

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 25, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Mr. Nelson Espitia, Director Citizens Assistance; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present. Council Member Jarvis Johnson absent on city business. Council Member Melissa Noriega absent on personal business.

At 1:40 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that presentations would begin with Council Member Adams. Council Member Adams stated that today she would be saluting city employees and recognizing their exemplary work; and presented BRAVO Awards to Ms. Cheryl Bergeron-Tatum of the Public Works and Engineering Department, Ms. Sue Mathias of the Houston Airport System and Ms. Margaret Wallace of the Planning and Development Department for going above and beyond their job descriptions. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he was very proud of all three BRAVO Award winners, but wanted to mention Ms. Wallace because when he was a MUD lawyer he dealt with her on a regular basis and she was always a great source of information. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez invited those present with the Texas Barber College to the podium and stated that he was proud today to present them an award as their mission was to prepare students for examination by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation so they may practice in the state and they give back to the communities with free haircuts for children before school began each year; and because of this Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation to them proclaiming today as "Texas Barber Colleges and Hair Styling School Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

A Spokesperson for the group thanked the City of Houston for the recognition; and stated that next year they would be celebrating their 50th anniversary and wanted all districts in their free haircut promotion. Council Members Rodriguez and Jones absent.

At 1:55 p.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Stardig who invited Pastor Jim Daniel Forward with the Garden Oaks Baptist Church to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Stardig led all in the pledge.

At 1:57 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Johnson absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business.

Council Members Lovell and Gonzalez moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Johnson absent. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 1:58 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers.

Sister Jane Meyers, 9000 Bellaire Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-219-5450) appeared and stated that she thanked the Mayor and Council for considering their request to create a 1,000 foot alcohol free zone around St. Agnes Academy; that HPD was on their campus until 6:00 p.m., but students were there later and they felt bars would create an issue for students leaving late; that they were very committed to the Sharpstown area for the long haul

and wanted to do everything to keep the area safe; and urged support of their 1,000 foot alcohol free zone. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he supported the 1,000 foot alcohol free zone and would support her with the same zone on the 18 acres in the future.

Council Member Jones thanked Sister Meyers for coming and stated that Council Member Hoang was working on this and she thanked him; and keeping alcohol from the area was good. Council Member Lovell absent,

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, Houston, Texas (713-683-0703) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present regarding a letter from the City of Houston dated December 23, 2010, from the Public Works Department about the swell which drained water from his and his neighbor's backyard; that the plot map did not show any street or storm drainage so how could Public Works use it for proof of anything; that he used the map to show location of the swells; that the records in Public Works were not complete and they could produce no early records so they took the easy route and said the swells were not dedicated, but they had no proof they were not dedicated; that the city was using an ordinance passed in 1972 and an educated guess would be the ordinance was passed to control storm water in new subdivisions and not to block existing drainage; and the city needed to honor the storm water drainage it gave to homeowners 61 years ago Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he believed this was in Council Member Stardig's district and they had discussed it, but he believed most lots were drained back to front and this was not the case in this subdivision; that he and Council Member Stardig thought this would be good for Council Member Costello to investigate with his committee. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Costello stated that his staff had been working with the homeowner and the issue was more of what historical engineers called orphan ditches, where no one claimed responsibility of an existing ditch and the real question was were the lots designed to grade to the back because that was not done any longer and whether a permitted new house up the street was impacting the drainage in the area; that the problem was the city could not go out and randomly go onto private property when they did not have public access easements and Public Works was trying to ascertain if there was a public access easement; and Mr. Cieslewicz stated that it was not the whole subdivision, it was where the streets curved, it opened up a large area and the two back to back houses were there and it was scattered throughout the subdivision. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would continue to kick this around in Public Works; that she had given a series of written questions for the City Engineer; and the issue was not dead. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-880-0414) appeared, presented information and stated that this morning he was present to praise Public Works and Susan Christin's team; that in the past 20 years she had done a great job with ordinances passed on special events, but to all employees who represented the city he wanted to say all must follow the rules; that to be in a parade you had to follow the same rules as others in it. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Branch for coming and stated that she was familiar with the great work he did in Independence Heights. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he knew Mr. Branch and he worked hard in

Independence Heights; and upon questions, Mr. Branch stated that he worked as a parade organizer two weeks ago and he was to make sure they were lined up properly; that his letter would detail the incident, but he asked someone to stop because they were not registered and he asked someone to help remove them from the parade and he was hit by the vehicle they were asking to be removed and Special Events said he did the right thing. Council Members Adams and Lovell absent.

Mr. Lance Hardy, 5206 Ridge West, Houston, Texas 77053 (832-352-2461) appeared and stated that he could not hardly talk at all; that his Lord Jesus Christ....; that Mayor White had sat right there....; that he was back again and had been here quite often; the passion of Christ for all; and much of his statement was inaudible. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Hardy's time had expired and much of his statement was inaudible to them and if he had a request of Council he should share it with Citizens Assistance. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Jerry Van Assendelft, 1207 Nagle, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-227-7070) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Joshua Curry, 7443 Tallpines, Houston, Texas 77088 (713-450-2421) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Roland Curry, 8707 Cowart, Houston, Texas 77029 (832-613-7301) appeared, presented information and stated that he thanked Council Members Jones and Johnson, etc., for all their help in a down payment program; that he was present because he had children and he tried to raise them right; that in their family they had gays, etc., and his son worked for Barnaby's Café and had much experience, but he was getting sexually harassed by a gay staffer and sat it out for a while, but then he could not take it any longer and they fired him; and he now had set up a website and had 1,000 hits and they were getting ready to have a protest of Barnaby's and would like a proclamation from the city; that the City of Houston could not expect the host Olympics and other special events with the attitude here in Houston. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Marilyn Pickeree-Champagne (did not wish to give address and phone number) appeared and stated that during the past eight plus years of pursuing litigation with Pfizer Company, Inc., to which her case was settled fully between herself and their president in a bitter sweet victory in 2009 there was other litigation to be pursued regarding her taking a certain prescription which caused her heart condition; and continued expressing her situation until her time expired. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Craig Moore, Sr., 13907 Chuckwood, Houston, Texas 77038 (713-249-2625) appeared and stated that he had never been before Council, but was present now as on January 20, 2011, he was at home sleeping and was awakened by noise in his backyard; that a man with HPD written on his helmet had busted into his backdoor with others and he asked why they were present and he was told they had a search warrant as he assaulted someone and he said he had not done such, but gave the officers his name when asked and then asked to see the search warrant and was told they did not have to show him the search warrant or anything and there was about 8 of them ramshackling his house and he wanted to know the correct procedure; that they had been looking for his son and he told them he did not stay there. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted Lieutenant Gallier and someone from the Legal

Department to visit with Mr. Moore before he left. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Moore stated that they said they had a warrant for his arrest and did not show him the search warrant; that they did not arrest him, they were looking for his son; that the officer stated his vehicle was in the driveway and another back under the carport which was just under Craig Moore and not Craig Moore, Sr., so it was his son's truck, but he told the officer he bought that truck when he was in the 11th grade in 1976 and then he did not even have a son, so the name on the paper was just Craig Moore; that they damaged his door, etc., and he got one name, Sergeant K. H. Bounds, with a phone number and was told to call the city clerk and pursue cost for damages. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Upon further questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that she suggested he sit with someone with Legal and Lieutenant Gallier; that if the city made a mistake in entry she would assume they were responsible but would defer to the Legal Department; and Mr. Heilman stated that prior to the meeting they checked to see if a claim was filed and there was non from Mr. Moore; that he heard the scenario and would review it and see if it fell within the waiver of governmental immunity and address it accordingly; and upon further questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Heilman stated that governmental entities had a protection known as governmental immunity and there was certain waivers under the Texas Tort Claims Act which addressed property damage. That a claimant may recover if it falls within the waiver of the Act, but they would look to see if it fell within that waiver or any other; and Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to be kept in the loop; and Mr. Moore stated that he filed a claim; and Mayor Parker stated that he may have filed a report but not a claim for damages; and she would like him to work with them before he left. Council Members Stardig and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he knew Legal was aware but they not only had state law involved, but federal civil rights and Constitution issues and that was not mentioned; and Mr. Moore stated that it was mailed to the City Secretary.

Reverend Joe Lopez, 1333 Wellsriver, Houston, Texas 77041 (832-891-2724) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Dr. Sabrina Echols Elliott, 1315 Crystal Lake Circle E, Pearland, Texas 77584 (713-824-3509) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Ms. Lora L. Mayes, 2331 Alassio Isle Court, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (713-592-6428) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Joseph Moore, 8927 Bellflower, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-384-3853) appeared and stated that he was present asking for a more expeditious way to pass the tow truck agreement with the City of Houston; that certain documentation had to be in prior to submitting, first apply with the state board to have a license, insurance requirements, etc., and up until a couple of months ago a policy was in place where they could apply and be get their plates, ID, etc., but along the line someone changed policy and he had \$47,000 he saw collecting dust for the last month and a half and an insurance bill, mortgage payment, etc., coming up and his truck was collecting dust; that he would like to know if they could be issued a temporary permit and allow them to work because Auto Dealers was a governing body and tow truck owners knew before they submitted their contract all documentation had to be in order and he would like them to revert the old way and allow them to start getting an income instead of waiting six weeks; that there must be a more expeditious way of doing this. Council Member Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she agreed; that for his particular issue she had a statement

which said it was sitting in the Chief's Office and she would try and make sure that did not happen again, but she understood he was contacted by the department and they expected it to be available sometime today; that she would follow-up with the department; and Mr. Moore stated that he spoke to them before about the four wrecker rule; that previously a wrecker ran over someone and they found he had been drinking, but it was found it was not his fault, the older couple pulled out in front and he believed if they would go back to the four wrecker rule they would slow down and the public would be out of harms way.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Moore stated that the system used to be the first four wreckers on the scene had opportunity to load the car, but this needed to be done quick; and Council Member Jones stated that with four they would still rush; and Mr. Moore stated that it would slow it down; that the system had been working; and Council Member Jones asked for statistics; and Mayor Parker stated that she was not aware of statistics along those lines and did not find this a compelling argument.

Upon questions by Council Member Lovell, Mr. Moore stated that he was not speaking of SafeClear; and Council Member Lovell stated that inside the city they had the SafeClear Program and if they were caught speeding and reported they would have to go through retraining and then if they violated it they were thrown out of the program; and Mr. Moore stated that SafeClear pertained to highways and he was referring to neighborhoods and prior to SafeClear they had a four wrecker rule; and Council Member Lovell stated that she did not follow his logic, if there was an accident wrecker drivers were not allowed to speed and if they were caught or it was reported they could be fined. Council Member Costello absent.

Mr. William Beal, 5814 Overdale, Houston, Texas 77033 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Costello absent.

Mr. Tony Morris, 2400 South Loop West #515, Houston, Texas 77054 (832-785-4855) appeared, presented a book for viewing and stated that he was present today on behalf of the kindred spirit of Mr. Marvin Zindler, it was 1-1/2 years ago when he asked Mayor White if anything special would be done for him as for the past 40 years of his life he stood for much and for the City of Houston, Texas, and was a great patriot and citizen; that he was colorblind to all and did not look at economic conditions, etc., the book being passed around had to do with one of Marvin's "Angels" who did plastic surgery for children all around the world, he was still doing his work and he and Marvin's other "Angels" should be looked at and shown appreciation. Council Member Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that clearly Mr. Zindler had a tremendous influence on the City of Houston and would be worthy of an appropriate honor from the City of Houston. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she agreed he was a great guy; and upon questions, Mr. Morris stated that to start off a memorial in the Miller Outdoor Theater gardens would be good, a bust of him, and maybe a governmental building should be named after him, or a gallery to show his legacy; and Council Member Jones stated that she would agree he was a hero in this city and it was a great idea. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Hoang thanked Mr. Morris for bringing up the legacy of Mr. Zindler; that when he was alive he had opportunity to work with him; and all should be in deep gratitude of him; and upon questions, Mr. Morris stated that the city knew what they could and could not do and this was not an unusual request; that a bust or statue in a great park, maybe Discovery Green and allow children to observe and hear.

Ms. Lori Foster 20922 Twisted Leas, Cypress, Texas 77433 (281-935-7556) appeared

and stated that she owned a business for attention getting devices and was a member of the Houston Business Advocacy Association, a coalition of about 500 different businesses, who were concerned about the ban of attention getting devices and hardships caused to small businesses and some members had even moved outside the city to conduct business and be able to use the devices; that most members were working with Council Members to bring back attention getting devices and it was her understanding that at least 11 were favorable to the ideas set out by their association; that Council Member Lovell stated if she was wrong and people were losing businesses she would be the first to bring it up and ask it be taken back to the way it was; and now she believed they could see people were hurting; that they also said the attention getting devices looked tacky, but now the same corridor was even tackier because of deserted businesses with graffiti all over; that their association worked with Council Members and Mr. Icken on a proposal to help businesses and the City of Houston with a permitting and licensing structure to bring revenue and Mr. Icken suggested concentrating on just one or two devices which deemed most effective and their studies showed it was giant inflatable's followed by pole banners or pennants; and proposed the city give a six month trial allowing inflatable's and then revisit to see if it was effective in increasing revenue.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he had not been a proponent of attention getting devices and applauded the efforts of the committee at the time and would continue with supporting their ban; that he had also given thought to asking the city to impose the restrictions in the LPA and SPA agreements to offer relief to homeowners outside the city; that too many signs was a blight on the community and he would like to make it more restrictive.

Council Member Lovell stated that she had not received a request from her organization to meet with her at all; and Ms. Foster stated that they called three times, but would call again; and Council Member Lovell stated that she had seen none; that they had considered the large attention getting devices as dangerous and a couple had now caught on fire outside the City of Houston and that argument would have her still defend the ordinance; and if she had written statements that businesses closed because they could not use an inflatable device she would change; and Ms. Foster stated that there was a fire, but it was deemed arson.

Council Member Hoang moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Lori Foster, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Johnson absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2011-0047 ADOPTED.

Council Member Hoang stated that he was supportive of the idea of revisiting the issue, the ordinance, and he would like companies such as hers to provide a more in-depth correspondence; that he wanted to protect businesses, jobs and public safety and beautification. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she thought they got it right with the ordinance and she would like data linking business failure with attention getting devices. Council Member Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Foster stated that the companies who needed the attention getting devices had gone out of business and one attention getting device business had moved to San Antonio. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the Sign Administration Department people; that they had been very responsive to his calls and he wanted to give them a public commendation. Council Member Lovell absent.

Ms. Kenya Thomas, 4914 Drew Forest Lane, Houston, Texas 77364 (832-207-0566) had

reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mr. Steve Nguyen, 607 Bellaire Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77072 (832-475-6161) appeared, presented information for viewing and stated that Vietnamese served politically in many offices and nine months ago Council Member Hoang said he would not seek reelection, therefore he said he would try and run for the district and immediately his two children who were six and eleven started getting smeared by Council Member Hoang on the internet and he had a copy; that he was a fighter for democracy and Council Member Hoang tried to smear him; that he wanted to know if any of their community leaders, including himself, were assassinated they knew who to investigate. Council Members Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she was going to let this pass but could not; that those were serious words and given what happened in Tucson she would like to ask such terms like assassination not be used in this Chamber; that she would like everyone here to be far more responsible about their words and what they said. Council Member Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he supported Council Member Lovell's comments; that residents did elect Council Member Hoang and he felt he and done a tremendous job serving them; and he wanted to make all mindful. Council Member Bradford.

Mr. Stephen Sherman, 11715 Bandlon Drive, Houston, Texas 77072 (281-879-5688) appeared and stated that he was present as he had anticipation; that he appreciated Council Members Lovell and Gonzalez remarks, but thought Council should be aware of the fact that elements in the community were trying to create dissention there; that he too received emails about various political persons stating they had inappropriate actions and the Mayor responded recently to a concern of something deemed to be political; that Vietnamese here did an outstanding job of assimilating in this country, unfortunately he believed there were elements within the community influenced by those outside the community who were trying to create dissention here and that was why he did not support a certain consulate coming here at this time.

Mayor Parker stated that every community had its feuds, etc., but as Council Member Lovell so eloquently said the issue should be about how they carefully phrase it.

Council Member Hoang thanked Mr. Sherman for coming and stated that he was sure he never sent out emails; that he was elected as a Council Member to represent not only the Vietnamese constituents, but all communities and he had to think of the best for the City of Houston. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Council Member Hoang was also the vice chair of the International Business Initiatives Committee and they were trying to make Houston a destination city, to be the business capital of the world and they went to many consulates, etc., and it was important to recognize they had to be nice to all countries. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Mrs. Nguyet Sherman, 11715 Bandlon Drive, Houston, Texas 77072 (281-879-5688) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

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

Ms. Patricia Martin, 3401 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-630-3717) appeared and stated that she was visually impaired and present regarding actions and heinous crimes they were involved in to destroy her and her daughter; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Mr. David Nguyen, 3411 Horn Beam, Houston, Texas 77082 (713-876-6699) appeared, presented information and stated that he was not just speaking for himself, but was very concerned about the tax money, the \$400,000 for the Vietnamese community, much money was spent for renovation for the community, but they could not use it because occupancy was only 100 and every time they had meetings they had to have a quorum of 200 so even if it was fixed it could not be used. Council Members Stardig, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that in his information he had HUD officials; and upon questions, Mr. Nguyen stated that he sent evidence in email and they needed to read the information; and Council Member Jones stated that she would look at it. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Lovell absent.

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

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

Council Member Hoang stated that he wanted to ask the Legal Department what the final report was on prior allegations ; and Mayor Parker stated that there was a report which would be coming out soon, it was not released as yet and she did not want to speak on this, but as a courtesy to him they found there was no inappropriate behavior in any allegations researched.

At 3:23 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Council Member Johnson absent on city business. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams. Mike Sullivan, Oliver Pennington, Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 8:30 a.m. City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they would start with the Mayor's Report. Council Members Stardig, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was another update on Rebuild Houston, that as she had indicated they were going to be bringing information to Council as rapidly as they could compile it, they had been putting together the finishes touches of their analysis of how much impervious cover they had in the City of Houston and what categories, that Mr. Dan Krueger, Public Works, and Mr. Andy Icken, Chief Development Officer, were going to walk through what the current status of their research was and the closest approximation that they could come to of what the fees and charges would be. Council Members Stardig, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Andy Icken, Chief Development Officer, and Mr. Dan Krueger, Director, Public Works and Engineering Department reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled "Rebuild Houston Phase 2 Drainage Charge and Exemption Analysis", a copy of which is in the City Secretary's office for review; and stated that they were fulfilling what they told them they would do in January, that Dan Krueger had mention that the website would be kicked off this month, that it was an explanation of what drainage was all about and a linkage to many of the presentations and technology they were using so that the public would fully understand how the process was going on. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank them for their presentation and stated that as she had indicated they were going to be bringing information before them on a regular and consistent basis to make sure that everybody was moving forward at the same speed; that obviously the critical pages in the report, pages 10, 15 and 16, where they actually see the numbers were as they promised that they would be able to see the impact of any exemptions and they could see what the fees would be, that she was actually pleased when she first looked at these numbers, there had been some rather hyperbolic statements in the community, bordering sometimes on the hysterical, about what the fee might actually turn out to be, that she would compliment the departments, a pretty good job with the ballpark estimate at the beginning and what the cents per square footage would be and the different categories to get to the target, that they would notice on page 16, where they actually put the dollars to it, it was more than \$125 million, the simple reason being that the Charter says that they had to set a fee and to collect \$125 million, that they had to bake in a default rate and an appeal rate and so forth, that it was not like they were trying to slide anything in, a lot of how they set the fee would depend on how aggressively they decide to collect the drainage fee and that would be something that they would decide as they go into the ordinance making process, they had clearly stated their intent to be a very aggressive collector of monies owed to the City and they would just have to decide how much they were willing to do in this one; that there were no votes on this information, this was purely keeping Council and the public aware of the work that was being done as rapidly as they could compile it and get it in front of the Council Members, that the schedule of votes, as Mr. Icken had indicated, at the end of the presentation, that there were a number of stakeholder groups that they were attempting to engage and as she had stated previously, if they had any of these organizations that they needed to visit with they would be happy to do that, that she knew that Council Member Costello had been scheduling presentations as well, that now they actually had some data to take out to those organizations and they hope to have a productive community dialog going forward, that again, she was also pleasantly surprised to see that the amount of property held by potentially exempt organizations, the County, school districts and religious organization, a relatively small amount of property and a relative small dollar impact. Council Members Stardig, Adams and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mr. Icken stated that with respect to the Clear Lake City Water Authority, Clear Lake was included in all of the properties, it was included in the category of residential or commercial or whatever it was, that they had not completed the analysis nor had they initiated any conversation yet with the Clear Lake folks, however, what they expected was that the ordinance would kick in on July 1, 2011 for all citizens in the City of Houston and they had a commitment to provide a conveyance services to them, including the

people of Clear Lake, so it was their view that the projects that were needed in Clear Lake would be paid for by the fee as they would in Acres Homes or other parts of the City, they would certainly have a dialog with the City and would certainly include Council Members in those conversations as they proceed; and Mayor Parker stated that the privately owned and maintained drainage systems in the presentation was a reference to what, and Mr. Krueger stated that there were some small systems that would not be part of the City's municipal separate storm sewer system and those properties, even though they may be within the city limits, would not be inclusive, and Mayor Parker stated that did not include, in this scenario, include Clear Lake, and Mr. Krueger stated that was right, and Mayor Parker stated that they had previously indicated that they would, at the appropriate time, enter discussions and negotiations with the water authority down there as to what portion of the drainage system was actually covered by the fee paid by the citizens down there and what portion of the drainage profile would need to be covered by their fee, and Mr. Icken stated that the clear distinction that they had made was that they all operated under the Clean Water Act and they had a discharge permit from the EPA, that in cases where the entity was not part of that discharge permit then that was under this category, that Clear Lake was part of the City's discharge permit, the so called MS4 Agreement and as such they believed it belonged in these categories.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would make a request to Council Member Costello that he consider coming out to Council districts to present the same information that was going to be presented at that Southwest Multi Service Center, that he would like for them to bring it out to suburban districts so that they could have some input and have some first hand from the committee what the plans were, and Mayor Parker stated that would be part of the two CIP meetings that he would have.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Mr. Icken stated that they did not have all of the answers right now, they said that they were going to come back with the issue on the billing later in this process, that all they were trying to do today was the extent of the properties that existed and would be impacted, that the billing process that they were going to use and the enforcement techniques used were all subject for Council consideration as they brought this to a finality; and Mayor Parker stated that there was a lot of refinement that they needed to do on all of the numbers and the chart on page 16 did not mean that everyone would pay \$5 or \$4, that was a representative average sample.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Icken and Mr. Krueger for the presentation, that the Council Members had the PowerPoint presentation in their offices, that they would be back next week to try to begin to flush out what an ordinance would look like, that again it would not be a final product, it was designed to get their questions and comments as they moved forward. Council Member Adams absent.

At 10:46 Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda. Council Member Adam absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 23

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 5

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to the **HOUSTON MEDIASOURCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire 12/31/2012:
 - Position One - **MS. SYLVIA CAVAZOS**
 - Position Three - **DR. MARGARITA DE LA VEGA-HURTADO**
 - Position Five - **MS. KRIS THOMAS**
 - Position Seven - **MR. J. ALLEN PROVOST**

Position Nine - **MS. KAREN S. NIEMEIER**
Position Eleven - **MS. MINI TIMMARAJU**
Position Thirteen - **MS. TERRI BAILEY PARRIS**
Position Fifteen - **MR. AL VERA**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2011-0048 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MR. MARK E. WORSCHEH, representing Houston Independent School District, to the SAINT GEORGE PLACE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2012 - was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2011-0049 ADOPTED.
3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MS. DALE ADA DAVIDSON, (Houston Independent School District Representative) to Position Six of the SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 20, 2012 - was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2011-0050 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs for adoption of Alcohol Free Zone for St. Agnes Academy at 9000 Bellaire Boulevard (Main Campus) - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** - was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2011-0051 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs for adoption of Alcohol Free Zone for Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School at 8900 Bellaire Boulevard - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** - was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2011-0052 ADOPTED.

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12. **THE HEITMAN COMPANY, INC** for Automotive, Heavy Duty Brake Lining, Blocks and Repair Services for Various Departments - 5 Years - \$225,801.46 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2011-0053 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 14 through 22

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) between the City of Houston and **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**, for the Houston Airport System at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project 612K); and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendment of Solicitation/Modification of contract provided by the Government **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2011-065 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to contract between the City of Houston and **AMANI ENGINEERING, INC** for Professional Engineering Services for Upgrade of Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations and Storm Water Lift Stations at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 638) - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2011-066 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **INTRADO COMMAND SYSTEMS, INC** for Radio Console System Maintenance Services for the Houston Emergency Center; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years with 2 one-year options \$673,716.17 - Houston Emergency Center Fund - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2011-067 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE amending License Agreement with **AMERICAN TOWERS, INC**, Licensor, and the City of Houston, Texas, Licensee, approved by Ordinance No. 2009-1131, to allow for an increase of the monthly license fee from \$4,699.50 to \$4,749.50 to accommodate the additional equipment, all in connection with a new Public Safety Radio System, located at 310 Englewood, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$305,650.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION** for Clinton Drive Reconstruction from Hirsch Street to Harvey Wilson Drive; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2011-068 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to incorporate the Glenbrook Park Pool Project into the Professional Landscape Architectural Task Order Contract with **CLARK CONDON ASSOCIATES, INC** for the Parks and Recreation Department - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Costello, and tagged by Council Member Jones. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

ACCEPT WORK

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Airport System for approval of final contract amount of \$4,607,125.64 and acceptance of work on contract with **TJ&T ENTERPRISES, INC** for New Perimeter Fence and Obstruction Removal at William P. Hobby Airport Project No. 576 3% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez.

After discussion by Council Member Jones, a vote was called on Item No. 7. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0054 ADOPTED.

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$253,435.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **MILLIS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center New Parking Lot - 4.68% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0055 ADOPTED.

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9. **CHASTANG ENTERPRISES, INC d/b/a CHASTANG'S BAYOU CITY AUTOCAR** for Airfield Rubber/Paint Removal Truck from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Airport System - \$720,804.79 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang.

After discussion by Council Member Jones, a vote was called on Item No. 9. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0056 ADOPTED.

10. **TWIN FLOORING & FINISHES LLC** for New Carpet including Installation through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with BuyBoard for Houston Airport System - \$209,004.28 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0057 ADOPTED.
11. **BL TECHNOLOGY, INC** - \$1,133,740.95 and **ACCESS SPECIALTIES INTERNATIONAL, LLC** - \$214,822.66 for Communication Security Equipment and Components for Various Departments 5 Years - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0058 ADOPTED.
13. **GRAYBAR** - \$287,099.30, **ELLIOTT ELECTRIC SUPPLY** - \$471,587.30 and **TURTLE AND HUGHES, INC** - \$283,595.40 for Electrical Switchgear and Motor Controls and Various Departments - 5 Years - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang, and tagged by Council Member Jones.

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17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ACCELERATED TECHNOLOGY LABORATORIES, INC** for Laboratory Information Management System for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$159,529.40 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
18. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **SC HYDRAULICS, INC dba SOUTH COAST HYDRAULICS** for Aerial Devices / Bucket Trucks Maintenance and Repair Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,051,870.60 General, Enterprise and Fleet Management Funds – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.

20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,175,540.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund as an additional appropriation for the Houston Permitting Center under an existing Construction Management At Risk Contract with **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-0811); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-069 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,510,538.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract with **SOGETI, LLC**, (Approved by Ordinance No. 2010-0749) for Design and Implementation of a Queuing and Payment System for the Houston Permitting Center; increasing the maximum contract amount; authorizing issuance of purchase order(s) for purchase of software and software upgrades related to the design and implementation of the system - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-070 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE de-allocating the amount of \$1,700,000.00 from the Water & Sewer System Operating Fund; approve ordinance appropriating \$1,700,000.00 from the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund into the existing contract with **NRG ENERGY SERVICES LLC** (Approved by Ordinance 2010-862) for Back Up Power Generation Services and Lease Agreements for the Public Works & Engineering Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-071 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 24 and 25

MISCELLANEOUS

24. RECEIVE nominations for Positions One, Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for one year terms to expire December 31, 2011 – was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to nominate Council Member Noriega for the Alternate At-Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to nominate Council Member Clutterbuck Position to Two of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to nominate Council Member Lovell for the Alternate At-Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to nominate Mayor Annise Parker to Position One of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Lovell moved to close nominations for Positions One, Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0059 ADOPTED.

25. RECEIVE nominations for appointments or reappointments to Positions 18, 20 and 21 on the **HOUSTON READ COMMISSION**, for three-year staggered terms - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to nominate Mary Almendariz for Position No. 18 of the Houston Read Commission, that he had submitted her resume.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to nominate Aiesha Odutayo for Position No. 20 of the Houston Read Commission, that she had submitted her resume.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to nominate Marty Daniel for Position No. 21 of the Houston Read Commission, that she had submitted her resume.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close nominations to Positions 18, 20 and 21 of the Houston Read Commission, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0060 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 26 through 28

26. MOTION by Council Member Lovell/Seconded by Council Member Rodriguez to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2011 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Lake Houston Facility Project operated by the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** - \$2,417,975.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 2 on Agenda of January 19, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0061 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$580,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Trinity River Water Conveyance Project Operations, Maintenance and Consolidated Construction Budget operated by the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** – **(This was Item 3 on Agenda of January 19, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-072 ADOPTED.
- 27a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2011 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Trinity River Water Conveyance Project operated by the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** - \$21,121,804.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 3a on Agenda of January 19, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0062 ADOPTED.
28. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to award to **TURTLE AND HUGHES, INC** for Electrical Circuit Breakers for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$92,500.00 Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 7 on Agenda of January 19, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES)** – was presented. Previously moved by Council Member Lovell, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0063 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS –

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker, the administration, Mr. Icken and Mr. Krueger for a job well done in terms of the presentation, Rebuild Houston, that he thought the comments from his colleagues were noted and there were questions that still needed to be resolved, but he looked forward to going out in the field for the first time and presenting this with both Mr. Icken and Mr. Krueger and thought as they go through the CIP process the general public was going to be interested as well.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to thank Justin Concepcion in the Mayor's Proclamation Office for the assistance, that he jumped through some hoops recently for them with respect to some proclamations that they needed at the last minute, that one of those was a

an injured military soldier who came home, PO2 Anthony Thompson, who was injured in Iraq, that Thompson's wife, Yvonne, was put in touch with "Homes for Our Troops" and was immediately approved for a home after she submitted the application, a ceremony was held last Saturday; that he had asked their friends at Johnson Space Center if they could help him with proper language, that there were two important thoughts that he would like to share with them concerning their friends and neighbors at Johnson Space Center, that each January the NASA family owners Apollo One, Challenger and Columbia crews, as well as other members of the NASA family who lost their lives supporting NASA's mission of exploration, that tomorrow across the Country all flags at NASA Headquarters and the NASA centers would be flown at half mast in their memories as a formal day of remembrance, that they all knew that space exploration was a difficult and dangerous endeavor and would ask his colleagues at Council to join him at recognizing the legacy of those who had been lost in the challenge of exploration of space, that their prayers also went to the family and friends of those who were lost in the recent tragedy in Tucson, Arizona, that they could be thankful, however, that they had Congresswoman Gabby Gifford and her husband, Commander Mark Kelley, in their thoughts and prayers as she adheres what they hoped to be a full recovery in Houston, Texas, that members of the public could send well wishes to Representative Gabriel Gifford and her family, that a NASA website had been created to provide a location where all well wishers could submit messages intended for Representative Gifford's husband, Astronaut Mark Kelley and her brother-in-law, Astronaut Scott Kelley, that in recent statements both thanked the public for the overwhelming messages of support they had received, that for cards or letters they could use the following mailing address, Scott or Mark Kelley, c/o Kelley Curtis, NASA Johnson Space Center, Mail Code CB2101 NASA Parkway, Houston, Texas 77058. Council Members Gonzales and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were glad to have Congresswoman Gifford in Houston, this was the best place for traumatic brain injuries and now the rest of the world knew that. Council Members Gonzales and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she and Mayor Parker would roll out the brand new citywide graffiti mobile, the introduction of the new graffiti abatement truck would take place at Monty Beach Park, 915 Northwood, off of North Main at 10:00 a.m., that the citywide mobile was a result of a new partnership between the City of Houston and the Greater East End Management District, that it was operated by the management district, the graffiti mobile and it's painters would abate graffiti on the City of Houston property and would also color match so they would not have the grey graffiti scars that they had seen all over the City, that the exciting partnership would not only abate graffiti across the City, they would also save the City money because the management district would cover graffiti at a lower cost than the City was previously paying, that the Greater East End Management District had a tremendous track record of abating graffiti, first in the East End and then in neighborhoods across their area through partnerships with 14 other management districts, that she wanted to thank the East End Management District Board of Directors and staff for working with the City on this partnership; that she wanted to congratulate Metro on adding five new downtown stops to it's express shuttle to George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and at the same time dropping the price to \$4.50 for a one way fare; that on Saturday, January 29, 2011, she would attend the grand reopening of Kennedy Place, a redeveloped residential community owned and operated by the Houston Housing Authority in the Fifth Ward at 505 Bayou. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson announced the following: Acres Homes Chamber of Commerce for Business Economic Development Minister's Breakfast, Saturday, Beulah Shepherd at 9:00 a.m.; Technology Initiative of Human Resources Committee meeting on February 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. instead of February 7, 2011, CIP meeting on February 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kashmere Multi Service Center; that he wanted to thank all of the teachers and parents of

Harmony School for giving him an invitation to be guest speaker tomorrow at the Harmony Science Academy, 16200 Tomball Parkway; that Council Member Lovell had already mentioned the grand reopening of the Kennedy Place on Saturday at 3100 Gillespie; that the thought of the day, there were two great days in a person's life, the day they were born and the day they discovered why. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced the following: the Near Northside Financial Opportunity Center Job Fair, Wednesday, February 2, 2011; Lover Your Heart Seminar, how to keep the heart healthy through diet and exercise, hosted by M.D. Anderson Y.M.C.A. family in partnership with the American Heart Association on February 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 705 Cavalcade Street; Conoco Phillips Rodeo Run Community Clean-Up on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 1906 Cochran in the Near Northside; on February 2, 2011, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the 2011 District H CIP meeting at Jefferson Davis High School, 1101 Quitman. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she lived close to Fire Station No. 18 and there was a really charming statue of a fire dog, that it made her think this morning when she went by about how all of them hear the bell, that there was a bell that they hear and certain things that they did every week and every year and different times in their life they still hear that bell even when they walk away from these positions and she thought that every Wednesday Marty Stein was going to hear that bell, that today was her last agenda meeting and she had something for her from all of them at the table, that they liked to say that no one was irreplaceable and she did not think that was true, she thought that Marty was not going to be replaceable and thought they were going to find out over the next few months how much all of them relied on her wisdom and her institutional knowledge and discretion and all of the abilities that did not show and did show, but she knew that somewhere on Wednesday she was going to perk up and probably turn on the television and listen to them and shake her head and have discussion and maybe even yell at the screen, that they were really going to miss Marty and she had a gift for her from all of them. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were hoping to leave her with the impression that they were just going to not acknowledge that this was her last Council meeting, that she had begged, pleaded and her offered job changes but to no avail, that it was very hard to compete with a grandchild and also an elderly father that she was going to be spending more time with, that she was going to be very much missed at the Council table, that she had been a pillar at the Council table making sure that several Mayor's always knew what needed to be done next, she kept order and maintained relationships with Council Members and there was a level of trust with her, she knew that there were good people who were going to follow her, that would be hard to achieve just because she had a long tenure and they had a track record with her and she would be missed on a professional level and those who knew her well would also miss her on a personal level. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Metro for listening to the community and making a request where another bus should come down, so she wanted to let the Sunnyside Community know that there was a new bus, No. 87, and it would come down Reed Road, that she knew some of the seniors that lived in Mariposa had some concerns about having to catch the bus on Scott, so now Metro had made those needed changes and now there would be bus No. 87 for their convenience; that she wanted to thank Council Member Costello for coming to the Sunnyside Super Neighborhood meeting on Monday night, that many people came out and they had questions, that they had a lot of engineering questions; that for those in the Heather Crest Post Oak Village Civic Club an update on the Sims Bayou upcoming closure, that they would have a meeting tonight at the Fountain of Praise Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night; that on Friday the Houston READ Commission would have their 19th Annual Great Grown Up Spelling Bee on Friday, January 28, 2011 at the University of Houston Hilton

Hotel from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; that on Saturday there would be a luncheon hosted by the Harris County Department of Education who would be providing updates to community leaders in the Hiram Clarke Community and surrounding communities, that it would be held at the Kingdom Building Center, 611 West Orem Street at 12:00 p.m.; that everyone had been watching the news this week about the horse that fell into the manhole off of Scott Street near Botany and they had given condolences to the owner about the loss of the horse, that she wanted to give special thanks to the leadership of the Storm Sewer Division of Public Works, Mr. Mike Austin and his wonderful team, that she met with them on Monday to make sure they knew what area of concern it was and they found out that it was storm sewer, that it was a manhole cover that was on the drain, but for whatever reason the horse fell in, that they wanted to let riders know when they were riding in vacant areas to please make sure and look at the area, especially when there were high weeds so that they would not have any other tragic incidence as this one; that she wanted to remind the Hiram Clarke Community that there was a public hearing for the Five Corner Management District tomorrow January 27, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the West Orem Y.M.C.A.; that she wanted to say to Marty Stein that it really was not "goodbye" it was "hello" because they knew she would be available for them if they had any additional questions, that she wanted to thank Ms. Stein, that she had known her for eleven years and wanted to thank her, that she had always been available for her and continued to be available. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Costello for two events that he was going to help him with in his district, first, hosting a Flooding and Drainage Committee meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwest Multi Service Center, to educate District F residents about the Rebuild Houston Program, that he appreciate Mr. Andy Icken for the information that he provided today, and second, the cleanup at Alief Park was next Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that he was going to congratulate the Asian Communities for celebrating the Year of the Cat next week; that Marty Stein for the last year, had helped him a lot and he had learned a lot from her and she was always there for him when he had questions. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that last Tuesday the Northwest Division Police Department held their Positive Interaction Program to discuss crime, various department functionality, budget cuts and how the Police Department would handle those issues, that the Chief of Police was in attendance to answer how their division could assist citizens in their neighborhoods, that she wanted to thank him for coming to the neighborhood and supporting and answering questions and allowing the citizens to have first hand experience with his expertise; that this Thursday she would be attending the "Home for their Troops Dinner" to kickoff their sporting clay tournament this weekend, the event was to raise funds for their organization dedicated to raising money, materials and labor to build accessible homes for disabled veterans; that on February 3, 2011, District A would host a crime prevention townhall meeting at Durham Elementary at 6:00 p.m., that this was in response to the tragedy that was in her district; that Marty knew how she felt, that she had done everything, including the Mayor, to see if they could keep her because she thought that she was the foundation and the support system for the Council. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that last week he attended the Tanglewood Homeowners Association, that he was impressed with the Sergeant of HPD who worked off duty to run the Tanglewood Security force offering his assistance to come to people's homes to advice them on how they could make their homes more secure, that he also heard that same offer from HPD at the Memorial Super Neighborhood meetings, that if people were not aware of that he would suggest that they talk to HPD about it; that Monday he attended the monthly meeting of the Memorial Super Neighborhood, that it was led by Mr. Ben Crocker; that he

attended the Westchase Super Neighborhood meeting last night, which was just getting kicked off; that on Monday he attended the meeting chaired by Council Member Gonzalez on Washington Avenue where they knew they had challenges; that he had the opportunity on February 4, 2011 to sing with the Memorial School of Music at the Hobby Center, along with some other public figures, that it was a fund raiser; that as to Marty Stein, she had been here long enough and done so many things for the City that she was a legend and legends never go away, that he was sure that her reputation would probably grow over the years rather than diminish. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Costello stated that everyone had probably said what they were all thinking, but thank goodness that Marty's position was not term limited because they would have been lost years ago and they really appreciated everything she had done for them, that he had only been on Council a little over a year and everything she had done had really been helpful to them and the Mayor was right, they could not compete with a grandchild; that he wanted to thank the Council Member for the kudos about going to Sunnyside, it was rather an interesting and lively discussion because the residents were able to see both sides, they knew that they were supporting differently on Proposition One, but they were there collectively to talk about how they were going to work together moving forward and it was a worthwhile discussion; that he would be remiss to not acknowledge the fact that this Saturday the Houston Marathon Committee was hosting the US Championship Half Marathon, that it was actually a prelude to 2012 where the Marathon Committee would host the US Marathon Championship for both the men's and women's competition; that he wanted to wish everyone who was racing on Sunday for a good day and a safe race; that he wanted to wish Marty all the best. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that he also wanted to mention that Dan Pederson with the Parks and Recreation Department was leaving and moving on to another position, where they did not know, that she wanted to thank him, that he had always been professional and efficient, whatever information they needed to have he made it possible, that she wanted to wish him the best; that if Council Member Pennington would send them the information they might all ban together to come and hear him sing; that when she found out that Marty was going to leave she first felt extremely sad, they had been friends for a long time, way before City Council, that if anybody had earned the right to be retired it was Marty, that her people skills and patience never exhausted, that she wanted to wish her the best. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he thought the other Council Members said it well, that Marty was a legend and he personally wanted to thank her for always being there and providing a lot of guidance when he first came on City Council, that she was a great help and he wanted to thank her; that to Mr. Dan Pederson he wanted to thank him for all of the hard work and support that he had always given the District H office, and wished him the very best in all of his future endeavors. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that Council Member Costello participated in the homeless count this past Monday and did his count along with his entire staff, that she was going to participate, they were in need of volunteers, that on Monday, January 31, 2011, the count would be a part of a nationwide initiative of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to assess the extent and characteristic of the homelessness across the Country, that this count was how they got their money. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there was a formal retirement ceremony for Ms. Stein and torch would pass to Marta Crinejo and they knew that as much as they wished Marty well she did not

want in any way to imply that the work would not continue because she knew who trained Marta, that Marty was leaving them in good hands, that they actually had a discussion, did they want to do it at the beginning of the Council meeting and the feeling was that there would be to many tears if they did it at the beginning of the Council meeting, that they looked forward to roasting Marty a little bit tomorrow in addition to toasting her. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to say thank you to Marty for her friendship and leadership all of these years, thanks for all of her help and support. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan and Jones absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:36 a.m. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Sullivan and Jones absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary