

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, July 7, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2010, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. David M. Feldman, City Attorney; Mr. Nelson Espitia, Director, Citizens Assistance; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director present.

At 8:25 a.m. City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Bradford for the prayer and pledge of allegiance. Council Member Bradford invited Bishop Floyd Lewis, Pastor of the Now Testament Church, to lead them in prayer and Council Member Bradford led all in the pledge. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

At 9:09 a.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

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

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Parker recognized Ronald C. Green, City Controller, and Ms. Michele Mitchell, Director of Finance, for the Monthly Operations and Financial Report. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

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

Mayor Parker stated that just as a reminder there was one more report on FY10, they would not be talking about the current budget that they just passed for another month, that they were winding this down and before they got off of the monthly report she thought it was important to let Council know about the upcoming MLS All Star Game and how that tied to the State Reimbursement Funds, that the State of Texas had a program to reimburse City's for extra costs associated with hosting national sporting events, that they dipped into it for the Baseball All Star Game, the Super Bowl and as they may know on July 27, 2010 they would have Major League Soccer All Star Game here, they would be playing Manchester United and they were going to be applying for the State funding that was available, that the game would be held at Reliant Stadium, a County facility, but there were a number of ancillary activities that would be held in City facilities, such as Discovery Green, that the State reimbursement was at 6.25 times the amount of City expenses and their application to the Controller's office indicates that they thought it was going to cost something on the order of \$50,000 to put on the event, which would make more than a \$300,000 return to the City from this fund, and Ms. Mitchell stated that was correct and thought that the cost was actually \$49,000, they would not be coming to Council with an RCA so they wanted to mention that this morning, that she thought it

was exciting for the City to once again have an event such as this and the revenues received into the City would be certainly more than sufficient to take care of the \$49,000 that was expended by the City. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0515 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Parker stated that there was not a posted Mayor's report but if they saw the paper this morning they had a police officer injured yesterday, that she went by the hospital to visit with him last night and Officer Isidrio Perez, who she believed went by "Chito" was writing a ticket on I-45 and a tire flew off of a passing trailer and struck him, that it turned out that he was less injured than initial reports, but it was still a very dangerous situation, broken collar bone or upper arm, serious injuries to his knee, a lot of torn ligaments and had a large gash on the back of his head, but her understanding, from talking to the officers, that the tire went another 400 feet after it struck him, that it was always very dangerous when they had someone on the side of one of their freeways, that she was very happy that the officer would be making a full recovery, that he obviously had a great attitude and was cracking jokes in the hospital and she would ask everyone to keep him and his family in their thoughts and prayers, that he actually managed to call in for assistance from his radio but there were witnesses who followed the truck and trailer, took down the information, called it in and actually came in to make formal statements, and her understanding was that the Police Department did track down the owner of the trailer and that person was arrested last night for failure to stop at the scene of the accident. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

At 9:24 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would go to the consent agenda. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 22

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MR. DWIGHT E. JEFFERSON** to Position Three on the **BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire May 1, 2012 – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0516 ADOPTED.
2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department to approve the Fiscal Year 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan and establish a charge of \$75.00 plus postage for the adopted CIP documents (\$5.00 plus postage for CD version) – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0517 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 through 5

3. RECOMMENDATION from Interim Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,837,502.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Municipal Courts Phase II Renovations - 15.49% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council

Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0518 ADOPTED.

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$359,868.80 and acceptance of work on contract with **R. J. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Rehabilitation of Portwest Lift Station - 1.09% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0519 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,625,867.12 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYNOLDS INLINER, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-In-Place Pipe Method - 4.82% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; F - HOANG; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0520 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 6

6. **COGENT, INC d/b/a COGENT SYSTEMS, INC** for Cogent Fingerprint Software and Hardware Equipment for Houston Police Department - \$416,455.67 - AFIS Livescan and AFIS Mobile Equipment Grant Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0521 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 7 through 22

7. ORDINANCE approving the issuance of bonds by the Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority; containing other provisions related to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0541 ADOPTED.
8. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MIKE PIETSCH, P.E. CONSULTING SERVICES, INC** for services related to the upcoming Public Protection Classification Evaluation Process for the Houston Fire Department; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$125,000.00 - General 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. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.
9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, INC** for Design and Implementation of EMS Supplemental Medicaid Payment Program Services for the Houston Fire Department - Revenue – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0542 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,354,376.03 out of Equipment Acquisition Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **KRONOS, INC** for Implementation of an Automated Time and Attendance System; establishing a maximum contract amount; authorizing the issuance of purchase order(s) for timekeeping software and hardware through the United States Government General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract Cooperative Purchasing Program; allocating \$4,472,845.98 out of various funds, all for expenses

relating to the implementation of the Automated Time and Attendance System; providing funding for contingencies relating thereto Enterprise and Central Services Revolving Funds – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

13. ORDINANCE appropriating \$67,686.00 out of Parks Special Fund and \$72,000.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and approving and authorizing issuance of a purchase order to **K. HANES INCORPORATED dba BJ'S PARK & RECREATION PRODUCTS** and **ALL PLAY** for Playground Equipment for the Stewart Park - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0543 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE appropriating \$79,625.10 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and \$165,118.90 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing issuance of a purchase order to **T.F. HARPER & ASSOCIATES, L.P.**, for Playground Equipment and site improvements for the West End Park and Woodruff Park; providing funding for engineering and materials testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0544 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$49,200.00 out of Parks Special Fund and \$9,600.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing issuance of a purchase order to **PLAYCORE WISCONSIN, INC dba GAMETIME** for Playground Equipment and site preparation for the Braeburn Glen Park - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0545 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$177,322.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **GULF COAST LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC** for Hermann Park Lake Picnic Area Phase II; 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 services, construction management services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0546 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE No. 2010-0434, passed first reading on June 2, 2010
ORDINANCE annexing to the City of Houston, Texas territory located in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield and Farrell Roads, in Harris County, Texas; extending the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, to embrace and include territory within such boundaries; instituting proceedings to annex to its corporate limits the territory included in such boundaries; adopting a service plan for certain areas in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield and Farrell Roads; assigning annexed areas to adjacent district from which District Council Member is elected until such time as district boundaries may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter - **SECOND AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0434 ADOPTED SECOND AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
- 18a. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 37.847 acres of land to **NORTHWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district - **DISTRICT B -**

JOHNSON – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0547 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE No. 2010-0490, passed second reading on June 30, 2010
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 **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0490 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
20. ORDINANCE No. 2010-0491, passed second reading on June 30, 2010
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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0491 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
21. ORDINANCE No. 2010-0492, passed second reading on June 30, 2010
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 **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0492 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
22. ORDINANCE No. 2010-0493, passed second reading on June 30, 2010
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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0493 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 7 through 22

10. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance #2009-980 to increase the maximum contract amount for the fourth amended and restated SafeClear Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Agreements of the Safe Clear Major Freeway Towing Program - \$4,254,160.00 - Police Special Services Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0548 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between **AIRLINES PARTNERS, LTD., as landlord**, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for space at 5990 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas, for sixty months, for use as a facility for Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program of the Health & Human Services Department -

DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0549 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$46,432,124.69 out of Airport Improvement Fund and awarding construction contract to **W.W. WEBBER, LLC** for Rehabilitation of Taxiways “WA”, “WB” and New West Vault at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project 648); 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 the Civic Art Program, engineering testing services and for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Johnson. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 23 through 27

23. RECOMMENDATION from Interim Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$10,179,760.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **PRIME CONTRACTORS, INC** for The African American Library at the Gregory School - 19.59% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 4 on Agenda of June 30, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOANG)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0522 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$742,350.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for Parking Lot Improvements under the Pierce Elevated, for the General Services Department(**This was Item 15 on Agenda of June 30, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLUTTERBUCK**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0550 ADOPTED.
- 24a. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to award to **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Parking Lot Improvements under the Pierce Elevated for General Services Department \$707,000.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$742,350.00 - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 15A on Agenda of June 30, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLUTTERBUCK)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Clutterbuck, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0523 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, CHAPTER 14**, relating to the payment of holiday compensation to eligible employees who have a regularly scheduled day off on a holiday; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject, providing for severability – (**This was Item 22 on Agenda of June 30, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD, JONES and ADAMS**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0551 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$16,238,886.43 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, (Lake Houston Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone) for administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payment to Humble Independent School District, and payments to certain redevelopment

authorities as provided herein - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 28 on Agenda of June 30, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON)** – was presented, and was held until after the public session due to there being a public speaker on Item No. 26. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

27. ORDINANCE relating to Water Conservation Incentive Program for rent restricted apartment units; containing provisions related to the subject – **(This was Item 59 on Agenda of June 30, 2010, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2010-513)** – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that in relation to the Water Conservation Incentive Program, she appreciated the spirit of this and the fact that they had density issues in some of the multi family facilities across the City and was hoping that this would help resolve this as well as take into consideration those folks who could not pay additional monies, but she still wanted to make the point that they had a fair market and they needed to make sure that when they were giving these incentives that consideration was given for future increases so that they were not put in the position to keep coming back, that she would like to be able to plan ahead and work accordingly, but she was concerned that this was drastic enough to take care of the over usage in the areas that they had spoken about, so if she had any response to that she would appreciate some of their comments and maybe some of the insights she had on this. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as she was aware they divided the issue into two parts and this of course focuses on the federal rent control properties, where the property owners really did not have much flexibility but they did reserve an additional fund for low income apartment complexes, that they were working closely with the Houston Apartment Association and discussing a range of options, that this was intended as a one time fix, not an ongoing issue and it was focused on helping them achieve water conservation, it was not a bailout, and their intention was that once they went through the rate adjustment period that while they may in the future consider conservation items they would certainly come back to Council and it was not her intention to have them tied to direct rebates for apartment complexes, and Council Member Stardig stated that she appreciated Mayor Parker saying that, she just did not want these owners to continue to come back, they had given incentives for them to adjust the rental rates, that they were a business, a private entity and she would like for them to be treated as such. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that as the Mayor had stated before this portion of the Water Conservation Rebate Program was specifically for federally funded rent restricted complexes, that specifically the owners had no ability to pass on the cost to the tenants at these apartments so a concern of hers was that they potentially, with the water rate increase, drive some of these low and moderate income places out of business, which would be really bad, and as a consequence the Mayor, the Housing Department and Susan Bandy and those guys went and spoke with all of the different divisions at HUD that had this stock, that the amount of the money was actually increased because after discussions with HUD, the City found out that there were more of these complexes than they thought, that as the Mayor said it was intended to be a one time fix, that she knew that in addition to them, through Susan Bandy and her people going and doing education, that she knew that HUD had its own program that was sending stuff out and all of the division directors were meeting with the owners and explaining to them that they needed to conserve more water, that she thought it was the right thing to do simply because they were differently situated, that at some point the non federally restricted or rent restricted complexes would come before, there were a bunch of negotiations going on so this was specifically tailored and like she said HUD was working with them, that they hoped that after this program was over that everyone would be conserving like they should and it should not interfere

with the free market. Council Member Sullivan absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 27. Council Member Stardig voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0552 ADOPTED.

At 9:32 a.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Moslin Fisher, 10211 E. Summit Canyon Drive, Houston, Texas 77095 (281-304-1211) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Cyd Dillahunty, 1120 Springrock Lane, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-220-5668) appeared and stated that in April 2009 homes in the Memorial City TIRZ 17 flooded from a common downpour after an extraordinary amount of redevelopment in the area and after the city was warned by concerned citizens that detention ponds recommended in engineering studies performed prior to the redevelopment was not provided and culverts were inadequate and that storm sewers and creeks were clogged; that TIRZ 17 was formed to improve motility and drainage and beautify and had done a great job with mobility and beautification but fallen seriously short on drainage as one month ago a brief downpour resulted in water over curbs and well into the yards and every downpour now caused consternation in the neighborhood; and across the city neighborhoods were put at risk while the city catered to developers, etc., and regarding the TIRZ 17 budget they wanted to make sure mobility projects with drainage components be put on hold until the new land engineering study was complete; and they wanted an amendment to the budget requiring TIRZ 17 to set aside money specifically for drainage projects defined by the land study.

Council Member Pennington stated that the city was aware of this and he spoke with Mr. Tim Douglas who supervised the TIRZs about the drainage expenditures and to Mr. Hugh Rawl the vice chair of the Citizens Group and the TIRZ executive director about the study; that this was a large problem and would only get resolved through the focus of the city, TIRZ, citizens, etc., and his efforts were directed to getting the attention of all those; that this Friday was a meeting to get all to the table and all was getting explored. Council Members Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was also important to note that in the proposed TIRZ 17 budget they actually had a placeholder for drainage expenditures and were aware of the drainage study and the intention was to spend the money once the drainage projects were identified. Council Members Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Elaine Carroll, 2711 Ferry Landing, Sugarland, Texas 77478 (832-434-5743) appeared, presented information and stated that she lived in Sugarland and serviced HISD for 31 years; that she was teacher of the year three times, six times history state fair and took 8 children to Bill Clinton's inauguration free of charge; that she tried to go beyond her job, but on May 15, 2007 she was injured in the HISD system and she was 70 years old and she thought HISD was trying to kick her to the curb; that she was not able to get their attention; that the Texas Workers Commission sent HISD a letter stating they should pay her the money they took away, but they only paid the part belonging to the Workmen's Comp Division; that she was asking the Council to address individuals or departments which she could take her complaint to and be heard. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the city had no jurisdiction over HISD and she appreciated her frustration, but there was no action they could formally take. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Ms. Carroll for her work and stated that he was familiar with what she had done to help students; and upon questions, Ms. Carroll stated that she had not worked with the Teachers Union she did not belong to it; and Council Member Bradford stated that the only other option would be to acquire services of an attorney. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Lawrence Spence, 2112 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (281-684-0288) appeared and stated that he was an educator at Crockett Elementary School in the First Ward and annually, as a part of their Summer Education Program, they bring students to Council; and today they had concerns they would like to bring to Council's attention. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Council Members Noriega, Gonzalez, Adams and Jones commended and congratulated Mr. Spence and the students for their work. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that if students earned money, an allowance or even found a coin and they went to the store and bought a pack of gum then they were a taxpayer in the City of Houston and they paid the Mayor and Council Members salary and they worked for them; and that was the short version of how they were taxpayers also. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mr. Christian Van-Ness, 2112 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-4780) appeared and stated that he was 13 years old and a student at West Briar Middle School and his topic was not being able to ride his bike to school; that he lived along Highway 6 and could not ride as it was so dangerous to ride on a major thoroughfare or shoulder; that he lived 2.9 miles from school and to ride he would have to go through a series of ditches and narrow grassy terrain past adult stores, bars and smoke shops; that one solution would be for TxDOT or the city to build safe bike lanes along the shoulders and another would be to talk to the Lakes of Parkway which was a gated community and let owners come up with an ID system which would allow children to cut through the property, open the back gates for those children with ID and it would be much quicker and safer; and urged the city to help him get bikers safely to and from school.

Mayor Parker stated that was an excellent suggestion; that she would first echo the danger of being on a long and major thoroughfare as she mentioned earlier today a police officer was injured on the shoulder because of a flying tire; that his suggestion to working with the gated community for pedestrian or bicycle transit through the gated community was an interesting one and worth exploring.

Council Member Stardig stated that his issues were her issues along Highway 6 the types of businesses he had to pass as a young man she had concerns about also; that her district went out that far, but not as far as the area and Council Member Pennington may be his Council Member; that the corridor was a concern and she would be happy to hear his suggestions and looked forward to his input; that she believed in safe bikeways and did know the Energy Corridor was working hard in that area and they may want to meet with Clark Martinson and see whatever opportunities may be available as well. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she commended his work and his ideas. Council Members Clutterbuck and Adams absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he was interested in bikeways in District G and were working with West Chase and the Energy Corridor and would work with him. Council Members Clutterbuck and Adams absent.

Council Member Jones stated that he had the same complaints as many, but what

impressed her was he also came with solutions to the problem; and urged that he keep doing so. Council Member Clutterbuck absent.

Mr. Walker Spence, 2112 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-4780) appeared and stated that he was 10 years old and entering the fifth grade; that his topic was speeding cars on his street; that he and his brothers like to play in the front yard as the back was too small and they enjoyed riding bicycles; that last week his little brother was almost hit by a speeding car right in front of their home and it scared them it was not the first time people were almost hit; that they lived at the corner of two major streets, Highway 6 and Westheimer and when traffic was bad cars went through their neighborhood to avoid traffic; that a few years ago speed humps were put on streets and now cars avoided the speed humps by turning down their street and it was dangerous and someone was going to get hurt or killed and he would like help getting the speed humps for their street.

Mayor Parker stated that he should visit with a representative of Citizens Assistance who was present at this time and give her the address and they would have HPD and Traffic Management look at the cut through traffic in his neighborhood. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that was another great issue to bring to Council as it was a concern of many citizens; that something else she would suggest would be that the city put an alert in his area until the pattern of cut through traffic was stopped; and having officers there would deter that and they would try and work with him on that. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. Rhames Romero, 2112 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-4780) appeared and stated that he was 9 years old and entering the fourth grade; that he lived in the First Ward and was present regarding their community's progress, many were helping with the cleaning and trying to keep the air clean as many people were sick like him with his asthma; that many wanted vacations but could not afford it because of medications and leaders were helping to find ways to get medication and how to tap down the oil leaking into the ocean; and a group at his school were helping and learning about animals, plants and habitat. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was good to hear someone say good things were happening with neighbors getting involved and cleaning. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that he mentioned people working and still needing money and she wanted him to know that they had unions here which helped people to try and get better wages so one day they could afford to get medication and insurance and vacations; and thanked him for coming and paying attention. Council Member Noriega absent.

Ms. Marina Heckert, 2112 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-4780) appeared and stated that she was 14 years old and entering the eighth grade; that she wanted to thank the Council for making Houston a beautiful city, however, would ask their assistance in a matter of life or death and that was to assign patrol officers to keep streets safe; that she lived in the southwest part of Houston and officers could collect a good amount of revenue by giving traffic tickets when speeding; that people had pets killed and she had lost several; that she loved her home and neighborhood but lived in fear when she went outside and saw people speeding; that her family landscaped their front yard with railroad ties and trees so cars would stop running into their yard and crashing into their cars, it was a miracle someone had not killed them yet; that the street curved and speeding cars would speed right into their yard and speed humps would really help; and begged that they be installed along with officers to help them live longer. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that if Mr. Romero and Miss Heckert would visit with Citizens Assistance they would make note of their neighborhood and street. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he was impressed with all the students and thanked Mr. Spence for bringing them; that Mr. Romero had come to say good things about city government and his neighborhood and that was impressive, but urged that they continue to do their good work, keep on this path and they would become the leaders of tomorrow.

Council Member Adams thanked Miss Heckert and stated that she had an assignment for her; that the city just made changes to the traffic calming ordinance, to look at ways to calm traffic in communities, and there was someone present, Mr. Roberto Medina, and she would like her to ask him for his card and number where he can provide her information on what they were getting ready to do in communities and see how they could go to her community and best reroute traffic and protect their neighborhood; and she thought they would have a wonderful outcome.

Council Member Hoang thanked Council Member Adams for informing him of a group present and stated that he had the special privilege to call on Mr. Frank Gossier of the Summer Youth Program and his group who were present and asked them to stand to be recognized; and also recognized Ms Vanessa Griffin and Mr. Fernando Menja with the Shenandoah Civic Club.

Ms. Sara Czek, 6034 Clarewood, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-665-6449) appeared, presented information to Council Members and stated that she was present regarding drainage problems; that they had flooding at the intersection of Clarewood and Rampart where she lived; that she had been present previously and told they were given consideration for help in 2010, but she did not think her home would still be dry; that in 2008 she had water in her home and had to have all flooring replaced; that the intersection was lower than the rest of Clarewood and Rampart; that last week someone from Public Works came and looked at drains and was surprised at such a small storm sewer, but they were developed in 1955 and now they had apartments and businesses surrounding them completely; that the gentleman who came from Public Works said one side was filled with mud and he sent out a truck the next day and it was cleaned, but by that afternoon her intersection was flooded; and any assistance before the proposed time would help. Council Members Johnson, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mayor Parker stated that packets of information were delivered to Council Members at the table; and Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Ms. Czek stated that they flooded as they were at the lowest part; that before there was a moratorium on any building surrounding Shenandoah but when it was lifted they started surrounding them and the sewer line was too small; that they flooded every time a heavy rain came and more was coming; that Public Works stated there would be construction but years later; and Council Member Hoang stated to Mayor Parker that with this kind of flooding something needed to be done immediately to help with relief; and Mayor Parker stated his point was taken, however, she had situations like that all across the City of Houston and to be clear the streets were a part of the drainage system and designed to fill up curb to curb and where they had problems was when it went over the curb and into peoples yards and structures; that they would never have a drainage system which did not involve streets and they had to do something to identify funds to move up drainage projects and she could not say she could allow this one to jump to the head of the line; that Public Works went out and cleaned the drains and without a major construction project it was only a patch, but she clearly understood the issue and was trying to address it. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of

extending time to question Ms. Czek, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent. MOTION 2010-0515 ADOPTED.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Ms. Czek for coming and stated that the particular neighborhood was similar to those north of 59 developed many years ago with inadequate drainage for development which occurred over the last 40 years and gave a demonstration of the problem in the Gulfton Area where the pipe entered below at the bottom of the basin which caused water backup even in a light rain and it would require a large fix and a lot of study, but ultimately these neighborhoods would not see relief until the major issue was addressed and it was scheduled, but a long way off; and such issues may need to be addressed when redistricting so they would have a single focus and not be torn between two Council Districts; and Ms. Czek stated that also there was asphalt on Rampart and it was not placed up to the curb so when she backed out from her driveway she was in a little one foot of water before even hitting Rampart. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would like her to visit with Mr. Medina who was present regarding her driveway problem. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent.

Council Member Costello stated that Ms. Czek's neighborhood was a classic problem throughout the entire city and the Mayor referred to Renew Houston which was an initiative that hopefully would be on the November ballot to dedicate a funding source for streets and drainage so all such problems could be addressed; that newer neighborhoods were designed differently and did not have her problems, this would be a problem and hopefully they would have a solution.

Council Member Adams stated to Mayor Parker that while they were on flooding and drainage when they started making plans they needed to look at communities that had no flooding and drainage at all; that Southpark had no ditches, no inlets, no outlets and it flooded and it was also divided by two Council Members and she would love a tour in that community.

Council Member Jones moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time to question Ms. Czek, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2010-0516 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams stated that if Renew Houston did go forward she would like to see how it would be implemented, how it would be determined who would be at the top of the list, who would decide on the projects, etc., ; and Mayor Parker stated that she had no answer on the Renew Houston effort, she understood the petitions would be submitted soon, but it was her goal as they went through the CIP to change the way they did drainage in the CIP and the respect to advocacy for her district she wanted it based on engineering studies as to where the worst problems were with the most danger to homes and property and that a prioritized list be created based on engineering studies and that may mean no projects in a certain part of town. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he did not want to get into a debate on Renew Houston at the Council Table, but for the public's sake he would like if the Mayor could to give a quick synopsis that it was not an official city program at this time; and Mayor Parker stated that there was a citizen petition effort and she was notified they did intend to submit their petitions to Ms. Russell, the City Secretary, and it was up to her to determine whether they had sufficient signatures to make it onto this November's ballot, but when it came forward the only action Council would take would be to place it on the ballot, they would not debate it, the advocacy of it or not, they would place it on the ballot and it would be up to individual Council Members to decide whether they wanted to support it or whether the Council as a whole wanted to have it placed as a resolution of support and she would not drive that. Council Member Rodriguez

absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to tag onto what Council Member Sullivan said; that it was not an official city whatever; that her aunt received a notice in the mail and thought it was official; and Mayor Parker stated that it was a citizen initiated petition drive and if it were an official city transmission it would have the city seal and names of the Mayor and Council Members. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she was going to respect the City Attorney's request to not speak on this particular issue as it was not posted. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

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

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook Drive, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Tiara Bradford, no address given (713-269-9817) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Pearlie Knobles Byrd, 622 Stephanie Drive, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (281-835-9418) appeared and stated that she was present to discuss red light traffic citations; that she had received two citations with one in August 2008 and one in May 2010; that she asked for a hearing on the first thinking they would see the emergency vehicle, but the judge could not hear the sound of the emergency vehicle and she was held to the fine; that the more present citation she went through the same process, but not through the hearing with the judge as yet; that she wrote her statement and asked to have it reviewed and she was sent a denial saying they found her liable because of the general denial of it; that she wrote she was in a short car behind a large vehicle and still going through the process; that today she was present to offer a suggestion that maybe when camera tickets were being reviewed they have a citizen panel to review with the officers or maybe just let people going in to be jurors review them. Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Ms. Byrd for coming and raising the issue; that she gave an interesting solution and it was appreciated. Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez 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 Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Pauline Webb, 4822 East Sam Houston Parkway, North, Houston, Texas 77015 (281-407-1371) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Wendemere, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-453-1900) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez 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 Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 5900 Selinsky Drive #94, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-269-9817) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that Council must be tired of him coming and he would like statements on the \$8 million he was owed that Bill White forwarded to the county; and Gordon Quan required his emergency protection; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

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

At 10.27 a.m. The City Secretary stated that they had a couple of items that had come in and there was one remaining because there was a speaker listed, and that was Item No. 26. Council Member Sullivan absent.

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$16,238,886.43 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, (Lake Houston Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone) for administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payment to Humble Independent School District, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – (This was Item 28 on Agenda of June 30, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0553 ADOPTED.

Items received during the meeting.

8. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MIKE PIETSCH, P.E. CONSULTING SERVICES, INC** for services related to the upcoming Public Protection Classification Evaluation Process for the Houston Fire Department; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$125,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0554 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,354,376.03 out of Equipment Acquisition Fund; approving and authorizing contract with **KRONOS, INC** for Implementation of an Automated Time and Attendance System; establishing a maximum contract amount; authorizing the issuance of purchase order(s) for timekeeping software and hardware through the United States Government General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract Cooperative Purchasing Program; allocating \$4,472,845.98 out of various funds, all for expenses relating to the implementation of the Automated Time and Attendance System; providing funding for contingencies relating thereto Enterprise and Central Services Revolving Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0555 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to say congratulations and a special thanks to Susan Christian and the Special Events staff for doing an incredible job for organizing the "Freedom Over Texas Celebration", and also thank you to all of their sponsors; that the Transportation, Infrastructure and Aviation Committee would meet on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber; that the Development Regulatory Affairs Committee would meet on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chamber; that she wanted to say congratulations to Metro, that on July 1, 2010, the US House Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Sub Committee approved it's 2011 Spending Bill, which included \$75 million for the Metro Rail North Corridor, \$75 million for the Southeast Corridor, \$1 million for the 98 Corridor and \$1 million for bus funds, that these funds were in addition to funding that Metro would receive from the regular formula programs, that the Spending Bill must still go through the full committee in the House and Senate before it could be signed into law, but it was a major step in the annual process, that she wanted to say thank you to their House Congressional Delegation for their due diligence and work in bringing home to their region and City their taxpayer dollars to put to work to move the people of the City around the City. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to make a plea to those individuals in the Fifth Ward Community, that they would be holding a meeting next week, they could give his office a call at 832-393-3009, that it was an effort to get volunteers to participate in a major esplanade project at the corner of Waco and I-10, that they were looking for volunteers from churches and schools to be part of this particular project, that one of the most major ways in which he thought they could certainly turn around a community was by making it look habitable and certainly that meant that they needed to tear down more buildings, that they wanted to make it habitable for people to move back into the community. Council Member Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was determined to tear down more decaying and abandoned properties in the City of Houston, that they were really excited about the Park Place property, which had been on the list for about 20 years, that they were way ahead of schedule and if she could find the money they were going to see the bulldozers working, that she was still very excited about the Antoine/DeSoto Corridor. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to offer Mayor Parker congratulations and thanks on the tearing down of the Parkway Place Apartments that were a blight on that community for so long; that Anthony Rendon, who received a declaration of the day in the City of Houston, just after that received what was considered the Heisman Trophy Award for Baseball, that he received the Howser Trophy, which was awarded to College Baseball's top player and was voted on by the National College Baseball Writers Association, that the article she read from was in the Houston Chronicle; that she had brought in a news publication called "Our Block", which came to the areas and the homes in southwest Houston, that on the cover was a picture of Mr. Hefley, who was a firefighter at Fire Station No. 27, that he and his family owned a number of fine establishments in District C, that she wanted to acknowledge him and his wife, Joanna and their three sons. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to repeat something that Mayor Parker stated earlier about Officer Isidrio Perez, who was injured by a flying tire, that he was on the shoulder writing a ticket and they talk at the table about SafeClear and how dangerous it was to be on the side of the road with their busy freeways, that it really was and the folks who drove wreckers and the policemen who worked with folks and the truck enforcement officers, all of those were always in harms way and they appreciated the work that they all did, that they wanted them to continue to keep Officer Perez in their thoughts and prayers, that they were hoping that he was able to recover quickly, that HPD's Family Services Group was working with his family; that on Thursday, July 8, 2010, they were holding the first of several meetings of the

Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, that it was in addition to their regularly scheduled committee meetings, that they intended to have five meetings, the first, tomorrow, will be at the Sunnyside Multi Service Center at 4605 Willimington St., from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., that they were planning one on July 12, 2010 at the Kashmere Multi Service Center, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., August 3, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Westend Multi Service Center and they would announce the last two as they went along, that they wanted input from folks in the community about what goes on with their police force. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Noriega for all that she did with public safety and making the communities aware of the various concerns that she would be brining forth and she was inviting all of the constituents of District D to come and join the Public Safety and Homeland Security meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.; that today they passed bonds for OST Almeda TIRZ, that she wanted to thank the board, that now they would get to see everything that they put on paper come to vision, that in the OST area they would be building the Palm Center Library, that the library was currently under design and hopefully would be finished within the next year and a half and she wanted to thank Dr. Lawson for her vision of the importance of libraries; that on Saturday they were asking everybody to join them for their Family Day at the Park, which would be held at the Sunnyside Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., that she wanted to thank the Mayor's Office of Special Events for helping them coordinate the wonderful event, that she wanted to thank the Chicago Bears team members, who will be hosting a football camp, the Texan Cheerleaders, who would be holding a cheerleader camp and the Houston Texans players who would be coming out and partnering with them for the event, and all of the City departments that were partnering with them and thank you to her staff. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to remind their citizens to be cautious, they were anticipating some heavy rains for the remainder of the week, that last week when they had the heavy downpour he drove around the district to access some of the conditions and noticed several residents whose vehicles were overwhelmed with the rising water; that he wanted to congratulate the Lindale Park Community for a wonderful Fourth of July Parade; that he was informed by a Westend resident, Rich Taylor, about a wonderful interaction he had with a City employee, that he called 3-1-1 and Ms. Green, a 3-1-1 operator, went above and beyond in the way she handled the dialog with Mr. Taylor; that he wanted to remind everyone about the Public Safety and Homeland Security meeting on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 4605 Wilimington; that he wanted to thank all of the military men and women and all of the veterans who had served their great Country in making sure that they were able to celebrate their independence and freedom and allow for the democratic process to take place, that he wanted to thank them for all of their sacrifice each and every day, not only to those locally but across the Country and those who served abroad. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he wanted to thank the community groups in District F for participating in the Adopt a Sport Field Program, that the program encourages volunteerism and to develop community pride and stewardship in the City; that last week he had lunch with the Counsel General of South Korea and he said that South Korea, Samsung alone, invested \$9 billion, and he said that the City of Houston did not do much with South Korea, so he was asking if the City could do something, at least send a delegation, or try to have a connection so that they could have a Sister City with South Korea, that South Korea was growing economically and here in the City of Houston they had, in Spring Branch, approximately about 30,000 South Koreans, that he thought this was something that they should take into consideration and the International Initiative Committee should discuss this sometime. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was aware of the large Korean population that they had and she had met with the Counsel General and agreed that they needed to be more aggressive and as they knew she had engaged all of their Counsel Generals to try to build ties for business purposes, that they were going to see a lot more inbound and outbound trade delegations, and Council Member Hoang stated that it seemed that the South Korean Counsel General was forgotten because he sends many invitations to the City and elected officials, they either do not go or there was no response, that hopefully in the near future they would have elected officials there and if the Mayor was not going to be there then maybe they could send someone, and Mayor Parker stated that was why they had an International Initiatives Committee of Council and she appreciated he and Council Member Jones being willing to handle a lot of these, that with 93 to 94 consulates there were a lot of national days and cultural events, that if they were not doing that she would make sure that it happened. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she did have a strong Korean Community and she had been very supportive and they had been very supportive of her as well and she appreciated everything they did in their community, that they had been very supportive of the Korean Community and would continue to do so; that she wanted to highlight Houston Firefighter Jerry Love who was pictured on the front page of the City and State Section of the Houston Chronicle a week or so ago, while putting out a large home fire in a residential community in Memorial Village near District A; that Firefighter Love was stationed at Fire Station No. 77 off of Kempwood in the Gessner area and had served the City of Houston for 20 years and she wanted to thank him for his dedicated service, that this was in conjunction with the Village Fire Department; that on Friday, July 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. would be the grand reopening of Fire Station No. 5, located at 2020 Hollister at Hammerly in District A, that Fire Station No. 5 was temporarily closed last year for much needed renovations; that she wanted to congratulate Director Christian on her teams efforts for the "Freedom Over Texas" event, the Mayor's office and everyone who was involved, that she met Richard Williams of Shell and his family at the event as sponsors. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that on Saturday he was the Grand Marshal in the Tanglewilde Westmont Independence parade, that each of the neighborhood veterans from various branches were introduced and recognized, they presented a Certificate of Appreciation for nine years of service as Chairman of the Citizens Patrol in Tanglewood to Mr. Rupert Everett; that he was thankful that agenda item number nine passed today to authorize the City to receive greater reimbursement for Medicaid customers for 9-1-1 services, that he wanted to thank the administration for moving in the right direction for greater reimbursement for emergency transport and reducing the number of so called "frequent flyers", that last years agenda item to revise the language regarding patient transportation guidelines was also a giant step forward, he thought, to enable patients to have their medical needs better addressed and also to reduce the number of 9-1-1 services, that furthermore tele nursing and alternate transportation programs were initiatives that provided a more cost effective way to provide the proper medical care for those needs, that now that the City had those various programs in place hopefully they could get the word out to the public on the proper use of when to call 9-1-1 on emergencies and he looked forward to working with the administration on this. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Costello stated that to follow up as far as core set cost savings he wanted to thank their directors and assistant directors who worked very hard in trying to find ways for them to be more efficient and to save money for the City, that he had attended a number of committee meetings where they had a tendency of criticizing and it was always easy to criticize rather than to create and he just wanted them to please keep being motivated to try

to save money for the City and use their dollars wisely; that Mr. Harold Cobb and his son, Matt Cobb, were in the audience, that Matt was a candidate for Eagle Scout and was present on a Communication Merit Badge. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that they always wanted to salute potential Eagle Scouts and wished him luck in completing the process. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for coming out to Kingwood for the July 4th Parade, the Kingwood Civic Club appreciated her being there as well as the community and her serving as the grand marshal which was fun, that with respect to the same parade he wanted to thank the civic club for their work, that they had a number of City resources that were deployed and he wanted to thank HPD Mounted Patrol and all of the HPD and HFD officers who participated and Chief McClelland for coming out; that he wanted to thank SPARK Park and Kathleen Ownby who participated a great project in his district at Garfield Elementary School, that it consisted of a mural being painted on a number of sheets of plywood on the side of a temporary building, that the mural was painted by students from various high schools in the area, who received a fine arts credit for the project; that he received a fax from a constituent in Kingwood regarding some work performed by the Public Works Department, that the work was performed in an efficient and professional manner under Section Chief Ivan Marquez, crew chiefs Steven Freeman and Clifton Jones and their workers Daniel Garza, Daniel Stamps and Lucus Thomas, that he wanted to thank them for a quality job that brought his driveway back to it's original condition; that he wanted to ask Council Member Noriega, Chair of the Public Safety and Homeland Security, to expand the number of townhall meetings that she was going to do, that he thought it was great to get out but to have five meetings and to think that every Houstonian would have a chance to get to one of those five meetings was hard for him to imagine, that he had constituents both north and south that were as interested in this as other perceived parts of their City and to leave anyone out, he thought, was a bad idea, that he knew it was hard to have meetings across the City, but they only had 9 District Council districts and it would only be 4 more meetings, that it might be a little bit of a stretch but it would be much better to include people than to exclude them; that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for creating the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee on Redistricting and Term Limits and for appointing him Chair. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to extend her thanks to the folks in Kingwood, she had a great time in the parade, that she wanted to thank him for going with her to Forest Cove and introducing her around, that they had their own parade at the same time so they could not do both parades but got to go to the barbecue, that she had three barbecues on Saturday but it was a good day. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:59 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary