

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, November 9, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2010, with Mayor Pro Tem Anne Clutterbuck presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, 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. Mayor Annise D. Parker absent on city business.

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

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Rodriguez. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Costello absent.

Council Member Rodriguez led all in the prayer and pledge of allegiance. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Costello absent.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson and Costello absent.

Council Members Lovell and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson and Costello absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that the first item on the agenda was a discussion of the Monthly Operations and Financial Report and Quarterly Investment Report and called on Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller and Ms. Michele Mitchell, Director of Finance. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Costello and Lovell absent.

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

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

Upon questions by Council Members Adams and Jones, Mr. Green stated that he thought the good thing about this was that it was November and they were not waiting until June to have this discussion because it was important that they hold everybody accountable and he would tell them as a Department Director, as well as elected, he was faced with the same issues that other Department Directors were faced with, that the good thing was that now he believed that the administration and the Department Directors knew that they expected these cost savings to be realized, that he said it yesterday and would say it again, the longer that they waited to institute any of these measures it made it just that much harder to realize the savings because there would be some lag time before they realized the net effect of this, that he thought that the \$32 million that they talked about, once again the administration was working on those land sales, so he would tell them to yes be very cautious about it but if they expected to receive those funds, one, they should be working on it now, working very hard to make sure that the revenue projections were met, but until that time certainly they would continue to report what

they believed was most prudent and what they believed would be realized from those land sales, and in fact they would not report to them anything that they did not have; that the difference between the two offices, and he had to make it very clear, was that his office projected revenue, and they report in it's most simplistic terms, so what they would get was that on a day to day basis for them they would get what they had, on a day to day basis they would get part of what they had and what they expected to have, which was basically what a budget was, that it was done this way every year, but long story short, he did believe that nobody, he thought, wanted to see the budget balanced on the backs of City employees and he could certainly say that but they had to keep in mind that this was a service oriented business, that he had said it before and would say it again, they do not sell Cadillac's, they could not raise the price of Cadillac's to get more revenue, so they needed to make sure that they institute some of the savings that they voted upon, that they institute some of the fees that they voted upon and he believed that in the past the ambulance fees may have been voted down or they may have been delayed but those type of things now they had to really kind of face the music on, so at the end of the day he thought if they could institute some of these savings and some of these cost saving measures and the sooner they instituted them he thought they would realize better savings, that he thought the propensity to layoff employees and furlough employees becomes smaller, but he would have to tell them it was a reality and every day that this body waits they certainly put themselves in a position to make the decision even harder and harder, so he would caution them that the time was now, and although they were in the fourth month of the Fiscal Year it was still going to take some time to institute these changes, it was going to take some time to realize them and then they also had other forces that were out there, that they were not even projecting the loss with Proposition Three, that was not even in the MOFAR this month, but they all knew it was there so they had to look out from anywhere from \$7 million to \$10 million of a loss in revenue that they were expecting, not to mention that citations were down, that had not been reported in the MOFAR just yet, but anecdotally they expected it, so those types of things they needed to be considering right now and be able to make the tough decisions. Council Member Costello absent.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she agreed on the accountability of the directors, they report to the Council Members and the Mayor she thought and she was accountable to them as a director, that she thought though that it was also important, on the information received, a lot of the delay in receiving information was, in her view, lack of technology in the City, lack of processes to be able to obtain the information on a quick basis, that she wanted to be clear that a good portion was having to dig very archaically to get information so she thought that was important, but she did agree that they were accountable, and she personally thought she was accountable to the body in the room. Council Member Costello absent.

Upon further questions by Council Member Hoang, Ms. Mitchell stated that on the \$22 million savings that did not have anything to do with the directors, that it had with the specific departments but they were not supplying information on that so that did not have anything to do with the directors, the directors did not in any way default on that, that the savings of the \$3.+ million that Mr. Dowe discussed had not been realized to her yet, that it had not been given to her yet on the exact number so until it was she could not report it, that it was reported in what she believed would now be \$10 million instead of \$22 million, so that particular number would be included in that \$10 million as far as what she thought the savings was going to be, that as long as those numbers keep coming in to get her to the \$10 million she would keep the \$10 million in the budget as a savings; that as far as the non classified salary for the Chief, his salary for Fire would stay for another fireman in HFD in classified, it would not be a budget rollover, that right now what she was looking at on salaries for director and interim director would be coming from the sale of vehicles, so that would be transferred over to pay that salary and what that salary was she did not know, she had no idea what his salary was but she could check that for Council Member Hoang and let him know, but it would be covered from the sale of vehicles and be reimbursed back to the General Fund through cost transfer, that the \$60

million on the ambulance, as they discussed yesterday she had been tasked to pull together a collection group in the Finance Department, she would present back to the Council at the very first of January of where they stood, what they had done in this interim 60 day period, that it was a quick turnaround and what she would hope to do within the next couple of weeks was to get someone in that was a solid collector and put him in a room, shut the door and have him start looking at the back collections, that as far as ACS, she did not believe they had done their job, that was why they had gone out with an RFP, when they had that type of money left on the table, someone was not doing something and that was more the contractor, but not just with ambulance but with any outsource agency, it was their responsibility to oversight what they were doing and if they were doing a good job and if they were not doing a good job they fire them and put someone else in, that was her view. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington and Costello absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Ms. Mitchell stated that she did the projections, not on the individual budget, the departments give her their budget numbers of what they needed for the year to do their tasks, but as far as the projections were concerned, for example, she advises the Mayor of how she sees the numbers trending, like the \$22 million, she believed that they were not going to get to a \$14 million number, which was thought to be, she told the Mayor that it looked more like \$10 million and she agreed that was what it looked like, that she and the Mayor went over, what she called, a dashboard, that they do projections in every day, they went through it every day, trending on property tax, they worked with HCAD and Barton Smith on sales tax, etc., and then trends; that as to the Red Light Camera and the fact that citations were down, she and the Mayor had discussed that last week, that as far as the Red Light Camera it was projected in the five year plan that she had given them, that she had reduced the Fund Balance with that projection on the Red Light Cameras, but she had not projected the loss, that she had their questions and they would be coming back to them, that they should be getting an answer today on the exact number that MCA believed that they would lose. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

After further discussion Council Member Noriega moved to accept the Monthly Operation and Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Report, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Lovell absent. MOTION 2010-0797 ADOPTED

MAYOR'S REPORT

At 9:43 a.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Linda Chavez-Thompson at the top of the two minute Agenda Speakers List, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0798 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez on a point of personal privilege recognized Congressman Gene Green who was present in the Chamber.

Council Member Noriega moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Mike Garver at the top of the Non Agenda Speakers List, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0799 ADOPTED.

Ms. Christine Diaz, 1304 Andrews, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-739-9970) appeared and stated that she was a union activist and member and leader of the Machinist Union Local Lodge 2339 and on the executive boards of the Harris County AFL/CIO and Texas AFL/CIO and present asking for support of Mr. Dean Corgey for the Port of Houston Authority as he was extremely qualified and would be a great asset.

Mr. Stanley Bordovski, 9930 Elm Meadow Trail, Houston, Texas 77064 (281-389-1490) appeared and stated that he served as business manager, financial secretary treasurer of the Sheet Metal Workers of the Houston and surrounding area and on the Harris County AFL/CIO Executive Board and as a member and vice president of the Union Fidelity Credit Union and was present in support of Mr. Dean Corgey serving on the Port of Houston Authority as he was extremely qualified with his extensive background in the maritime trade, etc. Council Members Johnson and Hoang absent.

Mr. Richard Shaw, 2506 Sutherland, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-923-9473) appeared and stated that the Harris County AFL/CIO Council endorsed the nomination of Mr. Dean Corgey for the Port of Houston Authority as he was extremely qualified because of his extensive background in the maritime trade, etc. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. Greg Lucero, 4505 Maridian, Pearland, Texas 77584 (713-419-9874) appeared and stated that he was the business manager of IBEW Local 66 in Houston and was present asking for support of Mr. Dean Corgey for the Port of Houston Authority; that he had replaced him as the labor representative on the Ethics Committee and moved his way up; that he was from labor and well qualified. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. John Bland, 2000 N. Loop West, Houston, Texas 713-680-3272) appeared and stated that he was the business manager for Transport Workers Union for America and present supporting Mr. Dean Corgey for the Port of Houston Authority; that it was time to have a voice of labor at the table. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. David Alley, 1475 North Loop West, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-869-8900) appeared and stated that he was president of Local Union 716 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and in favor of the appointment of Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston Authority; that he served in member ship and on the Harris County AFL/CIO, etc., and was well qualified. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. Thomas Webb, 2600 Hamilton, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-470-8138) appeared and stated that he was the senior staff representative for AFSCME Local 1550 and they believed Mr. Dean Corgey was the best candidate for the position on the Port of Houston Authority and his record spoke for itself. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Zeth Capo, 1003 West 31st, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-670-4340) appeared and stated that he was vice president of the Houston Federation of Teachers and present urging support of Mr. Dean Corgey for the position on the Port of Houston Authority as no one could be appointed that would have the trust, admiration and willingness to speak out to a Council Member from those on the ground other than Mr. Corgey. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Omaha Redda, 1719 Pecan Lane, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-208-8752) appeared and stated that he was with the United States Merchants Marine and Mr. Corgey was a good leader, listener and organizer and he was present supporting him 100% to be appointed for the position on the Port of Houston Authority. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Eddie Hall, 1337 Thornton Road, Houston, Texas 77018 (832-721-4147) appeared and stated that he was an inspector for SITF and had the privilege of reading a letter from Mr.

David Calcraft which he read stating they were in full support of Mr. Dean Corgey being nominated to the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Ms. Sylvia Gonzales, 10102 Elm Knoll Trail, Houston, Texas 77064 (832-283-5752) appeared and stated that she was national vice president of the South West and in support of Ms. Janice Longoria being nominated to the Port of Houston Authority as she had an extensive record of experience. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Mr. Gilbert Garcia, 3526 Durness, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-853-2323) appeared and stated that he was only representing himself today but present in support of Mr. Dean Corgey being nominated to the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Ms. Linda Chavez-Thompson, 6226 Meadow Haven, San Antonio, Texas 78239 (210-854-7027) appeared and stated that she was the executive vice president emeriti of the National CIO and present recommending the appointment of Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston Authority as he brought much to the table. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega thanked Ms. Chavez-Thompson for being present and stated that it was extraordinary she made the trip from San Antonio to visit with Council on this issue and they would take her comments under consideration. Council Members Johnson and Jones absent.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-721-9080) appeared and stated that she was present with a different perspective on Mr. Dean Corgey; that he was a very standup community person and she was in support of him being nominated to the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Johnson, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Ms. Jere Palley, 2929 Hirsch Field Road #1204, Spring, Texas 77373 (713-560-7240) appeared and stated that she was vice president of the Houston Organization of Public Employees and HOPE was a member of the Harris County AFL/CIO Council and they were endorsing Mr. Dean Corgey for the Port of Houston Authority as he would be an asset; that he was a fourth generation waterfront Houstonian, etc. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Mr. Brian Kinard, 3206, Revere, Houston, Texas 77098 (305-731-1101) appeared and stated that he was with the Seafarers International Union and had the privilege of reading a few letters which he read from the Houston Pilots Association, Congressman Al Green, etc., supporting Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston Authority because of his longtime maritime background, etc.

Upon questions by Council Member Sullivan, Mr. Kinard stated that the Houston Pilots Association was the Maritime pilots which picked ships up outside of Galveston and transported vessels in to the Port of Houston.

Mr. Romualdo Mendina, 6711 Hornwood Drive #228, Houston, Texas 77074 (832-689-9513) appeared and stated that he was presenting the Seafarers International Union in support of Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston Authority as he had much experience; and displayed a plaque presented to Mr. Corgey in 1998 from the Country of Honduras; that he had come to their rescue organizing relief and helping many, etc.

Mr. James Simmons, 6418 Haskell, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-416-7027) appeared and stated that he was president of Camp Logan Memorial Civic Club and Mr. Corgey served on the

board with him; that he was present in support of Mr. Dean Corgey being nominated to the Port of Houston Authority.

Ms. Lenora Soroli-Pohlman, 2314 Tannehill Drive, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-628-7500) appeared and stated that she had never been before Council before, however, today was present in support of the appointment of Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston Authority as he had maritime experience.

Ms. Maritza Guerrero, 13547 Willow Heights, Houston, Texas 77059 (281-286-2822) appeared and stated that she was with Community Family Centers and Janice Longoria was very effective and she highly supported her in being reappointed to the Port of Houston Authority.

Ms. Michele Leal, 2240 LaBranch, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-926-1849) appeared and stated that she worked for a nonprofit organization El Centro del Corazon, they had several health clinics throughout the Eastend and Sunnyside; that she worked with Ms. Janice Longoria who brought awareness to the area; and strongly urged reappointment of her to the Port of Houston Authority.

Ms. Graciela Saenz, 5341 Nolda, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-250-7558) appeared and stated that today she was present supporting the re-nomination of Ms. Janice Longoria to the Board of the Port of Houston Authority; that she often heard Hispanics did not support their own even when they were extremely talented, but it was not an accurate depiction and that was why she was present; that without her appointment it would be two role models lost with the recent loss of Ms. Sylvia Garcia's position; that without a diverse representation they would lose Houston's best asset, its diversity, that she held many positions and had many accomplishments. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Rodriguez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for Ms. Graciela Saenz to speak, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Member Stardig absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0800 ADOPTED.

Ms. Saenz further stated Ms. Longoria had skills in negotiation, contracting, ethics, etc., and her past record with the Port was commended with numerous awards achieved since she had served; that many were present representing labor, but this was not the seat to be replaced and she was there for labor, they had not heard of concerns with labor in the past; that she commended Mr. Dean Corgey, but this should not be the seat.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Ms. Saenz stated that an outstanding perspective for Ms. Longoria was tenure, she had done an incredible job, brought a perspective for labor, law, finance, a minority, etc.; why replace something not broken.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that no nominations on the position had been received as yet and recognized Council Member Jones.

Council Member Jones stated that it seemed it was always open season on the people at the bottom of the totem pole and they would take out most of the budget rise on non-classified city employees, HOPE for example, she would say now she would be supporting Mr. Corgey as she believed labor needed representation on the Port. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Mr. James McGregor, 16211 Park Ten Place, Houston, Texas 77084 (281-579-3700) appeared and stated that he was a member of the Houston Maritime Business Community and

present to support Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston; that he was president and chief operating officer of Ocean Ship Holdings, a Houston based provider of marine vessel operating services worldwide, etc., and Mr. Corgey worked directly with business executives, midlevel managers, etc., represented interest of his union members; and was confident of his service. Council Members Johnson, Pennington and Jones absent.

Dr. Dorothy Caram, 2603 Glenhaven, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-665-5398) appeared and stated that she was present today supporting Ms. Janice Longoria; that she had known her 30 plus years and she had been a member of the District and City Attorney's Office, etc., a role model for all and she brought a voice to the Port of Houston Authority which was not committed to one particular group; and highly recommend re-appointment of Ms. Longoria. Council Members Hoang and Pennington absent.

Ms. Argentina James, 2425 W. L. South, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-306-6822) appeared and stated that she was president and CEO of Hillday Public Relations and had worked for the Port Authority being responsible for the media and community relations and was present supporting nomination of Ms. Janice Longoria to continue serving as representative on the Port of Houston Authority; that she supported her re-appointment as she represented the City of Houston's interest extremely well and her legal experience, business savvy, etc., enabled her to serve well and she stood up for what was right for all people. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Jones moved to extend time of Ms. Argentina James, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Member Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0801 ADOPTED.

Ms. James further stated with her statement supporting Ms. Longoria's re-appointment and urged keeping her at the table as she represented what was right in Houston. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mr. Shwe Aung, 13286 Tree Hollow Drive, Houston, Texas 77079 (713-447-0438) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mr. Daniel Box, 323 Moose Drive, Huffman, Texas 77532 (832-794-9896) appeared and stated that he was present today supporting Mr. Dean Corgey as he believed in economic development with fair labor practices; asked all present with labor to stand to be recognized; and that labor was for the little guy and minorities, etc., Mr. Corgey represented labor; and urged he be appointed to the Port of Houston. Council Member Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Box stated that he could not say Mr. Corgey or Ms. Longoria was better than the other, but Ms. Longoria had been there a while and it was probably time to get someone new and Mr. Corgey had integrity, etc. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams asked all present in support of Ms. Longoria to stand to be recognized. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Lovell absent.

Mr. Mike Garver, 1900 Lexington, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-858-6430) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present asking for support for the 2011 Bottle Deposit Refund Bill, which was a refund on all drink containers which would get them off streets and waterways; that he worked with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership on various trails and they had six full time employees on the cleanup plus community workers operating two trucks, four

boats and it was paid for by the Harris County Flood Control, Port of Houston, Shell Oil and other private donations and they were successful in picking up about half the floatables in Buffalo Bayou and that was why Texas needed a bottle deposit refund bill and eleven other states had one; that in addition to beautification it created jobs and it was very important to have Council's support. Council Members Stardig, Pennington, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck and Council Members thanked Mr. Garver for appearing and for his work and voiced their support; and upon questions by Council Member Sullivan, Mr. Garver stated that the vessel which burned was the bayou vac and it was back in service and the tour boat was destroyed and the replacement just got certified this week. Council Members Stardig, Pennington, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang moved to suspend the rules, but the motion was not entertained as there was no quorum for the suspension of the rules. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Stardig, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding.

Mr. Randall Kallinen, 511 Broadway, Houston, Texas 77012 (713-320-3785) appeared and stated that he was present to speak on the City of Houston's plan to extend the red light camera citation after November 15 when it was voted against, it would be illegal and there was no contract or rule of law to prevent the implementation of the system stopping. Council Members Stardig, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Kallinen stated that he saw the contract in the past and there was no obligation to keep citing people, the question would be whether they had obligation to pay; that if the law changed often that was a defense to the contract, however, there was nothing in the contract saying anyone had to be cited, it was a service and not a per ticket contract. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Kallinen stated that a contract could not supersede the law and the language of the Charter amendment clearly said the City of Houston shall not use photographic signal enforcement to enforce any city ordinance against the operator, etc., and it was unfortunate those who drafted the contract did not put in it a "change of law" because it should have been anticipated because of the thirteen cities which put up red light cameras to a vote each and every one was voted out. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Feldman stated that the City had to stake out its own legal position and they would follow the will of the voters, but it also had to be recognized that both Texas and the Federal Constitution contained provisions prohibiting the enactment of a law which impaired a preexisting contractual obligation; that they would follow the will of the voters, but had to also follow terms of the contract consistent with terms of the contract and notice would be provided under the termination for convenience clause once the votes were canvassed on November 15th and the notice would be sent out by the Chief of Police as required pursuant to the contract, it was a 120 day notice period and that would be about March 15th and then the entire program would come to an end. Council Member Adams absent.

Ms. Helen Cohen, 6000 Reims #4407, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-798-7702) appeared and stated that she was a homeowner and resident at the Diplomat Townhomes and for several years they were subjected to a barrage of continual harassment and bad behavior from the surrounding apartment complexes despite repeated complaints with noise rattling their windows and doors, men urinating in bushes, gun shots, etc; that it came from the Chestnut Hill Apartments and the Gulfton Apartments; that they thought it was due to bad management, bad

owners who did not care to properly patrol and they needed this to stop. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that complaints had begun in 2006 and still up to date; that Council Member Khan had contacted the apartment owner and they had met with HPD and yet this was still a nuisance; that one option would be for the homeowner association or homeowner to file a nuisance lawsuit or he could call a meeting of the same as Council Member Khan, but they should sit down to resolve this; and Ms. Cohen stated that they had tried and so far nothing happened and her neighbors would give more history on this. Council Members Adams and Jones absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Lieutenant Gallier was present and would speak with them as soon as they concluded their remarks. Council Members Adams and Jones absent.

Ms. Cassandra Stephenson, 3831 Ripplebrook, Houston, Texas 77045 (832-371-4532) appeared and stated that she was present as she had run into roadblocks; that in June an HPD officer came into her yard and shot her dog and falsely arrested her 16 year old son charging him with evading arrest; that she filed with Internal Affairs and they came to their home and intimidated her son trying to get his reenactment; that she tried finding which officers came to her house, but ran into roadblocks; and she was present asking for assistance. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated she remembered her last appearance and she had apologized to her; that she was not aware they had come back and she would see what could be done to determine what information could be shared with her, but some of this was part of the process. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Bradford offered apologies for what happened and stated that there was a process and it worked more often than it failed; that it was not uncommon for officers to go back and reconstruct a scene, at the same time it did not mean someone should not explain what was going on; that they would not share certain information because of the integrity of the investigation, but they should explain the process and he would get with her and monitor the investigation. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Ms. Stephenson stated that she had been sent a letter stating that since her son had to go through the criminal process they could not do anything about it, but would investigate the dog, but this was June 15th and this was November and her son was cleared of all charges, dismissed, after she had to spend thousands of dollars on a defense attorney when her son had just been standing in his yard; that the officer was actually on a 911 call and had gone to the wrong address; that he realized it and knew he had killed a dog and put her and her husband in the police cars and held them over an hour so he had to think of something and charged her son, but he had always wanted to be an officer so not only did they kill her dog that day, but tried to steal her son's dream; and Council Member Johnson stated that he would like to be a part of the meeting between her and Council Member Bradford. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Council Member Rodriguez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Senator Mario Gallegos to the list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Jones absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0802 ADOPTED.

Senator Mario Gallegos, who had been added to the speakers list, appeared and stated

that he was the highest ranking Hispanic official in Harris County appearing in support of Ms. Janice Longoria being nominated to the Port of Houston Authority; that Mr. Corgey was a friend of his and from labor the same as he; that his grandfather came in 1909 and worked there, but it was then the Compost Plant and those in the neighborhood called it "the hole", all the Latinos worked there then and later it turned into the Port of Houston and most who lived around it were Latinos and most business into it was from Latin America; that two Latinos got the Bill for the Port and now millions came in from Latin America and he believed Ms. Longoria was there now and Houston claimed to have the most diverse culture and he agreed, but in trade and at the Port most trade was done with Latin America and if they took the only one of Latino origin off the board how could they sit them at the table and look them in the face; and implored they vote for Ms. Longoria because it was the right thing to do.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Senator Gallegos stated that he could not say one was better than the other, but in struggles of life the minority community struggled for positions on boards, they had to have a voice at the table to be heard, to use the right to support the right thing to do, not the political thing to do and in looking at the boards, if a minority deserved a position, needed a voice he would be there supporting them; that the position was not determined by race or gender, but he knew what was right; and Council Member Adams stated that he made a great point. Council Members Johnson and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Ronald Conrad, 6000 Reims Road #3409, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-782-1307) appeared and stated that he was a resident and homeowner at the Diplomat Townhomes since 1984 and their community was bound on three sides by apartment complexes and much had already been said by Ms. Cohen, but for the past 26 years most of it was a good place to live with it being quiet, peaceful and safe, but changes started in 2000 and in late 2005 and 2006 crime began increasing in general and in 2007 the problem increased dramatically with drunken parties, loud noises, drug and sexual activity, etc.; that most of this was from the Chestnut Hill and Gulfton Apartments; that apartment security and their serenity disappeared and they got city inspectors involved and met with representatives in Council's office and HPD and three years later it was getting worse by the day; that HPD helped as much as they could and they were present pleading for help. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzales and Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that they did a great job presenting the situation and as he said HPD had done their best; that his staff would work with him and other homeowners and hopefully find a solution; that he would like them to meet with Lieutenant Gallier and his staff; and to the chair of Neighborhood Protection asked if something could be done in their meeting; and Council Member Noriega stated that in the past they had a special apartment security squad which became involved in things like this and it sounded like more resources needed to be put on it; that they would check with Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office and work with Council Member Hoang's office to try and do more in addressing the situation; and Council Member Hoang stated that he would ask for help from Council Members at large, especially Council Members Bradford and Jones who were very good with such to find a solution. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent. Council Member Noriega presiding.

Council Member Jones stated that she would be happy to work with Council Member Hoang to resolve the matter. Council Members Johnson, Costello and Lovell absent.

Ms. Betty West, 6000 Reims Road #4206, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-952-7525) appeared and stated that she was a homeowner and secretary of the board for the Diplomat Homeowners Association and the association had hard copies of emails and certified letters and correspondence between all parties back to 2007, with Chestnut Hill, Gulfton and Coral

Club Apartments included; that they also had DVD videos illustrating the extent of the problems; that Council's staff had come and looked at the DVDs and HPD had seen them as well; that letters had gone to all explaining concerns and problems; that this should happen no where and they would appreciate all support on the matter. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck thanked Ms. West for coming and stated that a number of Council Members had expressed their interest in wanting to help; that they used to have a team which included HPD, Public works and Neighborhood Protection to try and help and they may be able to have that facilitated, she was not sure where that was in Mayor Parker's reorganization. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that she had heard his request to Council Members and he would specifically request Citizens Assistance to help and he would try and organize a response team for a solution. Council Members Johnson and Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Stardig, Ms. West stated that when they heard gun fire they did call police; and Council Member Stardig stated that it was important to call in for service so it did not seem they were picking on apartment complexes, etc., it was key in taking care of such issues Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Jones stated that where she lived there were gun shots all the time and she called a number of occasions and sometimes they just did not come; and Council Member Stardig stated that calls for service were pulled for follow-ups and they should continue calling; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that was an excellent point because in state law the number of calls for service could be attributed to a delinquent property or property with high crime they could go after. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Toufic Jenzarli, 6000 Reims Road #4408, Houston, Texas 77036 (832-922-1749) appeared and stated that he was a homeowner and resident and the Diplomat Townhomes since 1995 and fell in a category of a single dad with a ten year old daughter and he had the worst location as he was in the corner of the three complexes; that he saw sex in cars, drug dealing, beer bottles thrown at him, etc.; that they had to change their fencing and increase security and this was not easy to have to tell his daughter to go back in the house because of what was going on; that there was also gang activity there in the complexes and in the dark area people could do what they wanted; that he would like rules enforced and all apartment complexes to be responsible for their own security and regulations. Council Members Johnson, Pennington and Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that the apartment owners should be responsible for security and hopefully they will all come to a solution, if they did not abide by rules they should not be given permits as this was a harbor for criminals. Council Members Johnson, Pennington and Lovell absent.

Mr. Jack Snead, 6000 Reims Road, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-266-0598) appeared and stated that he was president of the homeowner's association for members of which Council just heard from and he was present representing the association; that those who spoke were individuals and those confronted by the issue, but as a board they came on last year and the problem preceded them; that they wrote to property owners with copies to Council, the Mayor's Office and HPD and nearly five months later they received a response from one property owner and they were trying to work together in a proactive, constructive manner to address their particular property and resident concerns; that he was encouraged by statements today and would very much appreciate Council's assistance. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he appreciated Mr. Snead representing the

homeowners association and he would ask the City Attorney for his opinion; and Mr. Feldman stated that they had similar situations in other parts of the City of Houston and were endeavoring to be more aggressive; that he did send letters to owners inviting them in for a peaceful meeting and if they would not do this then they filed a lawsuit to get injunctive relief so the legal action referred to earlier in the Code was something the City needed to go ahead and initiate and now that it was brought to his attention they would look at it and pursue it vigorously. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Ms. Nancy Brewer with Public Works was present and she would like to make sure she too was involved in any meetings. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that her office had been working on this, it was a citywide issue and bad multi family, Chapter 10 amendments, needed to be addressed and could be; and she felt all would be seeing a different type of response, but all should work with their Council Member, City Attorney and Ms. Brewer; that in her district this had been effective and slum lords were on notice. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Mr. Snead, Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that there was a Habitability and Public Works Group and Fast Team, Forfeiture Abatement Team in place. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that it would take a strategy working with all entities and the City Attorney could put a plan in place and he was committed to working with Council Member Hoang and others putting the strategy together to get relief. Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Kenneth Kimble, 6324 Los Angeles, Houston, Texas 77026 (832-374-6353) appeared and stated that he was present with a complaint of heavy trash pick up in Kashmere Gardens; that in October he had to wait 30 minutes in his block and he knew protocol and if this was in a White or high priority neighborhood this would not have happened; that Kashmere Gardens was not a high priority neighborhood and HPD said that to Council Member Galloway when she was his Council person; that he called various people and was told nothing would be done because the city covered for each other and he should go to Council and now yesterday he started getting calls. Council Members Hoang, Lovell Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Kimble stated that some trash was left in the road; and Council Member Jones stated that they heard this a lot; that calls were made and things did not happen and Council offices should not be budget cut because of their needing to help constituents, but she would help his Council Member on the process. Council Members Hoang, Lovell Noriega absent.

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. Kimble for coming and voicing his concerns; that he was excited trash was picked up, but blocking traffic was problematic and they would only get problems solved by knowing and they would find out from Solid Waste how to solve the problem. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell Noriega absent.

Mr. Travis McGee, 4800 Peterson, Houston, Texas 77033 (832-488-7709) appeared and stated that he was president of Sunnyside Gardens Bayou Estates Civic Club and represented about 3,000 residents and from January 2010 to September HPD statistics in their area were 18 rapes, 6 murders, 380 burglaries, 440 thefts and 400 aggravated assaults and with problems of drainage, illegal dumping, abandoned homes and overgrown lots he never thought they would have to continue coming to Council on lack of police patrol, especially with Mykawa in their area, but crime was still increasing because of a almost nonexistent police patrol and with

holidays coming would urge more patrol. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Mr. McGee for all his work and phone calls; that sometimes what was not seen did not mean something was not happening; that there was increased patrol, burglars were caught in the Montrose because they had Citizens on Patrol and someone saw them and some in his community were recently arrested because of an increase in patrol; that two had been caught and a lead and warrant on a third; that they would like citizens to get a citizens on patrol; and commended Sergeants Jones, Ballhazar and Officer Nguyen for being proactive. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that comments highlighted a conversation at the Public Safety Committee where they had a report from the Police Department at Sam Houston State University that 62% of citizens were satisfied or gave the Police Department a rating of satisfaction; that they were told crime was down, but he had been asking for numbers and data at neighborhood levels. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Travis McGee, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0803 ADOPTED.

Mr. McGee stated that even though a citizen had given HPD names and addresses nothing was done and he recently started getting phone calls from the gentleman Council Member Adams mentioned; that sometimes blood or fingerprints were left behind and officers walked the property sometimes, but if they had paid attention they would have found stolen merchandise on the next property as he and a neighbor had found it; and Council Member Adams stated that she wanted him to know what had occurred, but agreed they needed to be more proactive. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that if they did not get a grip on this, as the budget dwindled police would be strained and problems needed to get solved; that crime may be down as a whole, but there were neighborhoods in Houston still suffering and it needed to be addressed. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Craig Stewart, 10706 Kirkside, Houston, Texas 77096 (281-736-6706) appeared and stated that he worked with Citizens Against Red Light Cameras and present addressing Council as their representative to touch on what happened and the apparent delay by the city; that he wanted to encourage Council to take cameras down expeditiously, 53% of the public voted against them and it was clear they were not wanted; that they would like to work with the city, understanding realities needed to be worked with; and thanked Council Members for assistance. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Feldman stated that as he indicated earlier there was a provision in the contract as amended addressing termination for convenience by providing a 120 day notice to terminate and Monday they would canvass and the vote would become official and then notice would go to them and an end to the program should come about March 15, 2011. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Gonzalez absent.

After further questions by Members of Council, Council Member Bradford asked if there were enough Council Members to extend; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that there was not and Council Member Stardig was recognized for a procedural motion. Council Member Bradford stated that there were 10 Council Members present; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Council Member Stardig had been recognized for a procedural motion. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that because she believed full attention needed to be given to important matters moved to recess and reconvene at 1:30 p.m.. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Gonzalez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated there was a rule Council could not proceed past 12:00 noon unless there was a motion to suspend and now there was a motion for a break; and called for a second; and it was seconded by Council Member Lovell; and Council Member Bradford called for discussion and after discussion Council Member Stardig stated that after yesterday she thought it important to have full attention from this body because what happened was at some point they lost interest, but she did not want to discourage anyone from being here and at the same time wanted a commitment from her colleagues they would stay and give full attention, otherwise support her motion, if they would stay with full attention she would withdraw her motion. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of remaining in session beyond the scheduled noon recess to complete hearing the balance of speakers, seconded by Council Member Jones. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0804 ADOPTED.

Mr. Sherman Mayes, 6330 Tadlock, Houston, Texas 77085 (713-283-0111) appeared and stated that he was present voicing his displeasure with the delay of red light cameras being taken down; that there was no excuse why they should not come down immediately regardless of contract disputes; that he had not received a ticket by a camera, but had voted to take them down and it seemed they were saying he had no vote by their delay. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that if she had a vote to terminate them immediately she would do so; that if the company they had the contract with wanted to fight them then in the future she would like it considered how they dealt with them; and upon questions, Mr. Feldman stated that their sole business was red light cameras and he would think they would not see them again. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that in his opinion the cameras should come down ASAP, not only for reasons heard, but from a practical stand point if they continued to issue citations and the contract was then terminated how would the city collect when it was the company who handled the collection; and Mr. Feldman stated that if they shut down citations during the termination period, the period from notice of termination to the effective date of termination, they would be in breach of contract and exposing the city to damages and his best advise for all would be simply not pass red lights and there would be no citations; that they could not abandon the contract because of constitutional provisions superseding the Charter amendment both in the Texas and United States Constitution, and they were proceeding in a sound and legal manner to bring the program to a close. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Mr. Mayes stated that his opinion was it was illegal to ticket anyone, it would only load the civil courts. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang time for questions expired. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time

for questions of Mr. Sherman Mayes, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0805 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Feldman stated that they were trying to fill the obligation of the people to the contract without exposing the city to further cost and he did not know what their response would be, but they would carry out the will of the voters in a legal manner. Council Members Johnson 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 Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Curtis Green, 12810 Remy, Houston, Texas 77045 (832-785-0398) appeared and stated that he was representing LTV, they were planning community events in Council Members Adams and Johnson's districts and were present to avail themselves to all districts; that they wanted to do positive things in the community and were asking to team up with the city to make it happen; that they were LTV, channel 40.2 a new station, and they wanted to be a voice to the public; that they would be giving out food in their districts and wanted to know how to continue going forward.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Green stated that the move with Spike Lee turned out well and people were blessed by it, many were educated and it was a pleasure to work with him; and he thought they represented Houston well; and Council Member Adams stated that they turned their tragedy into treasure, he was one of the unsung heroes and "When the Levies Broke To" it was a blessing when Channel 11 did his story on where are the people from New Orleans and Spike Lee picked a wonderful person to do the story on and she appreciated him and was there to support him, his church, his ministry and now his new tv show. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck and Council Member Lovell absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Jones stated that she would ditto what Council Member Adams said, it was important to have media outlets showing the humanity of people and the devastation in New Orleans was ugly and many had problems dealing with it and she thanked him for bringing humanity to areas the city historically had not treated as fairly. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck and Council Member Lovell absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Okey Chikere, 14814 Alderwich Drive, Houston, Texas 77498 (832-893-8992) appeared and stated that he saw all morning what it took to run a city such as Houston and would continue remembering Council in his prayers; that Houston was currently with challenges; that he was originally born in Nigeria but after seeing the diversity here decided to stay; that a boy who had nothing now had a tv station and it was dedicated to the poor, to their voices; that he was only open 12 days and had 400 applications, the city could not flourish while youth were dying, something needed to be done and all needed to pitch in and they were asking to be a catalyst to Council Members as more needed to be done. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck and Council Members Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. Chikere and Mr. Green for coming and for their work; that as they spoke of help Council could give and they did have his support, but he would like to know how specifically he could help in a proposal and allow all to move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck and Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Pastor Keith Williams, 6002 Antoine, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-956-1511) appeared

and stated that last year he came to not support the Housing and Community Development Section Three Community Block Grants, a HUD funded project, however, since it seemed it would pass they got on board and in the four months since it began they came back with a report which was not good; that Section Three when it pertained to HUD spoke to specifics and he had many meetings with the Community Development Department and in their mindset they say a community was the entire city, but he disagreed, a community was an entity within the city and HUD spoke to fixing an area; that they began a Section Three staffing service and met with Community Development and at first all was good, however, their greatest fears became a reality, someone put a bid in and on an eleven and a half million dollar project to say the community would be given opportunity to retain thirty nine and a half thousand was ridiculous and the demographics of the worksites did not fit demographics of the community or business concerns. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that they spoke extensively when the project first came to Council and he was very much in favor of it and disagreed with him; that he had the commitment of owners to make sure contracts would be made available to individuals who lived within District B and hire them; that the only way to fix a problem was to make sure unemployed became employed and reduce crime in the area and he would ask Housing to give him information on how much money was expended for Section Three to make sure minority businesses were participatory in this particular endeavor; that the community could not be the entire city and needed to be the area. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Mr. Ikenbaum was present and would be happy to speak with him. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that the Housing Department had its struggles with compliance with Section Three and it was true the service area was the entire city, however, it could be narrowed down to where the work was being done and would suggest that be done; that the problem was whoever they worked with had to pay proper wages, but they had been in trouble allowing contractors to not comply. Council Members Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Isiaka Owolabi, 7447 Neal Ridge, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (832-468-1283) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Lovell absent.

Ms. Frances Burnett, 12540 Willington Park, Houston, Texas 77072 (713-480-2642) appeared and stated that she was present on behalf of her son; that over 20 years ago he was charged with attempted capital murder on a police officer, he was riding home with a friend and did not know the car was stolen; that an officer began chasing them and her son told the guy to pull the car over and then they both began running; that her son was caught and the officer was taking so long to cuff him he turned around and knocked his gun out and they started fighting and then other officers came and he and the officer were beat up; that he was charged and went to trial and it was a hung jury, but she told him to plead to assault as they could not afford this, but he went to jail six months on that and then he was out and scared of everything and finally got his life together five years ago and in February this year he was taking a car for repair and when backing out of a service station someone hit him and the officer who came charged him for hitting an elderly person and took him to jail. Council Members Sullivan and Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cluttebuck thanked Ms. Burnett for appearing and stated that she knew she had been working with HPD and they had told Council she was present because her son had not been given a court date; and Ms. Burnett stated that was correct; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that they had no authority over that and she should contact her son's

attorney or Harris County District Attorney's Office; and Ms. Burnett stated that this was in February and trial was not to be until January; and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that Lieutenant Gallier was present and would help answer questions. Council Members Sullivan and Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she was a criminal defense lawyer and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck was correct; that the DA's Office was prosecuting him, but they did not generally talk to accused families unless they were victims, but she could call the Harris County District Attorney's Office at 713-755-5000, but it would be best to contact his lawyer and frankly from the time people were arrested and they went to trial it was more than a year. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Ms. Mary Ross, P. O. Box 92, Missouri City, Texas 77459-0092 (713-443-2453) appeared, presented information and stated that she was the current president of the Ft. Bend Houston Super Neighborhood Council and a Briargate homeowner and she was asked by the Briargate Community Association to prepare and file a protest of a cellular tower proposed to be constructed on City of Houston owned property located at 7007 West Fuqua in Missouri City Texas which was in Houston and she did so; that the aforementioned license agreement was necessary for T-Mobile to obtain a permit under requirements of the current Houston Tower Code and the license agreement had expired, was void and was possibly illegal, the 180 day application period had expired therefore the agreement had expired. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she had opportunity to share with the attorney and would let him address questions; and Mr. Feldman stated that he would to the extent he could; that he was familiar there was an issue in connection with the tower because of a speaker at an earlier public forum and she had shown him this, but he had to be somewhat cautious as the matter was pending before the tower commission and the City Attorney's Office provided advice to them; that he did not know there was an issue with respect to the application period having expired and he would have to look into it, however, to the issue of whether it was appropriate for the city to serve as licensor and agree to cooperate in connection with issuance of permits was standard language for any landlord; that the city did from time to time lease property and license for the use of its property and this was not the first time for the purpose of a cell phone tower; that the Tower Commission would act on the application without regard the city was the licensor of the property, however, he would look at the application period and its effect; and Council Member Adams stated that was the whole thing, it needed to be looked at, people called and some were for and some were against and they were having a meeting in the community tonight and she needed all to come so she could hear who was for and against. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she recalled this happening on two previous occasions since she was on Council and District Council Members went to the Commission and she went both times and would say what they did in certain districts they needed to do in all districts and if the majority did not want it she wanted residents of District D to get the same respect by the Tower Commission as other districts. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Ross stated that the community was normally held to very stringent rules and the community had a meeting and it was discussed, but not many did show up, many were upset and yet she was the only one present today and her biggest objection was that the city chose to hold a public meeting after the permit was already protested, this was submitted on behalf of the Briargate Association, they had reviewed and approved it and it was submitted and it was not fair homeowners were again asked to go to another meeting; and Council Member Adams stated that she had not seen such a letter and

that was why a meeting was called because she was hearing two sides, but she would stand behind the community. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking a thirty minute recess after the last speaker, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck and Council Members Sullivan and Lovell voting no. Balance voting aye. Mayor Pro Tem Parker absent on city business. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck presiding. MOTION 2010-0806 ADOPTED.

Ms. Carol Simon, 2505 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-987-4988) appeared and stated that she was raised to know all was not okay, it was caught on tape, everything the men would say and she filed suit, a civil case and now they would know terror in the face; that her husband would be their visitor; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez and Noriega 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 Adams, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

At 12:59 p.m. City Council recessed for 30 minutes. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

At 1:30 p.m. the City Council reconvened to continue the Council meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck stated that they would move to the consent agenda. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 23

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY10-022, located at 8713 Wheatley Street, owned by Willis U. Tillis and Lula L. Tillis, for the **ELLA BOULEVARD (WHEATLEY STREET) PAVING PROJECT from Little York to West Gulf Bank** - \$81,811.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. MOTION 2010-0807 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY10-023, located at 8717 Wheatley Street, owned by Doris M. Tillis White, Robert Tillis, Jr., Linda J. Tillis Chatman, Kenneth L. Tillis, Angienette Tillis Harrison and Sandra Tillis Bradford c/o Lorean Tillis, aka Lorene Tillis, for the **ELLA BOULEVARD (WHEATLEY STREET) PAVING PROJECT from Little York to West Gulf Bank** - \$95,080.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. MOTION 2010-0808 ADOPTED.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY10-027, located at 1103 Dewalt Street, owned by Lorean Tillis, aka Lorene Tillis, Doris M. Tillis White, Robert Tillis, Jr., Linda J. Tillis Chatman, Kenneth L. Tillis, Angienette Tillis Harrison and Sandra Tillis Bradford, for the **ELLA BOULEVARD (WHEATLEY STREET) PAVING PROJECT from Little York to West Gulf Bank - \$80,271.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. MOTION 2010-0809 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY10-039, located at 9618 Maxroy Street, owned by Christopher Fillmore, for the **ELLA BOULEVARD (WHEATLEY STREET) PAVING PROJECT from Little York to West Gulf Bank \$175,528.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. MOTION 2010-0810 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 23

9. RESOLUTION approving and adopting Revised Investment Policy for the City of Houston, Texas – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. RESOLUTION 2010-0057 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Performance Based Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **A CARING SAFE PLACE, INC** to provide \$2,457,162 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the acquisition and construction of a 15-unit apartment building/community residence to provide permanent affordable housing and supportive services to homeless men diagnosed with HIV/AIDS - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0864 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0865 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0866 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE authorizing the sale to **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** of excess fee-owned Hirsch Road right-of-way, located in the Crane Street Gardens Subdivision, for payment to the City of \$42,388.00 and other consideration, Parcels SY10-079A, SY10-079B and SY10-079C - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0867 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$28,966.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Project/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund for Furnishing and Installation of Ornamental Fencing and Gates for Tidwell Park under an existing Citywide Contract with the **FIERRO GROUP, LTD. COMPANY d/b/a FENCEMASTER OF HOUSTON** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0892) - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0868 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$187,195.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving transfer of such amount from the Houston Airport System to the Department of Public Works and Engineering for Reimbursement for utility improvements - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0869 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION for approval of City of Houston Legislative Principles for the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature - was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Noriega, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent.
2. RECOMMENDATION from the City Secretary for payment of invoices from the Houston Chronicle related to the publication of notice of the City Special Election - \$224,716.80 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. MOTION 2010-0811 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

7. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,865,164.28 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks for Houston Fire Department - \$251,082.72 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0870 ADOPTED.
- 7a. **TYLER MOTOR COMPANY, INC d/b/a HALL, VOLVO, and GMC** - \$1,682,772.00 and **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC** - \$1,433,475.00 for Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for Houston Fire Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. MOTION 2010-0812 ADOPTED.
8. **CARDINAL HEALTH 200** - \$1,120,918.44, **MEDICAL PRODUCTS SUPPLY, INC** - \$1,147,300.00, **BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC., Bid No. 2** - \$1,113,696.64, **KENTRON HEALTH CARE, INC, Bid No. 1** - \$960,871.63, **SZY HOLDINGS LLC dba EVER READY FIRST AID AND MEDICAL SUPPLY** - \$624,486.00, **MIDWEST MEDICAL SUPPLY CO., LLC** - \$1,515,513.90, **MOORE MEDICAL LLC** - \$166,875.60, **SWA INTERNATIONAL**

COMPANY, LLC - \$111,671.04, **QUADMED, INC** - \$361,320.00, **EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS** - \$291,526.14, **HENRY SCHEIN MATRIX MEDICAL** - \$1,019,529.95 and **AMBU, INC (Bid No. 1)** - \$61,320.00 for Medical Equipment Supplies for Fire Department - 5 Years - \$8,495,029.34 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Costello, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

10. RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of **HOUSTON AMATEUR SPORTS PARK LGC, INC**, A Local Government Corporation; approving the Certificate of Formation; approving the By-laws; appointing the initial Directors and Chair - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent.

After discussion by Council Members Adams and Lovell a vote was called on Item No. 10. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. RESOLUTION 2010-0058 ADOPTED.

11. ORDINANCE relating to the adoption of the Fire Code for the protection and preservation of lives and property from Fire and other perils; adopting amendments to the City of Houston Fire Code and containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0871 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE awarding contract between the City of Houston and **JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, Attorneys at Law** to represent the City of Houston before the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature and State Agencies; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years - \$757,050.00 General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0872 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$310,433.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing issuance of Purchase Order to **MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC**, for Purchase and Installation of Ballfield Lighting for the Blackhawk Park - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0873 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$700,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **A&S ENGINEERS, INC** for Professional Engineering Services at Ellington Airport (Project 671) - **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent.
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$514,855.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to an agreement for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services between the City of Houston and **3D/INTERNATIONAL, INC** (Project No. 490M); providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and

Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0874 ADOPTED. (Note: Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck was present in the meeting, however she had requested Council Member Noriega to call for discussion and a vote on the item.)

22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,299,432.69 out of Airports Improvement Fund and awarding construction contract to **UNITED RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION, INC** for the Repair of Parking Structures at William P. Hobby Airport (Project 592); 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 Civic Art Program, engineering testing services and for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Bradford absent. (Note: Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck was present in the meeting, however she had requested Council Member Noriega to call for discussion and a vote on the item.)
23. ORDINANCE granting to **TEXAS WATER MANAGEMENT, L.L.C., A Texas Limited Liability 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. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Bradford absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0874 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL. (Note: Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck was present in the meeting, however she had requested Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez to call for discussion and a vote on the item.)

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 24 and 25

MISCELLANEOUS

24. RECEIVE nominations for Position 7 on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two year term – was presented. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she would re-nominate Ms. Janice Longoria to Position 7 on the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County and distributed her resume. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he would nominate Mr. Dean Corgey to Position 7 on the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County and distributed his resume. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Noriega moved to close nominations for Position 7 on the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, seconded by Council Member Lovell. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang, Pennington and Bradford absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2010-0813 ADOPTED. (Note: Mayor Pro Tem Clutterbuck was present in the meeting, however she had requested Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez to call for discussion and a vote on the item.)

25. **SET HEARING DATE** regarding fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for the **TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIVE (MEMORIAL HEIGHTS ZONE) - DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; D - ADAMS; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ - SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - 9:00 A. M. - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 1, 2010** – was presented.

Council Member Lovell moved to set a hearing on the TIRZ Five Memorial Heights Zone for Wednesday, December 1, 2010, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0814 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 26 through 30

26. Motion by Council Member Clutterbuck/Seconded by Council Member Sullivan to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T TEXAS** for Voice Communication Services through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Information Technology Department - 2 Years - \$10,000,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund – **(This was Item 13 on Agenda of November 3, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JONES and SULLIVAN)** – was presented. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0815 ADOPTED.
27. Motion by Council Member Clutterbuck/Seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **HOV SERVICES, INC** for Mail Processing Services from the Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the Texas Procurement and Support Services' Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$604,800.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 14 on Agenda of November 3, 2010, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. Council Members Jones and Adams voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Pennington absent. MOTION 2010-0816 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$160,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund 2409 and approving and authorizing Development Agreement between the City and **SHINE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LLC** to develop two (2) Affordable Single-Family Model Homes in the Trinity Gardens Area to be later sold to qualified low-income and very low-income families - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – **(This was Item 43 on Agenda of November 3, 2010, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2010-794)** – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0876 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2010-572 relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the Fifth Ward Redevelopment Authority on behalf of Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone); approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget for the Authority - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and H – GONZALEZ** – **(This was Item 45 on Agenda of November 3, 2010, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2010-795)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Hoang and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0877 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2005-0705 (Passed on June 8, 2005) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **GENUINE PARTS COMPANY dba NAPA AUTO PARTS** for Automotive and Equipment Parts and Repair Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department - \$3,750,000.00 - Fleet Management Fund – **(This was Item 47 on Agenda of November 3, 2010, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2010-796)** – was presented. Council Members Bradford and Jones voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson,

Hoang and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2010-0878 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Adams stated that the Naomi Place Community was a small community that was in the niche of the Reliant Center and when there were Texan games or the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo they were inundated with cars, that they had a meeting with HPD and she wanted to thank them and Right-of-Way Maintenance for coming up with solutions and for helping the community out with problems; that she wanted to thank the Museum Park Super Neighborhood for partnering with the Miller Outdoor Theater in making sure that events were continued to be brought there; that there would be a Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee meeting today at 2:00 p.m.; that tonight she would be speaking at the Neighborhood Leadership Institute at the Kashmere Garden Multi Service Center, 4802 Lockwood, that there would be 40 participants in this years graduation; that there would be a Briargate Cell Tower Community meeting tonight at the Stimley-Blue Ridge Library on Wednesday at 7007 West Fuqua; that this coming week Houston would salute American Hero's and Veterans Day Parade, that ceremonies would begin at 10:00 a.m. on the steps of City Hall and the parade would begin at 11:30 a.m.; that on Friday there would be a Re-Entry Forum at the Kashmere Multi Service Center and she wanted to thank the Health Department for allowing them to continue to bring this and Dr. Walter Ridley would be back in Houston to host the Re-Entry Forum. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this Thursday the City of Houston would salute the armed forces with a commemoration ceremony on the steps of City Hall and following with the parade down Smith Street at 10:00 a.m.; that the Friends of Woodland Park would host their Annual Family Fall Festival on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Woodland Heights Park at 212 Parkview; that a special recognition and congratulations to Regina Dixon, new Executive Director of Catholic Charities, that during the past three years she had made the dream of affordable homeownership a reality for many individuals and families; that he wanted to pay condolences to some great leaders, Mr. Rafael Moreno, Jr., a native Houstonian who passed away on November 4, 2010 at the age of 73, that he was a passionate advocate for human rights and the prosperity of the Latino Community, that he was survived by his wife of 50 year, Lucy Moreno and children, grand children and great grandson and numerous other family members, that condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Oneta May Moore, "Mama Moore", who passed away on November 1, 2010 at the age of 94, that Ms. Moore worked as an assistant nurse at Hermann Hospital and served on the Mission and Pastor's Aids Council of Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Independence Heights. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that Artist Luyen Phuoc Duong was in the audience today and asked that he stand and be recognized, that he was the artist who drew a picture of him and the Mayor Pro Tem, that next Tuesday they would have a presentation and proclamation for him at Council. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to thank her fellow Council Members for supporting the Houston Police Department's Blue Santa Charity during the CMC Bowl-a-Thon last Friday, that they raised over \$1,000 for the great cause; that last Friday she attended the Salute to Veterans Luncheon hosted by the West Houston Chamber of Commerce, that she would be taking part in the Veterans Day Commemoration, Celebration and Parade on Thursday at City Hall, that on Saturday she attended the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala highlighting the City's top Hispanic Entrepreneurs and Executives; that tomorrow the Texas Conference for Women Convention would be taking place at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he also attended the Veterans Luncheon and they had some worthy honorees, including the young man who led the search for Sadam Hussen and he gave them a synopsis of that; that he attended the Bio Preservation Dinner on Thursday, that the Preservation Association and through Rich and Nancy Kinder, had raised substantial funds for the improvement of Buffalo Bayou, between Shepherd and Sabine Streets, that he thought that area plus the area on both sides, including the Washington Corridor, was an area that the City should focus on, that he thought it was an area that all of the citizens could enjoy, that he knew that Council Member Gonzalez mentioned using Memorial Drive for a recreational area, he did not know whether they might try once a month, or something like that, to close it off to traffic so people could get out there and skate and he did not think it would impede traffic too much, but it was something that he thought they ought to consider. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she and some Council Members took a field trip on Union Pacific at the Amtrack Station at 902 Washington; that on Thursday, November 4, 2010, she attended a panel discussion on High Infant Maternal Mortality Rates in Houston and Harris County, that for those who were interested the infant mortality rate of Black infants was over twice as high as White infants, and extremely high in the Sunnyside and Acres Homes areas, that she thought that it correlated with having availability and affordability of health care; that she was able to help Jack Yates celebrate their 25th Year Anniversary of the Texas 5A State Championship in football; that her dad and Uncle Rocky were marines so Veterans Day meant a special thing to her family, that they needed to pay attention to their veterans when they get back, that was when society seemed to forget about them and they had many struggles; that she wanted to thank Regional Administrator Don Babers who came to the special called Housing Community Development Committee meeting and all of the other federal agencies who helped the City of Houston do what it was it needed to do; that she wanted to early congratulate Vernida Jones, who worked in ARA, that she was responsible for helping the Council offices, that she was celebrating her 50th Birthday and would have a party; that she and Council Member Adams were working on the same thing, Council Member Adams was having a seminar on the northside and she was collaborating with Victor Pratt, a job lead generator and they were having a free seminar on Friday, November 12, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., that Mr. Pratt had tremendous success in the Dallas Fort Worth area of getting people who had misdemeanors and felonies, giving them the skills necessary to get jobs, that it would be at the E.B. Cape Center auditorium at 4501 Leeland; that she and HISD Board Member Paula Harris were having a Bullying Townhall meeting tonight at Lanier Middle School, 2600 Woodhead. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Costello stated that some of the challenges that they had in their community were particularly earmarked to the homeless and the hungry, that this past Saturday there was a competition call "Can Struction Houston", that it was a unique design build competition for Houston area architects, engineers and construction firms benefiting the Houston Food Bank, that Houston held it's first Can Struction event in 1996 and it quickly grew from a few professional teams to both student and professional competitions that had raised over 100,000 pounds of food for the Houston Food Bank, that architects, engineers, designers, contractors and students mentored by professionals were challenged to design and build a colossal structure made out of can foods, a truly grass root, all volunteer, charity effort the competition currently takes place in over 90 cities across the United States, but was destined to spread beyond the shores of the States to the world, that he encouraged everyone to stop by at CenterPoint Energy's building at 1111 Louisiana, all of the structures were on display and their firm had been participating for four years now, that each structure built by can or boxed food had a theme relative to hunger, that their particular theme was "Iron Out Hunger" and they built an 8 foot tall iron and spray starch can with over \$5,000 worth of can goods, that the

disappointing thing was that last year they had 21 teams and this year it was down to 13 teams due to some economic conditions and he hoped that over the next coming years it would get a lot larger, so please go by there, that he wanted to thank Melissa Byrd of his office who chaired that particular exercise and John Pickens who would be taking over that exercise for next year. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to congratulate the Department of Transportation Houston District who received an allocation of \$140 million for construction of the IH610 and US 290 interchange, that it would help purchase right-of-way and provide funding to build out remaining segments of IH610 and US 290 interchange, construct a direct connector on IH610 North, northbound from I10 to Highway 290 westbound, reconstruct a portion of Highway 290 westbound frontage road, that HI610 and Highway 290 interchange was ranked 11th on the TxDOT list of most congested roadway segments in Texas, that she wanted to say thank you to Commissioner Ned Holmes for helping secure the funding to this very important project to this region; that tomorrow she would be at the groundbreaking of the new facility for Legacy Community Health Services, that the center would be located in Montrose at 1415 California, that Legacy was founded in 1978 as the Montrose Clinic and now provided no cost or low cost health care services to over 20,000 men, women and children; that she wanted to say congratulations to Chris Banks who had filled in on her staff for the past couple of months, that he got word that he passed the Bar Exam so he was now an official legal attorney and they were proud of him. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 1:58 p.m. Mayor Parker absent on city business. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega, 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