

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 28, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2012, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, 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. Council Member Al Hoang absent on city business.

At 1:53 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that there was one presentation today and asked Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez to take the chair. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mayor Parker would be making today's presentation; and Mayor Parker invited those present with Half Price Books to the podium and stated that this year marked the fourteenth year Half Price Books conducted a book drive for children's books and she and Council had a part in kicking off the Half Pint Library Book Drive which was created to give children a chance to read and share books in places they may not want to be such as clinics, community centers, etc., books collected between now and March 31st would be donated; and called on Mr. Lane Garrison the South Houston District Manager for Half Price Books. Mr. Garrison stated that the Half Pint Library Program was a drive hosted each year and last year they gathered 27,000 in the Houston community and it was a joint effort between them and organizations, etc.; and the Mayor and Council Members contributed books for the program. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Mr. Garrison and Half Price Books for the initiative in the community and improving the quality of life in the community and for generations to come. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

At 1:46 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Laster for prayer and pledge. Council Member Laster invited Father Alejandro Montes of the Iglesia San Mateo Episcopal Church to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Laster led all in the pledge. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent.

At 1:59 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent.

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

Council Member Adams on a point of personal privilege stated that today her sorority sisters of Houston Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority were present for Delta Days and asked they stand to be recognized; and further stated that on behalf of her office she had a Certificate to congratulate them on a great day at City Hall celebrating "Delta Days". Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Burks and Green thanked the group for their work and for coming to City Hall today. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

At 2:03 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Jerry Larson, 712 Main, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-228-0735) appeared and stated

that he was with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and they supported service under HOPWA and was Agenda Item 13; that they utilized staff and volunteer attorneys to provide free civil legal assistance to low income individuals and the HOPWA funding allowed them to support those with HIV and AIDS which would otherwise not have been served; they conducted clinics, etc., and the funding was vital. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Mr. Larson stated that their services were very needed particularly when dealing with housing problems seen nationally, social security appeals, etc., and funding was needed in getting documents and processing files. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster thanked Mr. Larson for the work of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Mengiste Demessi, 7114 Hot Creek Traze, Humble, Texas 77346 (713-649-4145) appeared and stated that he was owner of National Cab Company and in the business over 30 years; that he was present supporting Agenda Items 11 and 11a, the rate increase and GPS system, for the first time small and large companies worked together; and urged passage of the items. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Floyd Kaminski, 1406 Hays, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-428-5999) appeared and stated that he was president and general manager of Yellow Cab and present offering 100% support for the meter rate increase and commended ARA for a thorough and detailed investigation and research and commended ARA on avoiding the per passenger surcharge; and urged passage on the items. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would like to get this passed because the three weeks of the Rodeo had a big impact on the cab industry; and thanked Yellow Cab for participating in the pilot for GPS credit card processing; and Mr. Kaminski stated that they were looking at options and were pleased ARA made this voluntary participation. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. J. W. Masseh, P. O. Box 742713, Houston, Texas (713-545-4777) appeared and stated that the Association of Taxicab Owners and Drivers in principal were supporting the rate increase reluctantly, but did not agree with the voluntary GPS credit card and discussed the terms he would like in and out of the ordinance. Council Members Sullivan, Laster, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Davis stated that at a meeting he asked Mr. Masseh to get with his office to talk about this and unfortunately he did not, there was an opportunity and now it was kind of late; and upon questions, Mr. Masseh explained how they could lose money on credit cards. Council Members Laster and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they did require cabs to take credit cards and part of what was in the ordinance was a volunteer program which Yellow Cab, one of the companies, was working on to do immediate swipe, but most ran them and filed them later. Council Member Christie absent.

Mr. Dedefo Ulu, 11806 Stanwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77031 (713-367-8303) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Christie absent.

Mr. Solomon Efrem, 9826 Aldine Westfield, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-695-1700)

appeared and stated that he was one of the cab company owners in business more than 30 years and was present supporting the rate increase and GPS system; that all participated and he strongly supported the items. Council Members Bradford and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated as Mr. Rothfelder made his way to the podium she would remind Council, Section 2-2 of the Code of Ordinances as it pertained to appeals to City Council, Mr. Rothfelder was speaking to Item 40 and she would remind Mr. Rothfelder and City Council that this was an appeal on the record which meant they were reviewing a decision of the General Appeals Board and it was entirely on the record, in other words no outside information should be considered by City Council in the appeal process nor should any outside information be solicited by Council Members, personal contact either with city representatives or the appellant to discuss the matter, the evidence or the parties position was considered inappropriate as Council's review was limited to the written record which had been distributed to all Council Members and written exceptions, if any, filed by parties to the proceeding; that Mr. Rothfelder, however, did have the right to appear as any citizen of Houston did during the three minute period. Council Members Bradford and Christie absent.

Mr. Richard Rothfelder, 1202 Louisiana #550, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-220-2288) appeared and stated that the Mayor correctly referenced the procedures and he was present to answer any questions Council may have and to capitalize points which his client Garrett Operators was presenting on the record in connection with its appeal of the General Appeals Board decision which was the board upheld the decision made in July 2011 of the Houston Sign Administration regarding the application of his client for a billboard which it owned at 2600 South Loop, the billboard existed at the location since 1979 and in 2008 his client inquired with Sign Administration to convert the configuration and lighting system of the sign and at the time there was no requirement for a permit under Section 46-08 of the Sign Code, but in 2011 a permit application was denied and the grounds were under Section 46-12b2 namely this would constitute an electronic and off premises high technology sign which was prohibited, however, the key was the provision denying the application did not come into law until a year after the initial inquiry; and state law, etc., provided one should be subject to the law enforced when application was made; and they were now appealing the decision and requesting Council overrule the General Appeals Board because it used the wrong law. Council Members Adams, Bradford and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Pennington, Mr. Rothfelder stated that no permit was applied for in 2008 because under Section 46-08 of the Sign Code there was an exemption, no permit was required and no application needed to be submitted, it was a procedure where they could change the advertising displays and electrical wiring devices with no application and permit, but they were turned away and he thought because Council thought it was something they needed to clean up and a section was amended and they eliminated the exemption which previously existed and today they could not get the permit; that their application was actually made in 2011. Council Members Bradford and Christie absent.

Upon questions of Council Member Laster, Mayor Parker stated that respectfully assuming the question Council Member Pennington raised was actually in the record, this was an appeal on the record and he was an appellate body and was supposed to read the record as presented and his question should be any items that were unclear to him from the record; and Council Member Laster stated that he appreciated the clarification. Council Members Bradford and Christie absent.

Mr. Ted Weisgal, 13137 Stone West Drive, Houston, Texas 77035 (281-546-6793) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present to shed light on the roads; that he traveled extensively as director of Leisure Learning Unlimited and South Main between South Post Oak and Hillcroft had no overhead lighting, but was one of the best illuminated

highways with its reflectors and safety barrier and it occurred to him why were all roads not lighted in this way; that the city could save money, the environment and create safer roads with that approach. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would be happy to forward this to the Public Works Department for a response; that she was not familiar with that stretch of road, but she was sure Council would also be interested in the response. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Mr. Dedefo Ulu, 11806 Stanwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77031 (713-367-8303) who was previously not present was recalled and appeared and stated that he was with United Houston Taxicab Association and present to support the taxicab rates eliminating confusion in the past. Council Members Sullivan, Green and Bradford absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Mr. Ulu stated that the charging procedure for more than one in the cab was a one cab ride from the Hobby to here; that if destination was different the last person to pay was for one person, the flat rate in the past was \$32.50, if four they paid \$22.50 one time; and Mayor Parker stated that four would ride for the price of one; and Mr. Ulu stated that they wanted adjustment because the more customers you had the more gas, insurance, etc., you used and all major cities had an additional fee which may not be greater than \$2.00 to \$3.00 a person. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez, Green and Bradford absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Mr. Ulu stated that they charged by zones and the one going further out paid more and the one going closer paid less. Council Members Sullivan, Green and Bradford absent.

Ms. Kathleen Gunter, 7315 Banyan, Houston, Texas 77028 (832-882-9775) appeared, presented pictures for viewing and stated that she was concerned with the Northeast area, the health of the community was in jeopardy particularly with the amount of abandoned buildings in the area; that the Colonial Apartments located at 3605 and 3603 Crosstimbers, she wrote letters to Council Member Jarvis Johnson and Council Member Davis and the city had a lien filed in 2007 against the property and it was scheduled to be removed in April 2005; that the area was red lined and if a home was built you could not get a fair appraisal or refinance the property and Neighborhood Centers said they could not get a response when sending mail to the property; that she called Fox news and they found out exactly who owned the property, Sega Investments who was working in Houston; that the Houston Garden area, Trinity Garden area and Public Works all blamed each other for not taking care of the problem; and she wanted buildings down so the area could grow. Council Members Sullivan, Green and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Landon Taylor with the Department of Neighborhoods was present and would visit with her. Council Members Sullivan, Green and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis stated that it was a huge problem in the area and last year they knocked down over 100 houses in District B and they were still continuing to point out, identify and take up specific homes with the Demolition Assessment Panel as there was a process to go through; and Mr. Smart would also communicate with her as well as Mr. Landon; and Ms. Gunter stated that it had already gone through the process in 2005 and she wondered what the holdup was; and Council Member Davis stated that Brian and Landon would give her more information. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew there were eyesores in the community and problems; that it cost money to take them down and revenue had to be carefully allocated, but it was becoming increasingly difficult to demolish properties as a State Supreme Court Ruling made it

harder to take the properties down, but the Demolition Assessment Panel was looking at it and the Department of Neighborhoods was aware of it and if she would give them a chance to follow through with her it would be appreciated. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 NW Freeway #210, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-696-9204) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Ms. Emma Treadwell, 419 Dowling, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-541-7401) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Ms. Yolanda Broussard, 11835 Murr Way, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-731-9188) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) appeared and stated that behavior coward conspiracy my born little girl from birth; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Mr. Kenneth Dortch, 14942 Richmond Avenue #716, Houston, Texas 77082 (832-876-0510) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Ms. Melvina Audain, 17811 Running Brook Lane, Spring, Texas 77379 (832-248-5007) appeared, presented information to Council and stated that she was president of the St. Kits Nevis Association of Houston and was present to thank the Mayor and Council Member Pennington who assisted them Saturday when their organization hosted the United States Ambassador Jacinth Henry-Martin to St. Kits Nevis at the Meet and Greet. Council Members Sullivan and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that the Mayor's gift to the Ambassador was well received and the Ambassador was a very vivacious and energetic "can do" lady and he enjoyed meeting her and all in attendance. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Mr. Robert Lussier, 13401 Fondren, Houston, Texas 77085 (281-229-2288) appeared, presented information and stated that he was with the Main and Fondren Business Center and present representing his tenants; that they were going through problems with existing body shops on the premises at his business center; that they had their licenses and permits and recently Auto Dealers requested they have an auto salvage re-builders license because cars they worked on had salvage titles; that most were Hispanic and their English was not great so they did not get the \$1,500.00 the insurance companies paid off; that they said they had all their licenses and would buy that too, but Auto Dealers said they could not sale it because they were closer than 300 feet to a new church just built; that officers were measuring from the back corner of the business park which was nowhere near the businesses in question, instead of 250 or 220 feet from the church the actual business was over 800 feet; that they believed the law was being misinterpreted and the tenants were being driven out and they were told if they did not leave they would be arrested. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that ordinances spaced certain types of businesses considered incompatible with other residential or commercial uses such as SOB's, certain types of motels, auto repair, etc., and there were standards on how the distance was measured from churches

and schools; and upon questions, Mr. Heilman stated that they would review this and advise her; that he thought it was from property lines but would confirm; and Mayor Parker stated that as long as it was applied consistently. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that he spoke with Sergeant Sullivan about the issue and his understanding was measurements should start at each individual business, however, on the flip side it was his understanding the businesses were there over ten years; and Mr. Lussier stated some had been there over ten years and the church opened in November; and Council Member Green further stated that he thought businesses would be grandfathered if they had proper licenses at the time and since they did not have the proper salvage license they were now subject to this agreement; and Mr. Lussier stated that they did want to purchase the license and he was advocating they should be able to buy it, they always bought what they were told was required and this salvage license just came up. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she thought there would be education in the community before any enforcement and if they did not know of the changes and not given opportunity to obtain licenses and the grandfathering of the ordinance had an issue of if the business was there first the ordinance would not apply; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that there were no changes to the ordinance and they were operating under ordinances which were in place for years; that she and Council Member Green were correct that the business would have been grandfathered had they had appropriate license, there was a lot of discussion that Auto Detail would only enforce ordinances on the books and that was exactly what they were doing, but there may be an issue of how it was being measured and they would follow through on that. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Mr. Juan Mendoza, 13457 Fondren, Houston, Texas 77085 (832-890-7151) appeared and stated that he was present because of the Main and Fondren Business Center also as he had a small business there and the city police would come to his place and never asked anything only wrote a ticket, it was one person, and now many were leaving; that he did not let anyone explain anything only give ticket; and they would like some help. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought people were present who could talk him through what was in the ordinance; and upon questions, Mr. Mendoza stated that when he opened his business the person gave him a list for permits, he said he needed a license to repair cars, occupancy and fire permits, but never said a special license for salvage was needed; that he fixed about one or two salvage cars a month, he fixed only blue title, but he said if he did not move he would take him to jail; and Mayor Parker stated that they would check and see if they were measuring properly, but the solution may be to not do the salvage work without the permit and he would be back in compliance. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated to echo the Mayor they would measure from his premises to the church to see if it was in compliance with the requisite distance as opposed to the back of the lot as they were doing now and if that was the case he should be given opportunity to purchase a permit; that Mr. Foster in his office would follow up with them. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mr. Randy Locke, 2819 1/2 Eastgrove, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-257-3289) appeared and stated that when attempting to contact the Houston Community Development Department regarding public notice proposal for spending in the February 1st addition of the Houston Chronicle David Godwin had not returned any of the seven phone messages he left over the

course of the last month pertaining to the three section proposal and that behavior strengthened the belief many had regarding inattentive and unattached bureaucratic government workers paid by taxpayers ignoring those very people; that the proposal must be resubmitted with an additional 30 day comment period because of the obvious error two schools were listed in the wrong district; and David Godwin should be dismissed. Council Members Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was sorry he did not get his phone call returned timely; that Mr. Mark Eichenbaum with Housing and Community Development was present if he wished to address concerns with him. Council Members Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Delbert Jackson, 8510 Hyberry Court, Houston, Texas 77084 (832-330-5101) appeared and stated that he was terminated in June 2011 in retaliation to filing an OSHA complaint; that he worked for eleven years at Exel Logistic and at the facility he was a group coordinator and safety captain; that he filed a complaint after finding associates were being trained improperly in the use of forklift equipment; and at the end of the inspections he was written up for things such as dropping a box, being a minute late for lunch, etc., that he had been participating in Occupy Houston and wanted to give appreciation to the city for accommodating the group. Council Members Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joseph Moore, 2751 Wallingford #2192, Houston, Texas 77042 (713-384-3853) appeared and stated that he was present regarding an HPD practice called "fishing", if they could not get results they wanted from the DA's office they would reword it to get results they wanted; that last Wednesday he was taken into custody for assault, however, the report clearly stated that witnesses said he was the one attacked and he defended himself; that in 48 hours he had to determine whether he would pay his rent or CD tags which were on hold because of the charge and was told to fight this in court; that with seasoned officers such as a sergeant who had all the information and a report stating he was not the aggressor he should have stood up to her, but innocent people were having to defend themselves and because he was not given meds and proper food he had a seizure while being held. Council Members Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the District Attorney's Office was completely separate from the Houston Police Department and was county government and if he had a complaint about an officer improperly investigating or failing to investigate the mechanism was to file an IAD complaint; and Mr. Moore stated that he filed yesterday and Captain Baltazar had been resourceful; and Mayor Parker stated that he had taken appropriate steps to address the issue. Council Members Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that the process worked more than it did not; that he indicated he filed a complaint and it was up to the DA's office whether they were accepting the officers report, etc., and this body and zero authority over that; and Mr. Moore stated that when they called the DA's Office to ask for charges they were denied and told it would not hold water, but 20 minutes later, because a lady was stomping her foot, the charges changed; and Council Member Bradford stated that he should present the question what changed to the DA's Office, but sometimes it was simply a phone number or address needed to accept charges. Mayor Parker, Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated to add to what Council Member Bradford stated he too served in the Houston Police Department and it was not uncommon when calling the district Attorney's Office for potential charges they would initially reject until additional information was obtained, but it did not mean he was guilty and it had to work its way through; and Sergeant

Baltazar was present. Mayor Parker, Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77077 (713-447-4527) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Simanal Foster, 7522 Elbert, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-634-8377) appeared and stated that she wanted to speak about five minutes with Mayor Parker on a personal matter and not embarrass her in front of others; that she tried to speak with her a solid year and she was asking for five minutes. Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that Council was aware of his crime victim case, assassination attempts, etc., and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joseph B. Roche, 1703 Gray, Houston, Texas 77004 (281-928-5999) appeared and stated that they stole his airline; American Traffic Systems had 13 ways out of Houston and five used to be on Continental Airlines and was now on United; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Paula Harrison, 14410 Brunswick, Houston, Texas 77047 (832-339-8225) appeared and stated that she was present to speak on housing; that she applied seven months ago and received a letter she had an apartment, but she was told she was late and her apartment was given away; and she was told she would get another letter for an apartment, but had not. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she believed she was speaking about the Houston Housing Authority and not the Houston Housing Department and they had their own appeals process; that she knew she came to Council regularly, but was in the wrong place on this issue and Citizens Assistance would give her proper information. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

At 3:20 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 29, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Ms. Lynette Fons, First Assistant City Attorney, Litigation; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Member Al Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Stephen C. Costello absent on personal business.

At 8:22 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order. Council Member Sullivan absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 39

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 7 through 10

7. ORDINANCE appropriating \$51,218.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the Purchase of Utility Vehicles for the Houston Fire Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0170 ADOPTED.
- 7a. **CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a Caldwell Country Chevrolet** for Purchase of Utility Vehicles through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department \$51,218.00 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0115 ADOPTED.
10. **GODWIN PUMPS OF AMERICA, INC** for Purchase of Trailer-Mounted Submersible Pumps through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering \$862,738.37 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0116 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 18 through 31

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Second Amendment to lease agreement between **RMC 2004 PORTFOLIO I, LP; and related entities** as Landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for space at 50 Briar Hollow West, Suite 290, Houston, Texas, for use by the Human Resources Department's Employee Assistance Program - 6 years with 2 five-year renewal options - \$216,860.04 - Initial Base Term - Internal Service Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0171 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE calling public hearings at which interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard on: proposed amendments to the Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6, FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 50, WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 9, and LAKE FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT**, and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 34, HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 119, HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 162, HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 168, MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 89, and WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 16** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties; proposed amendments to the Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 146, KLEINWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 150, and FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 35** and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris and Fort Bend

Counties; proposed Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and **BISSONNET MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, CASTLEWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6, and NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 36**, and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; proposals for the City of Houston to impose the City of Houston's sales and use tax in such territory; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings - **HEARING DATES - WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - APRIL 4 and 11, 2012** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0172 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$690,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund; and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **OTHON, INC** for negotiated work orders for Design of New and Rehabilitation of Existing Pump Stations, and Flood Warning Systems; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0173 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NEDU ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0174 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **REYNOLDS, SMITH AND HILLS, INC** for City Wide Overlay Project; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0175 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$880,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC** for Bar Screen/Odor Control and Grit Removal Systems Renewal/Replacement for Sims Bayou South Wastewater Treatment Plant; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0176 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,155,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund; awarding contract to **TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED** for FY2012 Local Drainage Project Negotiated Construction Work Orders; 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, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0177 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE (also known as the Harrisburg Zone)**:

Position One - **MS. KAREN S. NIEMEIER**, for a term to expire 12/31/2014
Position Two - **MR. FRANK M. K. LIU**, for a term to expire 12/31/2013
Position Three - **MR. JERRY MICHAEL ACOSTA**, for a term to expire 12/31/2014
Position Four - **MS. GLORIA E. MORENO**, for a term to expire 12/31/2013
Position Five - **MR. ERNEST H. COCKRELL**, for a term to expire 12/31/2014
Position Six - **MR. RICK A. GARCIA**, for a term to expire 12/31/2013
Position Seven - **MR. BOLIVAR FRAGA**, for a term to expire 12/31/2014

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0117 ADOPTED.

Council Member Noriega stated that she assumed that the Redevelopment Authority was going to be established soon for this group and the appointment of the members, and Mayor Parker stated yes, that they were going to come one right after the other. Council Member Sullivan absent.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIVE CORNERS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (formerly Harris County Improvement District No. 10-B)**:

Position One - **MS. SONIA OCHOA-GONZALES**, for a term to expire 06/01/2015
Position Two - **MR. HOMER L. CLARK**, for a term to expire 06/01/2013
Position Three - **MS. RITA T. FORETICH**, for a term to expire 06/01/2015
Position Four - **MR. LANCE GILLIAM**, for a term to expire 06/01/2013
Position Five - **MS. MELVA D. THORNTON**, for a term to expire 06/01/2015
Position Six - **MS. MARTINA E. CARTWRIGHT**, for a term to expire 06/01/2013
Position Seven - **MR. VERNON N. SMITH**, for a term to expire 06/01/2015
Position Eight - **MR. NINA K. SPRINGER**, for a term to expire 06/01/2013
Position Nine - **MR. DULA ABDU**, for a term to expire 06/01/2015

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0118 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRAYS OAKS**

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (Harris County Improvement District No. 5), for terms to expire June 1, 2015:

Position Seven - **MR. ADAM J. WEISS**, appointment
Position Eight - **MS. ELAINE GASKAMP**, reappointment
Position Nine - **MR. CARY P. YATES**, reappointment
Position Ten - **MR. GREG J. GLENN**, reappointment
Position Eleven - **MR. GEORGE O. NWANGUMA**, reappointment

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to thank each of the appointees and reappointees to the Board of Directors of the Braes Oaks Management District, that both he and Council Member Green shared their expertise and he wanted to thank them for stepping up to the plate and helping southwest Houston become a better place.

A vote was called on Item No. 3. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0119 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker asked if anyone was present who was now on the Board of the Reinvestment Zone No. 23, also known as the Harrisburg Zone and stated that they appreciated their service, that she knew there was a lot of interest in step two of the process. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker further asked if anyone was present from the Five Corners Improvement District and asked that they come forward to be recognized, and Mayor Parker and Council Members Green, Noriega and Adams congratulated Ms. Melva Thornton, Mr. Vernon Smith and Ms. Martina Cartwright and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone present from the Braes Oaks Management District and asked that Ms. Gaskamp come forward and Mayor Parker and Council Member Green stated that they appreciated her long years of service to the City of Houston and her willingness to do this. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. DANA V. PERRY-DREXLER** to serve as Associate Municipal Court Judge, for a two-year term – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0120 ADOPTED.
5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. LAWRENCE A. ROUSSEAU** to serve as Municipal Court Judge, for a two-year term – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0121 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just confirmed the appointment of an Associate Municipal Court Judge and a Municipal Court Judge and invited Judge Barbara Hartle to introduce the judges, and Mayor Parker noted that a former Municipal Court Judge and now District Judge Kirkland was in the audience.

Judge Hartle stated that Ms. Dana Perry-Drexler had been serving as a Hearing Officer in their Administrative Violation Court and Parking Adjudication, that they had just appointed her as an Associate Municipal Court Judge. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker and Council Members Green and Bradford congratulated Judge Drexler and stated that they appreciated those who were willing to serve as Hearing Examiners, it was a great opportunity to vet candidates to move into judgeship as well. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Judge Hartle stated that their next appointment was, Judge Lawrence Rousseau, who had been serving as an Associate Judge and was now moving into fulltime status, that this appointment she dedicated in honor of Judge Herbert Gee who whispered in her ears for months to please get Judge Rousseau fulltime on the bench. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Judge Rousseau was already a judge, but they were glad to have his continued commitment to the City of Houston and they welcomed him aboard. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC** for Purchase of Replacement Components and Repair Services for one fire engine for the Houston Fire Department - \$158,823.16 Fleet Management Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0122 ADOPTED.
8. **MARCO OPHTHALMIC, INC** for Purchase of Tonometer Systems for the Houston Department of Health and Human Services - \$41,500.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0123 ADOPTED.
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$93,622.68 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the Purchase of Police Vehicles for the Houston Police Department – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 9. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0178 ADOPTED.

- 9a. **PHILPOTT MOTORS LTD. d/b/a Philpott Ford** for Purchase of Police Vehicles through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Police Department - \$93,608.00 - Special Revenue Fund - \$187,230.68 Total – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0124 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

11. ORDINANCE authorizing the administration and regulatory affairs department to conduct a pilot program involving the installation and use of credit card devices with Integrated Global Positioning Satellite Systems in taxicabs and authorizing the regulation thereof – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Gonzalez moved to override the tag on Item No. 11, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After further discussion, Council Member Brown moved to call the question on the motion to override the tag on Item No. 11, seconded by Council Member Green.

Vote on motion to call the question:

Mayor Parker voting aye

Council Member Brown voting aye

Council Member Davis voting aye

Council Member Cohen voting aye

Council Member Adams voting aye

Council Member Sullivan voting absent

Council Member Hoang absent on city
business

Council Member Pennington voting aye

Council Member Gonzalez voting yes

Council Member Rodriguez voting aye

Council Member Laster voting aye

Council Member Green voting aye

Council Member Costello absent on
personal business

Council Member Burks voting aye

Council Member Noriega voting no

Council Member Bradford voting no

Council Member Christi voting aye

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION CARRIED

Vote on main.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Parker voting aye

Council Member Brown voting no

Council Member Davis voting aye

Council Member Cohen voting aye

Council Member Adams voting aye

Council Member Sullivan voting absent

Council Member Hoang absent on city
business

Council Member Pennington voting aye

Council Member Gonzalez voting yes

Council Member Rodriguez voting aye

Council Member Laster voting aye

Council Member Green voting aye

Council Member Costello absent on
personal business

Council Member Burks voting aye

Council Member Noriega voting aye

Council Member Bradford voting aye

Council Member Christi voting aye

MAIN MOTION 2012-0125 ADOPTED.

- 11a. ORDINANCE amending Article II, Chapter 46 of the City Code of Ordinances, relating to Taxicab Rates – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0180 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; supplementing and amending Ordinance No. 2004-300, Ordinance No. 2008-252 and Ordinance No. 2010-215 as it relates to the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B-6, authorizing the substitution of a credit facility authorizing a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; a Tender Agent Agreement, a Remarketing Agreement, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and other

necessary agreements or documents related to the bonds; and declaring an emergency – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Sullivan absent.

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM, INC**, to provide \$175,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids Funds for Legal Supportive Services Council – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 13. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0181 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** to support the Career Exploration through STEM Innovation Program Coordinated by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's After-School Achievement Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Green absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 14. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0182 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of the **BRIDGELAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City and the inclusion of certain land within the district – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent.

16. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTHWEST HOUSTON ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget for the authority and the Fiscal Years 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS F - HOANG and J – LASTER** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown.

Council Member Laster requested that Council Member Brown remove her tag for a moment and allow him to speak on the issue, and Council Member Brown stated not at this time.

After discussion Council Member Laster moved to override the tag on Item No. 16, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0126 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 16. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0183 ADOPTED.

- 16a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a construction management agreement between the City of Houston and the **SOUTHWEST HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** for the Bellaire Boulevard Access Management and Widening Project - **DISTRICTS F - HOANG and J – LASTER** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0184 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to exercise the Chair's prerogative for a moment, when a Council Member tags an item the appeal could be made by a fellow Council Member, "would you please withdraw your tag" and she was going to allow that Council Member to make the request, but there was another tool which they used, and she would allow one Council Member to make that request, the tool they used was a request to withdraw the tag strictly for the purposes of discussion, and they used that every effectively, they were not attempting to force anything, but to have a conversation and often the Council Member who had tagged the item would voluntarily withdraw the tag and they had that come up previously, and then there was the immediate motion to override the tag, which allowed a full discussion, and at times the motion to override the tag was pulled as well, so there were three immediate options when an item was tagged, there was a parliamentary issue that came up about a request to withdraw the tag for the purposes of discussion and then there was a procedural motion to override the tag, that this was a collegial body and a respectful request, "would you just withdraw your tag so we can discuss the item" did not open the floor to a procedural motion, however, so everybody was aware, they could come back later in the agenda with a motion to override the tag, there were still those options, but there were steps appropriate when an item was tagged. Council Member Sullivan absent.

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$9,224,282.00 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Four, City of Houston, Texas (Village Enclaves Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone) for Affordable Housing, payments to Houston Independent School District, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0185 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for the storage, use and maintenance of mobile solar generators - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G – PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 19. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0186 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIR-TRANSPORT IT SERVICES, INC** for Software Support, Maintenance and Upgrades

for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount; setting a deadline for the delivery of all insurance and other required documents to the City - 2 years - \$161,985.22 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0187 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$421,807.00 out of DARLEP Fund Fund Balance for the purpose of paying obligations under the Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, INC** (approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0098) - was presented. Council Members Brown, Bradford and Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0188 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-0997 to increase the maximum contract amount of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CRIME LAB** for Laboratory Testing Services in DUI/DWI Cases for the Houston Police Department - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0189 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-0099 (Passed on February 6, 2008) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **TEXAS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES DARRINGTON TIRE RETREADING FACILITY** for Tire retreading and repair services for the Fleet Management Department - \$114,697.63 Fleet Management Fund - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0190 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE amending the Assessment Roll for Permanent Improvements to portions of Knox Street, Paul Quinn Road and Wilburforce Street (Ordinance No. 88-0654) to change Item No. 35 from a front-foot rate of \$14.05 per foot to a side-abutting rate of \$7.03 per foot **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0191 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment to Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **OMEGA ENGINEERS, INC** for Emergency Repairs of water service connection breaks (approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0142, as amended); providing maximum contract amount \$2,550,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0192 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$517,837.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding a contract to **ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC** 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 – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Gonzalez.

33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,054,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding a contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Groundwater Treatment Plants Improvements Package 1; Jersey Village, District 123, Acres Homes and Sims Bayou; 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 - DISTRICT B - DAVIS; F - HOANG and K - GREEN - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0193 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0132, passed second reading February 22, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **ADAM H. BELMONT d/b/a BETO'S HYDRO & SANITATION, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0132 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
35. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0133, passed second reading February 22, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **C.R. MCCASKILL ENTERPRISES, INC dba TIDELAND GREASE TRAP SERVICE, 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. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0133 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
36. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0134, passed second reading February 22, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **JERRY BRUMFIELD d/b/a BRUMFIELD SANITATION SERVICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0134 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

Mayor Parker stated that this was the third and final readings on Franchise Agreements, if there was a more fundamental issue to please let them know, that these items kept coming up.

37. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0135, passed second reading February 22, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **SONYA CARR BERTRAN d/b/a ANITA'S VACUUM SERVICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business.

ORDINANCE 2012-0135 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

38. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0136, passed second reading February 22, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **CIMA SERVICES, L.P., A Texas Limited Partnership**, 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. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0136 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
39. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0137, passed second reading February 22, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **WASTE PARTNERS OF TEXAS, INC d/b/a JACKPOT SANITATION SERVICES, 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. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0137 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 40

MISCELLANEOUS

40. REVIEW on the record and make determination relative to the appeal from the decision of the General Appeals Board, filed by Richard V. Rothfelder, Attorney at Law, on behalf of Garrett Operators, Inc. regarding the interpretation of the Sign Code for a sign located at 2600 South Loop West - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez, moved to uphold the decision of the Appeals Board and deny the appeal, seconded by Council Member Sullivan, and tagged by Council Member Brown.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 41 through 47

41. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to **AMEND MOTION #2007-588, 6/13/07, as amended by Motion #2011-406, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$9,000,000.00 to \$10,080,000.00 for Chemical, Liquid Polymer Flocculent for the Department of Public Works, awarded in part to **POLYDYNE, INC** - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 7 on Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS)** was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Gonzalez moved to adopt Item No. 41, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Cohen and Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0127 ADOPTED.

42. ORDINANCE amending Exhibits “A” of City of Houston Ordinance No. 90-1292 (As amended by City of Houston Ordinance No. 2011-0490), to amend the Master Classification Ordinance to add three new job classifications and changing one job classification title; providing a repealer; providing for severability – **(This was Item 9 on**

Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS) – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this was not intended to add to the City's costs, it was intended to create a more appropriate job classification for existing City employees so that they could differentiate among the work they did, and Council Member Sullivan asked if that then would pay somebody more money, and Mayor Parker stated that as far as she understood the only way someone would be paid more money was if they were promoted into a vacant position from some other spot, it was not intended to give an existing person in that position a pay raise.

A vote was called on Item No. 42. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0194 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE enlarging the boundaries of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, (OLD SIXTH WARD ZONE) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – **(This was Item 10 on Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0195 ADOPTED.
- 43a. ORDINANCE approving the third amendment to the **PROJECT PLAN AND REINVESTMENT ZONE FINANCING PLAN FOR REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, (OLD SIXTH WARD ZONE)**; authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – **(This was Item 10A on Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0196 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE adopting a three-year Annexation Plan in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code – **(This was Item 12 on Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0197 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Master Contractor Agreement between the City of Houston and **ALTURA HOMES DFW, LP, AS CONTRACTOR**, and providing \$3,508,560.00 of Community Development Block Grant (Disaster Recovery) Funds for the reconstruction of up to forty single family homes; approving revised Hurricane Ike/Dolly Housing Assistance Guidelines; approving and authorizing the form of reconstruction agreements for each of the Single Family Home Reconstruction Projects; authorizing the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to select, pursuant to the guidelines, eligible properties to be reconstructed – **(This was Item 18 on Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0198 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,500,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City and **NETVERSANT SOLUTIONS, LLC** for Telecommunication Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$10,489,626.92 -

Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of February 22, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0199 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0972) between the City of Houston and **BL TECHNOLOGY, INC** for Security System Installation and Repair Services for the General Services Department - **DISTRICT A – BROWN – (This was Item 41 on Agenda of February 22, 2012, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2012-114)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0200 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she just wanted to note that they were a third of the way through the CIP meetings for the District Councils, they had had four meetings and they had all gone extremely well, that Council Member Bradford had attended several and Council Member Costello as well, and the other At-Large Council Members had had representation, that she knew the District Council Members appreciated that support, that they were always interested in feedback from the CIP meetings if there were things they needed to present differently, but apparently they had the right data and the right form and they looked forward on continuing those meetings, that last night was District A and she thought it went very well, that she wanted to publicly apologize to Council Member Davis because they had been trying to set up a Skype CIP for different aspects of his district and it turned out that while Skype was easy the live feed from a remote location was not quite within their technical capabilities right now in HTV but they were working on it and the IT Director and HTV understood Council Member Davis's desire, they had said "yes" but she did not think they were going to be able to get there and she wanted to apologize to him for that.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Pennington stated that they had some good news from HISD, which was reported in the February 23, 2012 publication of the Examiner, that HISD Superintendent Terry Greer announced that the 2011 School Year students earning college credits on advanced placement exams and posting top scores on the SAT had never been higher, that HISD High School students scored a 3 or better, the score that most colleges required to grant course credit, that on 6,657 college level AP exams a 35% increase from 2009, that the number of AP scholars who passed three or more AP exams before graduation reached 1,070 last year, more than triple the number of scholars from 2010, at the same time the number of HISD students scoring 500 or higher on each of the three subjects tested on the SAT College Exams was up significantly from the previous year, 18% in math, 13% in reading and 10% in writing, that Dr. Greer also announced the latest HISD college readiness data at Westside High School, within HISD, that Westside High School students scored 3 or higher on nearly 1,000 AP exams, second best among all HISD High Schools, and the number of Westside students scoring at least 500 or more on 3 SAT subjects was third highest in the district, that the number of Hispanic HISD students earning passing AP scores was up 73% over the past 3 years and the number of African American students earning AP scores of 3 or higher was up 80%, that HISD covered all AP exam fees for students and next month every HISD junior would have an opportunity to take the SAT exam during regular class time for free, that last year HISD became just the second school district in America to make it's juniors such an offer, that the success of the students on AP and SAT exams coincided with a significant up tick in scholarship offers, last year scholarship offers to HISD graduates were almost \$130 million compared to \$51 million in 2009, that 88% of all HISD Class of 2011 were accepted by either a 2 year or 4 year university, that he wanted to give his congratulations to everyone at HISD and to thank Superintendent Greer for making this information available to them; that he attended the Memorial Super

Neighborhood meeting last Monday night; that he wanted to remind everyone and wish everyone a happy Texas Independence Day, which they all knew was March 2, where they proclaimed their Independence on Washington on the Brazos from Mexico. Council Members Brown, Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Pennington calling out the issue of SAT assistance through HISD, that she had a junior at home and was dutifully going to SAT practice at her HISD campus, that it was high pressure time for juniors. Council Members Brown, Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that on Saturday they had their Deed Restriction Workshop and had 131 people in attendance, which showed the enthusiastic dedication of the District K constituents, that he wanted to thank Sandra Ideson, City of Houston Legal Department, and representatives from the Law Firm of Wilson, Gribbs and Gorum for providing pro bono information which gave constituents a foundation on which to build with regard to updating, revising or amending their existing deed restrictions; that a Chapter 42 meeting would be on March 1, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Sharpstown Community Center; Thursday, March 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Willow Waterhole Green Space Conservancy would have their Spring General Meeting at Westbury High School Lecture Hall, for additional information they could contact their office at 832-393-3016; that he wanted to congratulate the students from the Beren Academy, which was in District K, if they were not familiar with Beren they were in the news, they were an Orthodox Jewish School and made it to the semi final round of the State Basketball Tournament, however, they would not be able to play because they would be observing their Sabbath on Friday and Saturday, that kudos to those men for upholding their faith and a great job of making it this far in the tournament; that for this weeks job report they could call Lynette for more information at 832-393-3016. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she had the privilege last night of attending two meetings, the Southgate Civic Club and Near Town Association Super Neighborhood 24; that on Saturday, March 3, 2012, between 8:30 a. m. and 1:00 p.m. the Byzantine Fresco Ceremony would be at the Menil, in 1984 Dominic Menil rescued several Byzantine Frescos from the black market and the Church of Cyprus allowed them to be displayed in Houston for 20 years and it was now 20 years and they were going to be returned to Cyprus, there was a program that was going to run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., that for those who had been to the Menil and seen the frescos it as quite an exciting time; after they could attend the Crawfish Festival in the Heights at 1431 East 20th at TC Jester; that she wanted to thank her colleague for bringing up the Beren Academy, she appreciated the circumstances they were in right now and admired their ability to focus and adhere to their faith, she also knew that there had been other instances where there had been problems in scheduling these kind of events because they did interfere with religious ceremonies, but she knew that in some of those cases there had been opportunities to change the time and venue to accommodate everyone, and she would like those who may still have an opportunity to revisit that question to do so before the Friday deadline. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that in reference to that she understood that one of the accommodations as simply starting an hour earlier the game could be completed before the Sabbath started or an hour later on Saturday, they were not major adjustments that were required. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi stated that kudos to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, their 20,000 plus volunteers were doing an admiral job and to remember that all proceeds went to school scholarships, that it made the City proud when they did a good job like this. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated "Teenagers Learn Life Lesson at Funeral Home", it was a story presented by KHOU and the Houston Chronicle this past Saturday, February 25, 2012, the message was clear and distinct, gang banging and drug use would only lead to a prison cell or casket, that Mr. Reginald Gordon with Operational Outreach thought that a funeral home in Houston's Third Ward seemed to be a fitting place and backdrop for a workshop aimed at stopping crime and violence among young people, to drive the point across teens were taken to the Robert F. Byrd Funeral Directors Embalming Room, where bodies were prepped for viewing before burial, the group, Operation Outreach, worked with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department to mentor juveniles, including hosting these type of workshops and home visits to provide a support system for at risk youth, the groups aim was to prevent young people from making bad choices, so again a big commendation to Mr. Reginald Gordon and Mr. Sammy Rodriguez with Operation Outreach, OG1. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to commend all Members of Council, they looked great in the Rodeo Parade; that he went to the Houston Hispanic Forum for their 26th Annual Career and Education Day, where Justice Eva Guzman, Texas Supreme Court gave a rousing speech to the thousand plus students, both who were there from junior high and high school, learning how to get into college and financial aid and encouraging them on that path; that on Sunday morning he was invited to participate in the Challengers Adult Sunday School Class at Saint Luke's Gethsemane United Methodist Church on Bellaire Boulevard where they talked about the social needs not only of District J but across the City; that later in the day he represented Mayor Parker at the Muslim Council United States of America's Interfaith Unity Day, it was their inaugural event and they welcomed the keynote speaker, Ms. Sarah Joseph, a young lady from London, who was the editor of ML, Muslim Lifestyle Magazine who gave a profoundly good keynote address about what it meant to have interfaith unity, that he gave a proclamation and resolution welcoming them there; that the Chapter 42 meeting would be at the Sharpstown Recreation Center, 6600 Harbortown Boulevard, it was nearest to Districts K, F and G and the entire City was welcome to join them; that the next week District J would be having it's CIP meeting at the same address, 6600 Harbortown Boulevard and both events would start at 6:30 p.m.; that he wanted to commend Houston Baptist University, in the heart of District J, for rededicating their fitness center today and he wanted to thank them for all the good work they did in helping them create a good environment in southwest Houston. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to commend Mayor Parker, that by Council Ordinance, on January 4, 2012, the Council gave Mayor Parker the authority to enter into a contract for City of Houston electricity purchases, that those negotiations proved to be extremely successful, over the course of the first three years they were expected to result in annual expenditures of just under \$100 million, which was a significant savings from the approximately \$130 million a year that they currently spent by the City on electricity, that amounted to approximately \$30 million per year of annual services over the next three years, that they should be commended for having the deliberations around the Council table but making the decision to give Mayor Parker the authority to negotiate that contract, it proved to be very successful for the City; that this Saturday would be the Northside Bond Annual March on Crime Parade, starting at 11:00 a.m., the parade was a community highlight and always an enjoyable time for their families; that he wanted to thank the team at ARA and BARC for their continued efforts to help tackle the stray dog problems that some of their neighborhoods face, that last Wednesday City teams worked in the Second Ward and Denver Harbor areas and were able to collect over 32 stray dogs, that while picking up strays was important it also reminded them that their shelters did have limited capacity and they were always looking for their help in adopting some of these pets that did not have families and homes, that BARC adoptions were affordable and their pets would be spayed or neutered and up to date on their

vaccinations, to adopt a new best friend today contact BARC at 713-229-7300; that on Monday District H would be hosting their annual Capital Improvement Plan, CIP meeting, at Jeff Davis High School, 1101 Quitman Street, it would begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium, that he wanted to acknowledge Jeff Davis High School for being gracious hosts once more this year and thank Principle Jaime Castaneda for his continued support. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for the Capital Improvement meetings that were held in District D and to thank Council Member Sullivan for the joint meeting with D and E this past Monday, she wanted to thank the constituents of District D for attending those meetings; that they past today Item No. 28 for sidewalks in the Sunnyside area to approve about 19 projects in the Sunnyside Community concerning safe sidewalks in the area; that today they would have a special called Housing and Sustainable Growth and Development Committee meeting to discuss scrap tires; that on Thursday many of their colleagues, as well as representatives from the Houston Independent School District, would be joined at the Hilton Americas Hotel for the State of the School Luncheon; that on Saturday, Hope through Grace Community Symposium at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, 25045 Almeda Genoa, it would be stressing the importance of screening for Colon Cancer, that she wanted to thank this organization for every year coming before Council and just encouraging them about being screened; that she wanted to thank the news stations for what they did to help get their news out, that this month she had been watching Fox 26 News about the human trafficking in the City of Houston, that one of the stories featured Kathryn Griffin, who used to work at the City, about her life and story and what happened to her; that the parade was wonderful and she wanted to thank the Mounted Patrol for being a part and allowing her each year to be able to participate and train her to make sure she was comfortable, that she wanted to thank Scrappy, her horse, for always being so obedient when she was on top of her. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Adams for highlighting the human trafficking issue, she thought it was important to note that they thought about human trafficking as women from other countries being brought across the border, but there was a domestic element to human trafficking as was acknowledged that young girls were taken from one state to another or moved around so they could not develop local ties that could help rescue them, so it was a two prong effort that they had to have. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Burks absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Brown stated that she wanted to thank everyone who came out yesterday evening for the CIP meeting; that tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. would be the Quarterly Business Network Breakfast for Near Northwest Management District at the Café Red Onion on the Northwest Freeway; the Spring Branch Super Neighborhood meeting tomorrow evening, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Spring Branch Medical Center; that next Tuesday the Oaks of Inwood would be meeting on Badger Forest Drive from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., that on Thursday they would have a Chapter 42 presentation at the Sosa Center; that she had an enjoyable time at the Rodeo Parade on Saturday with her colleagues, that the rodeo season was on and hoped that everyone was going to be taking part in that and the shows. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Burks absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to wish a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary and congratulations to Nathleen and Jim Kennedy, she had the opportunity to stop by the event on Saturday night, they drew three Mayors, she and Mayors White and Brown who were all there at least briefly, it was a wonderful event and she was always glad to acknowledge a relationship that was strong and endured for 50 years. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Burks absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:19 a.m. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Burks 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