they did add Brock Park back in, that was one of the very reasons that he did not feel it necessary to do a budget amendment this year, that he wanted to thank her for a job well done; that the Frenchtown Community would be having a cleanup on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., that they would meet at 2606 Gregg Street; that Mr. Calvin Wells of the Pleasantville Community, who was a leader and champion of the Pleasantville Community passed away, that his prayers and condolences go out to his family. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker, that it was a tremendous accomplishment under her leadership to have a budget that was balanced in these very difficult financial times, that she wanted to thank Ms. Mitchell, Director of Finance, and her staff who had been working for months and her tenacity, that she wanted to thank her team, John Newport, her Chief of Staff, who did all of the work for all of the meetings, the various workshops they had and her staff who held down the fort at the District C office; that all of the married individuals in her staff celebrated wedding anniversaries. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they did send a lot of stuff back to committee and there was a lot of work going on that would be coming forward shortly. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she agreed, she felt like Santa, she had a list and needed to check it twice for the Public Safety Committee, but she was looking forward to

grabbling with all of those issues, that she wanted to say congratulations for a budget well done, that she wanted to say thank you to Chairman Clutterbuck and John Newport and all of the folks in her office, that she wanted to say thank you to finance and all of the departments that brought them information, answered their questions, returned their phone calls, including the Council liaisons, and the City employees who cared about what they did; that she wanted to point out to everyone how blessed they were in Houston and in Texas, there were parts of the Country that were truly desperate, that they were worried about balancing a budget and had to make hard decisions, but there were many choices that they were not going to have to make here because they had a solid foundation, so she wanted to acknowledge what a gift that was to the community and would like to thank her family for letting her be gone during all of this, and would like to thank her Chief of Staff, Sherri Wiesner and her staff who all worked hard. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker for her first budget, and she wanted to thank her for the phone calls and the one on one attention and making sure that they were okay on where they were standing with various amendments, that she wanted to thank Chairman Clutterbuck for all she did, that she wanted to thank Director Mitchell for handling everything first lady class, that she wanted to thank Marty and Marta and the Council liaisons, that she wanted to thank HTV and her staff for everything they had done; that for all who lived in the Timbercrest Community they would be having a meeting at the Judson Robinson Community Center next Monday, June 28, 2010; that this week they would have the National Baptist Convention, that it was her understanding that there were 50,000 delegates in Houston this week, that they were spending a lot of money in the City of Houston; that she would like to commend Mayor Parker on the Hurricane Preparedness Workshop that was conducted the past weekend, that she wanted to thank Judge Emmet, that it was a huge turnout; that they would have a cleanup in the Hiram Clarke Community this Saturday with New Hope Worldwide, that she wanted to thank Eric Dargen because she was able to do some site visits with her staff, in the midst of the budgetary process, on those hot days looking at those areas that needed to be cleaned up; that on July 10, 2010 they would have their Family Fun Day in the Park at Sunnyside Park. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker on her first adopted budget and a job well done in preparing and leading them through the entire process, that her staff as well, that he wanted to thank Anna Russell and Mary Stein and her staff, Finance Director Michele Mitchell and her staff, to his colleagues and Chairman Clutterbuck and her staff, all department directors and representatives and to his staff for all of their hard work to make sure he was prepared and getting all of the necessary information, to all of the HOPE members who had been in attendance and all of the City employees who had shared the room with them, both in Chambers and the viewing audience to make sure how their decisions might impact their respective divisions and lives and all of the residents for trusting them with such an awesome responsibility; that he wanted to pay his respects to Ms. Carmen Orta, who passed away today, that she had been a former Metro Board Member and a strong leader in the Hispanic community for many years, that his condolences to the Orta Family for their loss. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that this first budget she thought was smooth and easy and thought it had a lot to do with the excellent facilitation of the Chair, the Mayor had done an excellent job and Council Member Clutterbuck had done an excellent job, the enthusiasm of the directors who responded in a timely fashion, the City Attorney who had made her dream come true, as far as she was concerned, that for 15 years she, like the Mayor, had been working on some of these issues and hitting brick walls, that she wanted to thank the staffs, the Chiefs of Staff and her staff who had worked hard and kept everything on track, that mutual respect, she thought, had made a huge impact on her today. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez

and Lovell absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to thank his Chief of Staff and Agenda Director, John Moss, who had spent countless hours reviewing the budget and helping him get things together and participated in many of the meetings, and thanks to Chairman Clutterbuck and Jonathan Newport and others who had helped, to the Mayor's staff and the many department directors who came to their office and provided information and responded to additional requests, to Mayor Parker for her leadership he congratulated her on getting her budget approved, that in his mind, she had the right approach and did a terrific job in proposing something that he thought they could all live with, that he congratulated them all for what he thought was a very successful budget period. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she concurred and expressed last week that the budget amendments were well thought out and would give the Council Members high marks having viewed some other budget processes before, that she did not know when the last time was that they had actually a unanimous acceptance of the budget. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated she wanted to thank the Mayor and her staff, on her first budget and hopefully the rest of them would be smoother, that she wanted to thank the budget Chair and her staff, that she wanted to thank the directors and their staffs and all of the City employees who came to the Chamber, that she wanted to thank the citizens who told them what they wanted, that she wanted to thank her staff and interns who just came in; that she wanted to commend the budget process, although they had different opinions, that it had a good balance of fighting for human capital, that one of the discussions was tabled and she did not get to talk about it, that she was thankful that bilingual pay was tabled, that it was a skill and people should be paid for it, that they talked about really tough issues and there were different ways of communicating. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Chairman Clutterbuck for a job well done, that he wanted to thank his staff for exceeding expectations in preparing him for this particular activity, that they did have some challenges ahead and hoped that his colleagues remembered that they were going to be facing some very difficult times throughout the year and facing next year and they were going to have to make some very difficult decisions that they were all not going to agree with, but they were going to be faced with those. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that ditto what had been said around the table, and moved that they vacate the Chamber and turn off the lights. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 6:36 p.m.  
Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary