

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 31, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2012, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Mayor Annise D. Parker absent on personal business.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called the meeting to order and stated that today Council Member Noriega would begin presentations and Council Member Noriega invited Chief Carl Matejka to the podium and those present with him to stand to be recognized; and stated that Carl Matejka had so much knowledge he was an incredible resource to each new Fire Chief; that he had been with the Fire Department 36 years; that he worked for six Mayors and five Fire Chiefs; that he was retiring and would truly be missed; and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Chief Carl Matejka Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent.

Chief Matejka thanked the citizens of Houston for giving him the opportunity, men and women of the Houston Fire Department for doing an excellent job; and all for the recognition. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez invited Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Snell to the podium and stated that Houston had a first class fire department because of the fine men and women who served and no one exemplified that more than Chief Daniel Snell; that he was a 37 year veteran of the department; that he was nationally recognized and an expert in the field of hazardous materials response and training; wished him a long, happy retirement; and presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Gary Snell Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Chief Snell stated that he too would like to thank citizens of Houston and all he served with; and thanked all for the recognition. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Noriega thanked both Chief Matejka and Assistant Chief Snell for their long-term service to the City of Houston and spouses, children, etc., who allowed them to serve. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez invited those present with the American Heart Association to the podium and stated that this was a very important effort as currently eight million women in the U. S. lived with heart disease and only 43% of African American women and 44% of Hispanic women knew heart disease was their greatest health risk; cardiovascular disease claimed the lives of over 419,000 American females each year, almost one death per minute; that "Go Red for women" was the national call to increase awareness of the disease; and presented a Proclamation to representatives proclaiming today as "National Red Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford, Council Members Adams and Christie thanked the group for educating all on heart disease; and Council Member Adams asked that they contact Mayor Parker about how to better educate their employees. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

The Chair for the 2012 Go Red for Women Campaign for the American Heart Association thanked all for the recognition and stated that they were preparing for the Ninth Annual "Wear Red" Day this coming Friday, February 3rd; and it was to shine a light on heart disease for women; that more women were killed by heart disease than all forms of cancer combined; that it was often silent, hidden and very misunderstood and could be prevented with choices in diet, exercise and abstaining from smoking; and encouraged all to wear red Friday and raise awareness. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

At 1:57 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Cohen for prayer and pledge. Council Member Cohen invited Rabi Adrian Scott with Congregation Beth Israel to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Cohen led all in the pledge. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:00 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor Parker absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

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

At 2:01 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Ms. Lois Myers, 9701 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-461-7447) appeared and stated that she was present to suggest the city ordinance for grandfathering commercial buildings be amended and perhaps Council Member Brown could be the spearhead; that ordinance required detention ponds and was being abused; that many large commercial construction projects in the city were abusing the ordinance by not putting in the required detention ponds; that commercial developers and owners needed to put that in and not individual homeowners through Proposition I. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Stephanie Coleman, 3905 Dowling, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-882-4339) appeared, presented information and stated that she was a Third Ward resident and co-founder of tre magazine which was dedicated to the education and growth of youth and family in the community; and invited all to help celebrate American history with them during Black History Month on February 17th when those from Third and Fifth Wards and North Forest would come together for an exhibit on hieroglyphics and on February 19th would be a movie and meal at Cinemark Tinseltown at 3:30 p.m. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Council Members Adams, Bradford, Davis, Green and Noriega commended Ms. Coleman for all she did; thanked her for continuing to educate; and stated that tre was a great magazine. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Ivy Spivey, 12410 San Lucia River Drive, Houston, Texas 77050 (281-590-8677) appeared and stated that she was present needing help; that she had an accident on the job, a young employee was harassing her and it blew out of proportion and her school district tried to handle it the best it could, but it extended outside the classroom and into the street; that she called Homicide asking for help and went to the department during the holidays and was told they were closed for the holidays and would get back with her, she called them again and got the run around and told to call the Assault Department; that her concern was HPD was not helping her; and urged Council help get her problem solved. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he knew this was originally reported to the North Forest ISD Police and the Major Assaults Unit was a unit within the Homicide Division so she

was being moved from the main division to the specific unit which would handle the incident; that they reviewed it and felt charges would have to be filed through the City Prosecutors Office under the Municipal Courts and Sergeant Baltazar was present and reviewed this and she could speak with him as a starting point; and upon questions, Ms. Spivey stated that she did not go to the Prosecutors Office, he suggested she go, but she could not go today; and they were not being fair; and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez apologized for the back and forth and urged she speak with Sergeant Baltazar. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Davis stated that after she spoke with Sergeant Baltazar someone from District B could stay in communication with her to make sure the process was being done in the manner she thought proper. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. William Beal, homeless (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. W. C. "Dub" Wright, 10962 Shadow Wood Drive, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-725-9345) appeared, presented information and stated that he thanked the Mayor for allowing him to serve on the Houston Police Department Advisory Board and Police Independent Police Oversight Board; that he appreciated the city helping the Wrenwood area, moving from septic tanks to sewer system, receiving water supply, etc., but they were wanting a park in their area and in his packet were the reasons and those showing support such as the Wrenwood Civic Association, Spring Branch Super Neighborhood West, Sherwood Elementary School and Spring Branch ISD; that they had received support from Council Members Brown and Christie and it would be the only neighborhood park in the area serving over 500 homes, numerous apartment complexes and townhouses and the land was adjacent to a hike and bike trail along Addicks Dam and could provide parking for some wanting to use it; and the remaining property would serve as a buffer; that it was a much needed green space and Commissioner Steve Radack had agreed to build and maintain the park at no cost to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they were in the early stages of the process, based on his information and understanding there were internal issues which needed to be worked out between Public Works and the Parks Departments as there was an active lift station on the site. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Christie stated that he appreciated Mr. Wright visiting on this and he had never seen a win/win/win situation for the City of Houston, it should cost nothing as he mentioned the county was on board; that it should be five acres the city could not get much money for and to all near it this meant so much.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Mr. Wright for his call and service; that this was a great project and he had a record of expanding green space in his district and if he could help they should give him a call.

Council Member Brown stated that this was a promising project and exciting moving it forward; that they had support of all At-Large Council Members and she looked forward to working with all who were a part of it; that they did need to transfer property from Public Works to Parks and hopefully it could be moved forward. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Green commended Mr. Wright on this type of partnership, with a city/county partnership expanding green space it was great for the city and they should invest in this whenever possible and he was happy to lend any support; and Mr. Wright stated it would be the only park for many homes. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Burks stated that this was a great idea and plan and being next to a hike

and bike trail and helping with parking; and moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. W. C. "Dub" Wright, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent. MOTON 2012-0060 ADOPTED.

Council Member Burks further stated that providing parking space to the hike and bike trail was very good and it was across the street from an elementary school; and he hoped the minor problems would be worked through and they make this happen. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Adams commended Mr. Wright on his leadership and stated she was ready to support this; that all Council Members in one way or another supported green space. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Gary Norman with Public Works was present and would be glad to meet with him and give him a perspective on the Public Works side. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Bradford stated on a point of personal privilege today Mr. Myland Good, a high school student, was present; that he was working on his communication merit badge to fulfill requirements for Eagle Scout; and asked he stand to be recognized. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Davis moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Joe Roche to the Speakers List for one minute, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent. MOTON 2012-0061 ADOPTED.

Ms. Teresa Salazar, 13305 Woodforest, Houston, Texas 77015 (920-208-7055) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mr. Hartwell Remburg, Jr., 2530 Briar Ridge Drive #33, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-266-2329) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Hoang absent.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 4441 Phlox, Houston, Texas 77051 (832-276-6470) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Hoang absent.

Senior Captain Kelly Baudat, 600 Jefferson, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-394-6800) appeared, presented information and stated that she was a senior captain for the Houston Fire Department and they started a program most Council Members were aware of called Camp Houston Fire and this was their third year; that they had so far 42 girls go through and five completed the EMT school since camp; that they were nonprofit and volunteer men and women helped put on the three day camp which was all free and let them know what being a firefighter was about; that this year they were trying to put 32 girls through and they had support of Council in the past and looked forward to it in the future. Council Member Hoang absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Senior Captain Baudat stated that the camp ran on donations, grants, etc., and if they could help in that way or in getting the word out to girls it would be great; and Council Member Adams thanked Council Member Noriega for always being there making sure the girls had financial support; and she would be sure information was out to all schools in the area. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Council Member Adams for recognizing Council Member Noriega who was a real champion for pushing for recruitment of women into the profession; and encouraged all new Council Members to look into the program as it was done well; and upon questions Senior Captain Baudat stated that deadline was March 24th and class March 30th through April 1st Council Members Hoang and Bradford absent.

Mr. Jerome Wald, 7575 Kirby Drive #7106, Houston, Texas 77030 (713-291-5103) appeared and stated that he was a member of the Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center Committee and had been their former president, when translated was, Voice of the Heart; that he was present on the issue of wage theft and they were again starting a campaign to eliminate it in the community; that wage theft was defined as services having been provided and not paid or not paid enough or not reimbursed for healthcare, etc., he would ask all to think of a time when they were not treated fairly and think of those employed who were not paid; that anyone could be a victim and he called on all Council Members to consider it happening and know it was unjust. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Bradford absent.

Mr. Jose Sanchez, 1916 Norfolk #5, Houston, Texas 77030 (832-715-5975) appeared and stated that he was also with the Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center and present on the issue of wage theft; that not all were privileged enough to be here as Mr. Cruz was a family man and Houstonian and member of Houston Interfaith Worker Justice and did not have that privilege, he worked in construction and had been cheated out of more than \$6,000 in wages in his last two jobs which affected him and his family; that he was only one of many workers which would experience this and it was in many industries and many workers and affected all in their families and the community when they were not able to get their necessities, businesses, etc., some of their group had met with some Council Members on ways the city could take action and encouraged all to take a stand against wage theft in the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Sanchez stated that they wanted to continue to meet with Council Members they had not met with to discuss issues in their campaign and they were proposing a wage theft prevention ordinance which the city could look at and consider. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Mr. Sanchez for coming and stated that they had a meeting pending as well and he was looking forward to it. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Noriega and Bradford absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was president of the United States; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mr. Joe Roche, who was previously added to the Speakers List, appeared and stated that he was present regarding the Houston Airport system; that Thursday a plane would take off to Havana, Cuba, due to the 2011 regulations under President Obama's Administration; that there would be weekly service now and it was a great thing. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Noriega and Bradford absent.

At 2:42 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Mayor Parker absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Noriega and Bradford absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2012, with Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown,

Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Mayor Annise D. Parker and Council Member Stephen C. Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Melissa Noriega absent due to being ill.

At 8:26 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called the meeting to order and stated that they would begin with the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, and called on Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller and Mr. Kelly Dowe. Council Members Sullivan and Green absent.

9:00 A.M. - 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 Mr. Kelly reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, and Mr. Green reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report and distributed a copy of the City of Houston SWAP Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Mr. Green and Mr. Dowe were questioned by Members of the City Council and Council Member Bradford moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Report, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Davis and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0062 ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Mr. Green, City Controller, for a moment of personal privilege, and Mr. Green stated that they had two individuals in the audience with them, Ms. Ebony Barnes, a student at the Barbara Jordan Mickey Leeland School of Public Affairs, that she was shadowing him today, and a Texas Legislative Internship Program Intern, and asked that they stand and be recognized. Council Member Burks absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 26

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from David Sepulveda, Terra Associates, Inc., on behalf of Willowick Venture Ltd., [M.F. Willow GP, LLC (Martin Fein, Sole Member), General Partner], for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement, a 10-foot-wide prescriptive sanitary sewer easement, and a portion of a utility easement, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 10-foot-wide utility easement, located in the West Main Apartments Addition, out of the A.C. Reynolds Survey, A-61, Parcels SY12-021A, SY12-021B, SY12-021C and VY12-019 - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0063 ADOPTED.

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Steven Freeman, Kimley-Horn and Associates, on behalf of Gables Realty Limited Partnership, (Benjamin Pisklak, Regional Vice President), for abandonment and sale of a ±150-square-foot fire hydrant easement, Block 1, College Heights Addition partial Replat, out of the A.C. Reynolds Survey, A-61, Parcel SY12-037 **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0064 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 4A

3. **GLOBE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., INC** to furnish Dry Pit Sewage Pumps for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$345,400.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0065 ADOPTED.
4. ORDINANCE appropriating \$913,526.95 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Data Center Equipment, Cabling, Supplies and Services for the Houston Police Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0079 ADOPTED.
- 4a. **NETSYNC NETWORK SOLUTIONS** - \$626,086.25, **NWN CORPORATION** - \$214,000.00 and **GRAYBAR ELECTRIC** - \$75,752.70 for Data Center Equipment, Cabling, Supplies and Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Asset Forfeiture Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0066 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 5 through 24

5. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the purchase of a Boiler and Machinery Insurance Policy from **LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**; providing a maximum contract amount 1 Year with two one-year options - \$185,568.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0080 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE appropriating \$621,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BINKLEY & BARFIELD, INC** for Bar Screen/Odor Control and Grit Removal System Renewal/Replacement for FWSD #23 Wastewater Treatment Plant; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0081 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,607,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PARSONS WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC** for Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0082 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,764,651.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T. CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal (Force Main); setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4235-57) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0083 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$566,169.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **SEWER AND STORM MAINTENANCE, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4277-64) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0084 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,413,957.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4257-126) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0085 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,341,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.P.** for Waterline Replacement in Regency Square Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello

absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0086 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Sewer Stoppage Cleaning and Television Inspection; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing services; providing a maximum contract amount for CleanServe, Inc and engineering testing - 2 Years with a one-year option - \$2,657,764.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0087 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCES

6. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY** providing up to \$187,498.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the operation of a Homeless Services Database and provision of other homeless related information services - 1 Year – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0088 ADOPTED
7. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS-HOUSTON** to provide \$139,362.45 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the administration and operation of Project Access, which offers transportation services to homeless individuals and families seeking health care and supportive services – was presented. Council Member Burks absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 7. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0089 ADOPTED

8. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-602, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amounts to contracts between the City and (1) **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON**, (2) **MEMORIAL-HERMANN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**, and (3) **HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT** for Routine HIV Screening Services - \$800,227.00 Grant Fund – was presented. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Member Pennington asked if these were passed through grant funds, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated yes.

A vote was called on Item No. 8. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0090 ADOPTED

9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,889,281.89 out of DARLEP Fund Fund Balance for Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **AMERICAN**

TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, INC – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Sullivan, Bradford, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Davis, Cohen and Brown. Council Member Burks absent.

10. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within **BRIARGATE SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1-12, 13 partial replat and 16-19** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented. Council Member Burks absent.

After discussion Council Member Green asked if he could get some assistance from the Department of Neighborhoods, if someone could come to his office so they could really plan out the strategic plan for this particular neighborhood. Council Member Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they were working on getting that meeting for him by next week. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Member Adams asked if they could still get updates on the enforcement issue with quality of life, and if Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez could give his insight with the police involvement as well as Neighborhood Protection issues on how they would move forward with that. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that this was a very serious issue in their neighborhoods and a quality of life issue, that he had met with the Chief on several occasions to indicate that they lacked some of the enforcement, that he wanted to look at the ordinance to try to tweak it to make it more clear as to who was responsible for enforcement, they had other departments, Parking Management and Department of Neighborhoods, that could also assist in enforcing this, that he wanted to encourage Chief McClelland to encourage his officers, captains and sergeants to start focusing more attention on this issue. Council Member Burks absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 10. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0091 ADOPTED

11. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOV SERVICES, INC** for Mail Processing Service for utility water bills for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,926,200.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that this was primarily \$3 million to send out and process water bills and thought they may be at a point with today's technology where they may not need to spend \$3 million on sending out water bills, that everybody may not be able to do that, but if there was some way where they could credit people who were willing to pay bills electronically or give a discount rate if they did it without receiving the piece of paper in the mail they could save some money. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that those were very good points and thought paperless, obviously, would be a good way to go, they still processed over 525,000 bills per month, that it did provide some efficiencies and cost savings to the City but thought they garnered a lot more cost savings if they went in the direction of paperless, that they would get him a response on where they were with paperless and what the next step would be. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 11. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Members Adams and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0092 ADOPTED,

12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,285,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC** for Beltway Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Members Adams and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0093 ADOPTED,

14. ORDINANCE appropriating \$259,220.81 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Design of Airline Drive from North Main to the North Loop (IH610) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2001-0999, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that this was a very important item for the community and they recently had the opportunity to have a community meeting where they talked a lot about the needs for improvement along the Airline Corridor, that these were much needed traffic improvements. Council Member Burks absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 14. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Members Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0094 ADOPTED,

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$977,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC** for Project Advisor/Technical Consultant for the City's future expansion of the Northeast Water Purification Plant; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – was presented. Council Members Rodriguez and Burks absent.

After discussion Council Member Sullivan moved to postpone Item No. 16 for two weeks and stated that was to have an opportunity to hear from the engineers, seconded by Council Member Christi.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez asked Council Member Sullivan if he would consider a tag on the item instead so they could work on getting Carollo to meet with him prior so they could move the item forward. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would withdraw his motion to postpone Item No. 16 or two weeks and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Council Member Sullivan tagged Item No. 16. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,802,277.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund awarding construction contract to **TRAF-TEX, INC** for Citywide Traffic Signal Rebuild Package #2; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies, CIP Cost Recovery and engineering testing relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ; J - LASTER and K - GREEN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,540,300.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Waterline Replacement in Fulton North and Glenwood Forest Areas; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 21. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0095 ADOPTED,

23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,123,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for proposed 48-inch / 42-inch water line along existing easements, West Orem, Chimney Rock, River Bluff, Summit Ridge, Wood River and Coachcreek from Sims Bayou Pump Station to Hillcroft and Southwest Pump Station Chlorine Building Improvements; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and K - GREEN** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Brown stated that she would tag Item No. 23. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

25. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0044, passed second reading January 25, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **UNIQUE SANITATION, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0044 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

26. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0045, passed second reading January 25, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **CTJ VACUUM SERVICE, LLC, 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 **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0045 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 27

MISCELLANEOUS

27. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding a third amendment to the **PROJECT PLAN AND REINVESTMENT ZONE FINANCING PLAN** for Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen (Old Sixth Ward Zone) - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 2012** – was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford moved to set a public hearing for Wednesday, February 15, 2012 regarding the third amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen (Old Sixth Ward Zone), seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0067 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 28 and 29

28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **DIGITAL PAYMENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Multi-Space, Solar Pay Station Warranties, Spare Parts and Pay Station Purchase Price Option for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department Parking Management Division; providing a maximum contract amount - \$7,279,501.00 - Parking Management Operating Fund – (**This was Item 16 on Agenda of January 25, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN and SULLIVAN**) – was presented. Council Members Brown and Green voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0096 ADOPTED
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for a Drainage Impact Fee Study \$679,500.00 - Stormwater Fund – (**This was Item 24 on Agenda of January 25, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN**) – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0097 ADOPTED

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Sullivan announced the following events: Lake Houston Y.M.C.A., Bridgefest, Saturday morning, four different runs and an open house afterwards; the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Annual Epicurean Evening on Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Space Center Houston; they attended a groundbreaking yesterday for the U. S. Coast Guard new headquarters; that the Forestry Department had been working overtime spending the \$4.5 million for tree removal; that Corina Moreno, of his office, would be going out on

maternity leave on Monday, February 6, 2012 and would be out for six weeks, that she would be having a girl, Mirella, that it was her third child in addition to Cynthia and Daniel. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams announced the following events: Woman's Pavilion in the Texas Medical Center needed volunteers; during February 2012 the Houston Public Library would celebrate and commemorate the contribution of African Americans in their community with free programs, exhibits and events for the entire family including presentations with the Houston Ballet; the Sisters Network Walk would be on April 14, 2012, 8:00 a.m., at Discovery Green Park, 1500 McKinney, that it was to help prevent Breast Cancer among African American women, for more information they could register online at www.stopthesilencewalk.org or call 1-866-781-1808; that some of their employees had been dealing with Cancer, that Debra Veal was Cancer free, Breast Cancer did not overtake her, she overtook Breast Cancer by the will of GOD, and Annie Pena, Mayor's Office, CAO, who had stage 4 Colon Cancer, that she was present celebrating GOD for his blessings; there would be a documentary film by John Schwartz, "This Is Our Home, It Is Not for Sale", on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at the Central Library, it was a 60 year old history of an American neighborhood, Riverside, Houston, Texas, which experienced the classic syndrome of integration, real estate blockbusting, white flight and re-gentrification common to virtually every American city; the Friends of Emancipation Park would host a workshop on African American Family Research presented by the Red River Sancofa Historical Society on Saturday, February 25, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Emancipation Park Community Center. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that last Thursday he attended the Briargrove Homeowners Association meeting, that they had a wonderful neighborhood school, the Briargrove Elementary School, that he thought about 25% to 30% of the children walked to the school as opposed to a school bus; that he attended, with Council Member Hoang and a number of Council Members, at the Chinese Community Center a Lunar New Year Celebration; that Sunday morning he attended the APAC Annual Meeting at the Hotel Intercontinental, it was a group that supported Israel; that last night he attended a book signing and discussion about a book written by Dr. Denton Cooley, titled "Operation on 100,000 Hearts, that he was 92 years old and spoke in a very conversational manner to a crowd of about 300 to 400 people, that it was a rare opportunity; that tomorrow he would attend the official opening of the Meadow Wood Elementary School, 14230 Memorial Drive. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green stated that he was pleased to announce the opening of the District K Satellite Office at the Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua, office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; that District K would be hosting a Deed Restriction Workshop on Saturday, February 25, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center on West Fuqua, for more information they could contact the District K office at 832-393-3016, they knew in the upcoming months they would have a Chapter 42 vote that may affect certain deed restrictions; that in honor of Black History Month there would be three events starting with IMPAC Performing Arts Collaborative on Saturday, February 4, 2012, starting with the Master Class Acting Workshop, a panel discussion would follow titled "Black Impact, African Americans in Performing Arts", and would end with a dinner and cocktail party acknowledging the works of pioneering African American comedians with a performance by Black Comedy Review; Houston Works USA would be sponsoring it's E Square Engineering Competition, K thru 12 at Peck Elementary on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., sponsored by Schlumberger, it was a great opportunity to find out about summer engineering programs, stem related programs and camps that would be happening this summer, they would have the opportunity to look at engineering projects by elementary, middle school and high school kids, who did a tremendous job in seeing how engineering worked in their every day life; that Aramark would be hiring on Friday at the Workforce Solution Office Astrodome, 9315 Stella Link, they were still hiring for the rodeo. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and

Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis stated that after they voted for the \$100,000 for the Leland Woods Redevelopment Authority the neighbors were excited to see they were actually taking the time to reinvest and getting that area started and continue with the other three tracts; that Mr. Larry Nickelberry and Mr. Andre Johnson cutting vacant lots this weekend, there was an article in the paper about it and they were very excited, that he wanted to thank Council for helping ignite interest stimulants into District B; that Intercontinental started on the new Terminal B, in District B; that they were having a District B Neighborhood Advisory Council on February 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.; that they were starting a new advisory council with educators and principles, in District B in order to improve the quality of education for the future of District B; that he wanted to thank the Fifth Ward CRC for snatching a great partnership with Starbucks in the Fifth Ward Community, they were going to help them do a changing of the face on Lyons Avenue and throughout parts of Fifth Ward; that a non profit, Making It Better, snatched a partnership with Micro Soft, they were going to be working in the Fifth Ward area at Swiney Park and Bruce Elementary; that Mr. Don Cornelius passed away yesterday, that he grew up watching him on television on Saturday mornings. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Brown announced the following: Monday, February 6, 2012, a Citywide Forum on Chapter 8 Ordinance change proposal; they were looking forward to hosting a Chapter 42, urban versus suburban townhall meeting; a CIP Meeting on February 28, 2012; that on Saturday, January 21, 2012 she attended the 47th Annual Membership Meeting and Inauguration Ceremony of the Institute of Hispanic Culture, that she and her Chief of Staff, Leticia Alblaza, both had the honor of being sworn in as new members of the Board of Directors of the Institute and looked forward to being involved in the non profit organization; that she wanted to recognize and congratulate R. L. and Cora Johnson on their 63rd wedding anniversary, that Council Members Noriega and Christi joined her at a special event they had Monday evening, that they worked on a project in the Carverdale Community, a tutorial program with the youth, they needed help with that, they had the help of Waste Management and if they wanted to contribute any monetary funds to please write a check to Cora Johnson and they could drop it off at the District A office; to those in the community celebrating the Asian New Year, happy new year and she wished them prosperity, health and happiness; if any one would like to get their newsletter please contact their office. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen announced the following events; Garden Oaks Elementary School's Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., they received an award in 2011 from the U.S. Department of Education Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant which was approximately \$3 million and the grant helped establish GOES, Garden Oaks Elementary School, as a Montesori Magnet School with environmental sciences, the enrollment had increased more than 20% in the 2011-2012 school year; that the University of Houston's University Center was having a program for young people to get them excited and involved in the political process, Youth of the Nation; they were in the Super Bowl weekend, and it was the Super Bowl of Caring and an opportunity to donate food. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he usually checked for best practices in other cities and what they did well and what they could match, whether community gardens or transportation, the idea of homelessness, Atlanta had a very good program and he wanted to hand it out to each Council Member on the Mad Housers, it was an excellent way to seek some non City tax dollars, a lot of volunteer effort for the 10,000 to 12,000 homeless, a secure wooden structure instead of a tent, sleeping bag or newspapers, that he thought it would be less un-slightly to the City and could be done on a voluntary basis and an excellent program that

they could do. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to acknowledge the passing of Don Cornelius, founder of Soul Train; One Sight, a not for profit organization, and the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, had teamed up to help Houston students between the ages of 7 years old and 18 years old get optometry care, that he would be touring the operation which would provide comprehensive eye examinations and eye glasses at no cost to the students or the parents; that Houston was being honored with the visit of a foreign dignitary, Honorable Chief David Lyoha, Former Speaker of the Edo State Nigeria House of Assembly, who was visiting Houston and happened to be the father-in-law of Kendal Baker, City Call Center Manger for the 3-1-1 System; that he wanted to thank Mr. David Edwards for his service to the City, that he would be retiring from his position on the Midtown Management District; that today kicks off Black History Month, on Saturday the film, "This Is Our Home, It Is Not For Sale" would be screened at the Central Library, that John Schwartz documentary gave first hand accounts of the redlining real estate practices and prejudices which shaped the Third Ward in the past; that he wanted to ask his fellow Council Members and the viewing public to tune in to PBS on Friday at 7:30 p.m. for Red, White and Blue, that he and Council Member Green would be guests for this week's episode. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Laster stated that last night he and his staff experienced the hospitality of the Shenandoah Homeowners Association, located in the heart of Gulfton, and had been under an enormous amount of pressures and some sense siege over the last decade or so and they looked forward to working with them and addressing the many issues that they had; that Council Member Green earlier made reference to information coming before the City Council about revisions to Chapter 42, and he and Council Member Adams had extensive discussions about that, that he wanted to let all of the homeowner and civic associations in District J that his office would be forwarding to them an information packet within the next week or so advising them of the potential change and encouraging them to review their deed restrictions and communicate with the Council to allow them to know how those changes might be able to effect their communities, toward that end he wanted to thank the Mayor's Office and Planning Department for allowing the creation of at least four public hearings that would be happening around the City, one would be in southwest Houston on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the Sharpstown Recreation Center, 6600 Harbor Town Boulevard, that he understood it would be a public hearing with the Planning Department making a presentation, that he wanted to invite the homeowners associations from District G and District K to participate and hear what the City had to say; that on Thursday, March 8, 2012, District J's CIP meeting would be happening at the same location and same time; that after the public session he made the introduction of Alex Vasquez, who had on his Boy Scout shirt, but unfortunately they did not get an opportunity to announce him and recognize him, that he was a member of Troop 620 at Saint Justin Martyrs Parish Church in the Alief area, that he was four merit badges of having his Eagle Scout, that his mother was very active and his little brother was with him, and believed he was either a cub scout or webalo, that he always wanted to encourage their young people to participate in those kind of programs and wanted to thank Council Member Hoang to make reference to this young man because he was a resident of Alief in District F. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Adams stated that former staff member Jared Raven's last day was Friday, he moving to greater heights; stated that she wanted to remind all the men to wear their beautiful red dresses on their lapel on Friday as they celebrate "Go Red For Women's Day", they were asking everybody to wear red as they continued to fight against heart disease among women; they were getting ready for their Capital Improvement budget hearings, District D's first meeting would take place on February 22, 2012 at the Judson Robinson Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; that she wanted to wish everybody a Happy Lunar New Year for

2012; that she wanted to remind everyone to continue to see Red Tails, that she had the opportunity to meet with Tuskegee Airman POW Mr. Alexander on Friday, that she wanted to thank State Representative Ron Reynolds for sending him her direction, that she found out that his grandfather was the founder of Morehouse College, that he was 90 years old; that her office worked hard on the January 9, 2012 flood in sending information to the Governor, that Mayor Parker was the only one who could send a request for declaration for funding for the community and she wanted to thank her and her office for sending the letter, as well as State Representative Boris Miles and supporting their office in the effort to make sure there was needed funding coming to their constituents who were affected by the flood, that the disaster declaration would make SBA assistance available to Harris County and the neighboring Counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller for the January 9, 2012 flood, the applications would begin today, the Harris County Disaster Loan Outreach Center and the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services at 8000 North Stadium Drive would open today, February 1, 2012, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., they were currently looking for locations in the Ashwood Communities where the disasters had occurred so those constituents could be close, the locations would change, for more information they could call 1-800-659-2955 or email disaster customer service, at www.sba.gov, for the hearing impaired they may call 1-800-877-8339, the filing deadline to return the application for property damage was March 30, 2012, the deadline to return Economic Injury Application was October 30, 2012, for more information they could visit www.sba.gov for disaster assistance for Texas residents and businesses who were affected by the January 9, 2012 flooding. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that their sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Robert Delmorgan who past away this weekend, RD was key to bringing several major sporting events to Houston, including the Super Bowl and Final Four; that Intra Care, a mental health hospital in the Medical Center, closed down yesterday, the facility represented 35 beds and hundreds of daily patient visits, the care provided ranged from basic counseling to mental evaluation, rehab and hospitalization, that mental care facilities alleviated the burden to their jail system and proactively treated individuals who may otherwise end up on their streets or permanently incarcerated, that he was committed to find alternate solutions and innovative ways to provide mental care within their City, the commitment would ensure continued best practices in relation to public safety, fiscal management and social responsibilities; that the United Way and Neighborhood Centers would be offering free tax prep services throughout the City for families earning up to \$50,000 per year and individuals earning up to \$30,000 per year, in District H tax services would be hosted at Ripley Services, preparation, e filing and direct deposit of their refund were all done free of charge, dial 2-1-1 for more information or www.freetaxcenters.org; on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Project Grad would be hosting their 8th Annual Parent Convention at the Jessie H. Jones Graduate School of Business on the Rice University Campus, that he encouraged parents to participate as they continued to focus on making sure all of their kids were college bound, for more information call 832-325-0367 or www.projectgradhouston.org, that he wanted to thank constituent Hugo Mojica for giving them that information. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to thank the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ for their hospitality on Sunday, that he conducted the installation of new officers for the church in the Braes Oaks area, to Pastor Murray and the New Jerusalem Family he really enjoyed the worship service and congratulations on all they did. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Bradford 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