

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 10, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, Mayor Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, J 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. and; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 1:44 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the presentations today would begin with Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Gonzalez invited those present with his presentation to the podium and stated that he would turn it over to the executive director of the International Festival Ms. Kim Stolis; and Ms. Stolis stated that she was pleased to be present; that the 42nd International Festival this year, representing Argentina, was coming downtown the last two weekends in April; introduced those with her, shared festival information; invited all to the festival; and invited those present with her to speak on the festival. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker and Council Members welcomed all to the Chamber, commended all for their work and expressed intentions of attending the celebration. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that at this time Mayor Parker would accept an award from the Guard and Reserve; and Mayor Parker invited Council Members Noriega and Burks to the podium and stated that the City of Houston was a large employer and had many employees who were members of the Guard and Reserve and because of numerous deployments many were called up and Houston did what they could to support them and now was recognized for it; that she invited Council Members Burks and Noriega to come forward as Council Member Burks was a veteran and Council Member Noriega was married to Coronal Noriega and lived through his deployments and service to our country; and invited Mr. Bill Cyrus with the Texas Employee Support of the Guard Reserve Committee to speak; and Mr. Cyrus stated that today they were present to present to the City of Houston, Mayor Parker and all Council Members the Patriot Award which was the highest award the State of Texas could give to an employer in recognition of their support; and presented Army Reserve medallions, coins and flag to all Council Members and that Council Member Christie was also a former Reserve member; and Mayor Parker apologized for not realizing it and invited him to the podium. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Members Burks and Noriega spoke of the city working hard to hire those who were deployed, who served and deserved; how important it was to support them and their families; and thanked the City of Houston for being a good employer. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Adams thanked all who had served and those still in harms way for their service. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:10 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Noriega who called on Pastor Manjeet Singh for the Sikh Center of the Gulf Coast Area to lead all in prayer and Council Member Noriega led all in the pledge. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:14 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 2:15 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Andrew Patterson, 6207 Fondren Road, Houston, Texas 77036 (832-276-1712) appeared and stated that he was present on the City's financial situation; that San Antonio was forced to buy a gas and electric company in the 1940s and a third of their budget was derived from profits; and suggested the city purchase a gas and electric company and no taxes would be raised, etc.; that his second suggestion would be to develop its own means of fuel, specifically diesel fuel by purchasing fast food oil and processing. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he was sure Council would be interested in learning more about what he had to say. Council Members Adams, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he was interested in what he said, he was thinking outside the box and he would like to speak with him more extensively. Council Members Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Christie stated that a couple of months ago he put out the idea for mini power plants supplied by natural gas; and he would like him to follow-up and provide more suggestions. Council Members Adams and Green absent.

Council Member Burks moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Andrew Patterson, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent. MOTION 2012-0273 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Mr. Patterson stated that San Antonio got its own power plants and Cleveland added a tax to provide social services; that cities were doing things to not be dependent on the state, etc. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Green and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the next presentation was a joint presentation and invited the next three speakers to the podium. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Green and Bradford absent.

Miss Lyxantha White, Miss Gabrielle Engel and Miss Anna McGuffee, 3611 S. Braeswood, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-295-6500) appeared together and stated that as a part of a community service project class in their school they needed to find a problem and address it; that they chose hurricane damage as Harris County had a total of 994,000 homes and about 48.7% were damaged during Hurricane Ike and they thought damages could be reduced by changing the angle of the roofs; that they researched hurricanes in general and contacted Dr. White at the Texas A & M Wind Tunnel and scheduled a time to test the device they built, the device moves to five angles and each were tested and after testing found the best angle range was 26.5° to 36.2° and money would be saved on repairs and insurance. Council Member Adams absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she understood they were eighth graders and their investigation won state competition; and Miss White stated that they won first place in state and were

currently going through regional judging; and Mayor Parker stated that a representative of the Public Works Department was present and they did look at their data and in their view it was not in conflict with current building codes and they looked at additional variables, not just roof slope, but did commend their ingenuity in constructing the wind tunnel device and clearly it was of great interest to those living in the Gulf Coast. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Green commended the three on the work done and upon questions, Miss White stated that they attended Pin Oak Middle School; and Council Member Green stated that they did appreciate their ingenuity and looked forward to their recommendation. Council Member Adams absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Miss White stated that they used tar shingles, asphalt shingles and they followed standard roofing procedures. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that blue tarps were on many roofs and a there were roof design issues and she felt this was a significant contribution and she hoped they won national. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he was so proud of them; and upon questions, Miss White stated that their teacher Mr. Jamie Scott had done this almost eleven years and could not be present as he was on medical leave; that he contributed greatly to their project and was pretty much the driving force behind them. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Miss Lyxantha White, Miss Gabrielle Engel and Miss Anna McGuffee, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0274 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Miss White stated that the average roof pitch at this time was about 27°, unfortunately due to their design they were not able to get a lower range of angles or they would not be able to reach the higher range, but if they were to do more testing they would test the opposite range; and Council Member Burks stated that they had enlighten him and he hoped Public Works would take heed. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that someone would give his card to them in a moment and he would like them to be in contact with his office; that he thought their school was in Council Member Cohen' s district and thought he and she would like the outcome of their report to share with the Greater Houston Builders Association. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 Dubarry, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-683-0903) appeared, presented information and read from his statement regarding the City' s illegal blocking of storm water drainage of properties established before 1970 in Oak Forest, Section One; and stated that the city was using a 1970' s ordinance passed after the properties were annexed to block the drainage and they wanted it back. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that what Public Works told her was that they were in a fundamental disagreement about what the responsibility of new developers were and current policy was that storm drainage had to be in the street and she would have to become more engaged and see if they could get it sorted out; that he may not like her answer but she would personally follow-up; that if every property was sloped to a back swale she could understand if properties were

regarded to go the other way it could cause problems and she would sort it out. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Antoinette Spencer to the three minute list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0275 ADOPTED.

Council Member Costello stated that he would be happy to walk the swale with him and would have his office coordinate with him. Council Members Brown, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she was going to ask the Mayor to share with her and Council Member Costello what she heard from Legal and her office would participate in walking the area with him. Council Members Brown, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Kenneth Merihew, homeless, appeared and stated that he was currently homeless and was present on the food ordinance; that the ordinance was unethical and morally wrong and ludicrous to think the government should tell people how to use their hard earned money; that many benefited from others sharing and helping those in need. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Merihew for coming and stated that they did not want to do anything to discourage others from feeding those who were hungry, but they would like it done in a more coordinated manner. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks commended Mr. Merihew on his appearance and stated that he looked good; that Council wanted to remove people like him from the homeless role and it was a major goal of his, but the problem was a homeless person had no address; that the Texas Department of Corrections released inmates from the penal system and they got off the buss in Downtown Houston and many took advantage of the homeless; that for those feeding others all they asked was they ask for permission of private property owners first and then cleanup; and a staff member of his would get information from him and see if they could help him do better. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Bobby Reyna, 11030 Kingspoint Road #34B, Houston, Texas 77075 (832-335-1675) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Olevia Randle, 6023 Beldart, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-733-2348) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Laster and Noriega absent.

Ms. Sonja Widner, 11622 Woodbuck Trail, Houston, Texas 77013 (832-798-5399) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Laster and Noriega absent.

Ms. Diedra Fontaine, 3903 Southmore Circle, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-324-8013) appeared as coworkers stood in support and stated that she was director of Diversity and Inclusion for United Airlines and proud to be a Houston based employee of United, formerly Continental Airlines, for 22 years; that her coworkers were with her today representing many aspects of operations for United and were among the 17,000 employees based in Houston and at the most vibrant hub Houston Intercontinental; that they were all present regarding the proposal to introduce international air service out of Hobby Airport; that since the merger in 2010 United continued to invest by adding routes and seats for departures and recently broke

ground on renovating Terminal B which was in the millions of dollars; that 40 years of successful aviation policy, for decades, recognized Bush Intercontinental Airport as its sole international airport which was the key to its success and strength as an international gateway; that there were 12 gates available at Terminal D and on an average day only 13 scheduled flights out of the gates; that United welcomed competition to Continental and new service would add growth to the city's economic engine, but Houston could not continue to compete effectively for international traffic with other gateways in the US with a split focus and investment between two international airports. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Laster and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Ms. Fontaine stated that some in Houston believed if Southwest added international routes to Hobby Airport there would be no effect on Bush Intercontinental Airport, but an analysis in its final stages showed the flow of traffic into Bush would be reduced and if so there would likely be a reduction in flights, service and jobs which did affect economic growth; and urged before they accepted a recommendation which would permanently change many decades of aviation policy in Houston based on a flawed and rushed study they hoped they would grant their request to allow adequate time for consultants and experts to discuss their completely different conclusions; and Council Member Green stated he just received the study and was reviewing it, he took it very seriously and hoped all information would be laid out to the Council for their decision; and upon questions, Ms. Fontaine stated that the full report had not been presented to Council; that it was previously communicated when they announced they would be providing an analysis which would be available soon. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Member Davis thanked all for coming and expressing their opinions of Hobby and Intercontinental Airports; that as a District Council Member where Intercontinental resided he would look into the study and take both sides into consideration and hopefully they would all act in the best interest of the City. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington and Laster absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Ms. Fontaine stated that several US carriers competed with United internationally such as Delta, U. S. Air, etc., all U. S. based carriers competed with United on an international level and they had competed with Southwest over the years, their request was for all of Council to review the study and continue the economic growth for the City of Houston and there be one international airport. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Burks moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Diedra Fontaine, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0276 ADOPTED.

Council Member Burks stated that with gas prices it was more practical to make a shorter run to an airport; that also more jobs were needed in Houston; and Ms. Fontaine stated she too was a native Houstonian and appreciated his perspective and again they asked adequate time be given to review information which would be provided. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that they just received a report and would review it and evaluate it; that New York and Chicago had two international airports and both were world class cities and Houston wanted to be a world class city with a strong international airport so they could compete; and upon questions, Ms. Fontaine stated that all would receive information and the analysis and they competed vigorously with Southwest Airlines and welcomed the competition. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he was fully committed to reading the review and data; that he was concerned they had one sided information to proliferate the media and was concerned the Aviation Department Director was giving public commentary and voicing a position and Council did not even have information as yet; that he was also concerned when Council asked how a particular consultant was selected he had not received a response and concerned what the consultant cost and who paid and he was committed to reviewing the data; and Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Diedra Fontaine, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Hoang absent. MOTION 2012-0277 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford further stated that information to support Mr. Diaz' s position was received by Council yesterday at close of business and they had not had opportunity to wade through it; and upon questions, Ms. Fontaine stated that they would be providing an analysis to all and they would be happy to meet with them; and thanked him for his perspective of providing a very fair, objective and educated analysis prior to making any decisions. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Bradford repeated multiple times he did not receive an answer, but they emailed an answer and copied all to Council, it was sent out on Friday and Mr. Thomas would now hand deliver to him answers to all his questions which were delivered last week and in the future she would do a receipt; and Council Member Bradford thanked her and stated it would be appreciated. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Ms. Fontaine stated that she could not speak to fare charges Southwest could charge nor was she in position today to speak to particular fares for United as they may vary based on variable situations, but they could take that to address his question; and Council Member Christie moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Diedra Fontaine, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0278 ADOPTED.

Council Member Christie stated that he just wanted an answer to see if they were realistic costs to Caribbean, etc. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Costello stated that with all due respect to his colleague he was directing most comments to the Administration; that in following what he had to say they would take all information from both parties as well as their director to make their decision; and she could relay the message to those at United; that he would encourage her superiors to have the information available as soon as possible; and with that being said he would inform all colleagues they would be having a joint BFA/TTI meeting next Monday morning, 10:30 a.m. and would have a formal presentation by the Director of Aviation on his particular findings rather than through the media; and thanked Ms. Fontaine for coming. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Ms. Fontaine stated that the analysis would provide more specifics in terms of layoffs, etc., and they were very focused on economic growth for the City of Houston and it was not their desire to support layoffs; that as they competed with other cities there was one international airport here and for the flow of traffic supporting the international rounds .;. more details would be in the analysis for an appropriate decision; and Council Member Burks stated that he looked forward to the information, but was looking at it from a practical standpoint and he hated flying out of Intercontinental Airport as it was too far to travel, he lived seven minutes from Hobby Airport and \$4.00 gasoline did not look good to him and he wanted her to sell him on their idea; and Ms. Fontaine stated that she was confident

once they reviewed the analysis which would be provided he would have all information to make a very intelligent decision; and Council Member Burks moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Diedra Fontaine, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0279 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Ms. Fontaine stated that she was confident once he received the analysis on the importance of maintaining one international airport to support the economic growth of their hometown city he would be in a better position to make a better decision. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Bradford stated that it was reported previously in the meeting by the chair of the Finance Committee that Monday there was a committee meeting to look at the issue and maybe let Mr. Diaz comment to Council what he already said publicly, but he was concerned; and upon questions, Ms. Fontaine stated that to her knowledge she could not answer whether United was invited to the meeting; that on March 16th the announcement was made they would be conducting an analysis and asked they have several weeks to do it and the end of the month it should be prepared; and Council Member Bradford stated that if they had any information to present by Monday it would be helpful as it seemed the decision was on a very fast track here and this was so important to the city he did not know why it was at such a fast pace, but he did not want to be here Monday with still one side of the issue and would like information from United; and Ms. Fontaine stated that was why they asked Council not rush and give adequate time by which to review information so an appropriate decision could be made. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Parker stated that as a reminder to Council Members she had sent at least two memos saying they would not contemplate taking any action before Council before May and she was surprised at the idea this was a rushed decision. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Christie moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Diedra Fontaine, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0280 ADOPTED.

Council Member Christie stated that he wanted to publicly thank United and Continental for all the years of philanthropic things they had done for this city and Chicago could be reminded Houston did not have a 7-1/2% income tax here in Texas and plenty of office space was here at very reasonable prices. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Fontaine for being present and stated that he was sure there would be ample time to get lots of information from both sides and the intent for him was to make a deliberate decision based on facts from all sides; and he wanted to thank United for the employees present and the many they employed in Houston. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Roy Boniaby, 12600 Brookglade, Houston, Texas 77099 (713-561-8723) appeared and stated that he graduated last year with a degree in engineering, civil, mechanical and pipeline engineering along with drafting, design, etc., and was top five in his class, but none of it meant anything as he had a felony from when he was 14 years old; that he now had a family with six children and could not find a job; that the felony haunted him daily and it was not right to be held back from so many years ago. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that while she could not offer him a job, if he qualified for any job posted in the City the City was an equal opportunity employer and his felony would not prohibit him from working here. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Green stated that some employers did hire those with felonies and if he could get his information he would refer him to one of the workforce centers. Council Members Davis, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he was sorry about his plight, people did make mistakes in the past; and upon questions, Mr. Boniaby stated that his degree was in civil, mechanical and pipeline and his degree came from TT Tech; and Council Member Costello stated that he owned an engineering company in town and they were an equal opportunity employer, if he could not help him he had friends who may be able to. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 NW Freeway 210, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-696-9204) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Reverend David Maddison, 6822 Arabella, Houston, Texas 77091 (281-730-1460) appeared and stated that he was present representing the Texas Organizing Project and they were speaking on behalf of citizens of Houston; that they heard Ms. Fontaine who spoke on behalf of United and they were standing on behalf of Houston citizens; that they were asking Council Members think long and hard about their decision concerning the Hobby Airport expansion, they wanted to make sure every decision would benefit all of Houston and not just a corporation; that they did not want it to be about north or south Houston, but benefit all of Houston with quality jobs and good wages with job training in neighborhoods and infrastructure improved. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Davis thanked Reverend Maddison for coming with his opinion and stated that Council would look at paperwork from all sides and try and make the best action in the best interest of the city. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Green thanked Reverend Maddison for coming and for representing the people and TOPS for stepping up; and stated that Council would not be bullied and his sole objective was what was in the best interest of the city; that jobs and infrastructure were important and cost associated to the project was important. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Reverend Maddison stated that he did not represent Southwest Airlines, he worked for God. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that he voted for Houston, it was his responsibility, but he needed all information from both sides; and upon questions, Reverend Maddison stated that he was not supporting Southwest Airlines, but supporting what was best for the City of Houston; and Council Member Hoang stated that he would like the Administration to invite United to the meeting Monday. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Sullivan and Costello absent.

Upon question by Reverend Maddison, Mayor Parker stated that the meeting Monday was open to the public, it was a joint meeting of the Fiscal Affairs and Infrastructure Committee of Council for the purpose of the Aviation Director laying out the consultant's report and recommendations; that she did not know if the chairs would invite Southwest and United to respond, but at some point both would be allowed to come. Council Members Cohen, Adams,



Sullivan and Costello absent.

Council Member Laster moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Reverend David Maddison, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Sullivan and Costello absent. MOTION 2012-0281 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster stated that he regretted he would not be able to make the Monday meeting and hoped there were opportunities for Council to have more public hearings on the issue; that he thought he heard from some of his members last week a more in-depth concern about neighborhoods around Hobby Airport and hiring opportunities, etc., he heard from him he wanted the City of Houston to win and hoped Council would make the right decision, but clearly TOPS had a few more goals; and upon questions, Reverend Maddison stated that if Southwest were to win the battle they would want an impact in the community, but they were not necessarily throwing all their chips behind Southwest, they also wanted to make sure that if as Ms. Fontaine stated it would be a detriment to United he wanted Council to take that into consideration, they saw what United was doing was beneficial as well and would like that taken into consideration; that if Southwest won he would like them to make sure construction jobs went to companies in the community and job training and infrastructure being fixed, but all their chips were not behind Southwest, Houston should be in the forefront. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Burks stated that impact on community was important, however, he would like him to communicate with the two entities and he would like to see a debate between Southwest and United as he would like to ask questions. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Claudia Rios, 6603 Heron, Houston, Texas 77087 (832-417-2237) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Anna Hilderbrand, 6514 Belarbor, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-645-2855) appeared and stated that with reference to the expansion at Hobby Airport, she lived in the Bellfort Gardens and a member of TOP; that she was a concerned citizen and drainage issues needed to be addressed on streets such as Monroe, Broadway, Telephone and Bellfort; that more businesses and jobs were needed along with more police visibility; that the area needed to be revitalized and they were working with the University of Houston who was doing a study for them which would probably give credibility for opportunities available. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Ms. Hiderbrand for coming and for her hard work with Bellfort Gardens; and she should rest assured that as Council deliberated on this the community stakeholders advice and input would be sought. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Costello absent.

Ms. Antoinette Spencer, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that she worked at United Airport for 11 months with a dispatching contractor by the name of Huntley; that she was proud of the service she provided, but Huntley did not value her as an employee and she and her coworkers often had missing hours on their paycheck; that she spoke out to management and was then terminated; that workers continued to be disrespected and her ex-coworker Ms. Anderson recently spoke to Council about jobs at the airport and need for oversight and after speaking she was unfairly suspended and now feared

losing her job; that a change was needed at the airport, more needed to be done for employees and was calling on the city and airlines to make sure oversight was provided. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker thanked Ms. Spencer for coming. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal concerns until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Darin Williams, 9165 Greenvally, Houston, Texas 77064 (832-372-9290) appeared and stated that Saturday afternoon about 4:00 p.m. an HPD helicopter flew over and was armed with a mini gun, an M134G which fired a 7.62 mm at a rate of 3,000 to 4,000 miles per minute and he was concerned why an HPD helicopter would have that capability. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that she was not aware HPD had any armed helicopter units; that there may be military helicopters in the area; and Mr. Williams stated that it was a blue and white HPD; and if Council Member Burks voted for the food ordinance to help the homeless against criminals he actually helped criminals exploit the homeless. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:50 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, 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. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

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

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that the first item on the agenda would be a public hearing. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

### **HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on proposals for the City of Houston to enter into separate strategic partnership agreements with the below named districts in Harris County, Fort Bend County and Montgomery County; on separate proposals by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory within said Districts; and on separate proposals by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory in the vicinity of certain Districts:

1. Harris County Utility District No. 6
2. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 50
3. West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 9
4. Lake Forest Utility District
5. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 34
6. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 119
7. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 162
8. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 168
9. West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 16
10. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 146
11. Kleinwood Municipal Utility District
12. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 150
13. Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 35
14. Bissonnet Municipal Utility District
15. Castlewood Municipal Utility District
16. Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 6
17. Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 36

- was called. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

The City Secretary stated that Ms. Margaret Wallace, Planning Department, would make remarks on the hearing. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Ms. Wallace appeared and stated that this was the second of two public hearings for the Limited Purpose Annexations and Strategic Partnership Agreements for this spring, that as a brief background she would remind everyone what a Limited Purpose Annexation was as opposed to annexing an entire utility district, that the City of Houston would enter into agreements with utility districts allowing them to annex only a portion of that district, that typically they were commercial properties and in those agreements it provided for negotiated level of services, they were allowed to levy a 1% Sales Tax that they typically split with the district and agreed not to annex the remainder of the district for the duration of the agreement, that since January 1, 2001 the City had approved 270 Strategic Partnership Agreements with 204 separate utility districts in the Houston ETJ, that it had generated approximately \$179 million in revenue through Fiscal Year 2011, that on February 21, 2012, they presented the proposed SPAs to the Housing Sustainable Growth and Development Committee, that this was the second and final requirement public hearing, that following this the Department would be seeking Council approval for the SPAs and Limited Purpose Annexations on May 2, 2012, that if approved tax collections would begin October 1, 2012; that for all of the utility districts included in this hearing the City would levy a 1 percent sales tax, which it would divide evenly with the utility districts, that these areas included commercial territory only, there were no residents, that while the City was not required to provide a service within the utility districts, they were required to provide a service if they used the rights of way outside of the district to connect to the annexed property, that in those instances, and she would identify those, the City would provide the Animal Control Rescue Service, the running at large of domestic animals found in the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article 1, Sections 6.3, that the agreements for May 2012 were as follows, for the following districts the City would amend an existing agreement by adding new territory to the agreement, there was no territory outside the district to be included in the annexation, Fort Bend County MUD No. 50, Fort Bend County MUD No. 146, Harris County Utility District No. 6, Lake Forest Utility District and West Harris County Utility District No. 9; that for the following districts the City would execute a new Strategic Partnership Agreement, there was no territory outside of the district to be included in the annexation, 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, West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 16; that for the following districts the City would amend an

existing agreement by adding new territory, but there was territory outside of the district to be included in the annexation, that in this area the City would enforce the Animal Control Service in the area annexed, those included Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 35, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 150 and Kleinwood Municipal Utility District; that for the following districts the City would execute a new Strategic Partnership Agreement and there was outside territory outside of the district to be included in the annexation and the City would enforce the Animal Control Service to that area, 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 finally Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 89, which was listed on the original Request for Council Action, had withdrawn it's request for an SPA at this time. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone who had signed up to speak on this issue and Ms. Russell stated that no one had signed up to be heard on the hearing. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Costello absent. MOTION 2012-0282 ADOPTED.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 46**

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 2 through 4

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,026,957.29 and acceptance of work on contract with **ACM CONTRACTORS, INC** for NSR 444 Gelhorn Street: Guinevere to Josie - Neighborhood Street Reconstruction - 4.01% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0283 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,792,443.79 and acceptance of work on contract with **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Project - 0.32% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0284 ADOPTED.

#### **PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 5 through 7

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department that City Council declare surplus and authorize the sealed bid sale of the following properties:

Parcel SY10-0204400 Langfield Road	<b><u>DISTRICT A - BROWN</u></b>
Parcel SY11-0563611 Drew Street	<b><u>DISTRICT D - ADAMS</u></b>
Parcel SY11-0571522 Fulton Street	<b><u>DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ</u></b>
Parcel SY11-05815058 Bellaire Boulevard	<b><u>DISTRICT F - HOANG</u></b>

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

Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0285 ADOPTED.

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Kevin Cochran, on behalf of Celia Aleman and Maria Billingsley (property owners), declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of a 15-foot-wide alley, from Cottage Street north to its terminus, between Karnes Street and Cotswold Court, in Block 41, within the Brooke Smith Additions One and Two, Parcel SY12-048 - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0286 ADOPTED.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** – NUMBER 9

9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$365,329.61 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Force Main Repairs at the Kingwood Lift Station No. 21 for Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0283 ADOPTED.
- 9a. **T. CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Force Main Repairs at the Kingwood Lift Station No. 21 for the Department of Public Works & Engineering – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0287 ADOPTED.

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 11 through 46

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **BOOK WHOLESALERS, INC** (Contract No. 4600007981 Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0720) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0284 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$25,060.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund and approving and authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Installation of Traffic Signal System - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0285 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 20.6655 acres of land to **CYPRESS HILLS MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0286 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **AIR PRODUCTS LLC** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace eight existing pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0287 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **DCP SAND HILLS PIPELINE, LLC** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one new pipeline in certain portions of specified public street

rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0288 ADOPTED.

36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,539,154.22 out of Houston Airport System Consolidated 2004AMT Construction Fund; \$6,000,000.00 out of Houston Airport Improvement Fund and awarding Construction Contract to **SPAWGLASS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Terminal B South Apron Reconstruction Package 3 at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project 643C); 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 and for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$156,722.50 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding demolition contract to **TRI-POINT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INCORPORATED** for Edgewood Park Gym demolition and renovation; 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 construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0289 ADOPTED.
38. Omitted
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$690,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services contract between the City of Houston and **SANDER ENGINEERING CORPORATION** for Negotiated Work Orders for Wastewater System/Substitute Service Support; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0290 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$285,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LBG-GUYTON ASSOCIATES, INC** for Services associated with the Rehabilitation of Water Wells at various locations (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0086, as amended) and approving and authorizing second amendment to contract; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0291 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$748,620.52 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.** for Utility Systems Infrastructure Improvement Contract; 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, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0292 ADOPTED.

44. ORDINANCE No. 2012-250, passed second reading April 4, 2012  
ORDINANCE granting to **DANIEL RODRIGUEZ d/b/a A-HAWK GREASE TRAP, 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. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0250 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
45. ORDINANCE No. 2012-251, passed second reading April 4, 2012  
ORDINANCE granting to **TRUE BLUE SOLUTIONS, L.L.C., A Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0251 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
46. ORDINANCE No. 2012-252, passed second reading April 4, 2012  
ORDINANCE granting to **COMBS INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC dba ONSITE ENVIRONMENTAL, A Tennessee Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0252 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ACCEPT WORK**

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$26,279,546.86 and acceptance of work on contract with **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Houston Permitting Center - 0.82% under the Guaranteed Maximum Price - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. (Note: Council Member Green released his tag later in the meeting.) Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

**PROPERTY**

6. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, pay the costs of Court and withdraw City's objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Rhonda Diane Gillum, et al., Cause No. 980,950; for acquisition of Parcel AY10-030; for the **ELLA BOULEVARD (WHEATLEY) PAVING PROJECT, (Little York - W. Gulf Bank) DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented, moved by Council Member

Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0288 ADOPTED.

### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,132,304.24 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$134,718.76 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks for the Houston Fire Department – was presented. Council Members Sullivan and Pennington absent.

After discussion by Council Members Brown and Adams, Council Member Brown stated that she would tag Item No. 8. Council Member Sullivan absent.

- 8a. **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC** - \$758,313.00 and **SIDDONS MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP, LLC** - \$2,508,710.00 for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Sullivan absent.
10. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,877,893.39 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$276,022.61 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund and \$808,533.00 out of Reimbursement Equipment / Projects Fund for Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Trucks and Self -Propelled Road Sweepers for the Solid Waste Management Department – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Rodriguez. Council Member Sullivan absent.
- 10a. **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$382,777.00, **WACO FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$2,338,100.00, **TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT, INC d/b/a HEIL OF TEXAS** - \$691,368.00, **EAST TEXAS MACK SALES, LLC d/b/a B & C BODY CO** - \$78,964.00, **MCNEILUS COMPANIES** - \$1,418,404.00 and **R.B. EVERETT** - \$52,836.00 for Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Trucks, and Self-Propelled Road Sweepers through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council and BuyBoard for the Solid Waste Management Department – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Rodriguez. Council Member Sullivan absent.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

11. RESOLUTION supporting the certification of a Municipal Setting Designation outside the boundary of the City of Houston at 13840 Pike Road, Missouri City, Texas – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0012 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** for Family Planning Services (Contract # 2012-040723-001) – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this was a Family Planning item, that to be clear, the City of Houston did not provide any services related to the termination of a pregnancy, that it was all pregnancy prevention services, that they intended to continue to aggressively pursue all State and Federal grants available. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent.



After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 12. Council Members Brown and Hoang voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0293 ADOPTED.

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **POINDEXTER DENTAL, INC, through the Harris County Area Agency on Aging**, to provide dental services to seniors; providing a maximum contract amount - \$95,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. Council Members Davis and 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 Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0294 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **ORION HEALTH, INC** for Rhapsody Connect Software and Maintenance; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with 4 successive one-year terms - \$375,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0295 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **REGENCY CROSSING, LLC** to extend the deadline for completion of work in connection with the repair and rehabilitation of a Multi-Unit Residential Development located in the vicinity of 11455 and 11555 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas to house low to moderate income households - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0296 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing third amendment and Modification Agreement pertaining to Loan Agreement, Note, Deed of Trust, Restrictive Covenants and other Loan documents between the City of Houston and **TX COMMONS OF GRACE, LP** relating to a 108 unit apartment complex, targeting low-moderate income persons over age 55, located in the 8900 block of Tidwell Road - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0297 ADOPTED.

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **IBN SINA FOUNDATION, INC** to provide a grant of \$875,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to fund acquisition of a facility located at 5012 North Shepherd, Houston, which is to be used as a Community Dental and Diagnostic Imaging Center whose services will benefit low to moderate income households in the Northwest Houston Area - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0298 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** to accept the amount of \$985,069.00 from the Housing Trust Fund for use in connection with the Texas Homeless Housing and Services Program – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that Housing and Community Development did not take any administrative dollars out of this grant so that the money could go directly to those who needed it. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that they would be

seeing a number of items over the next month having to do with homelessness, that as she indicated this was one of her priorities this year, that some of them would not be controversial, she hoped, but they had been working closely with the agencies dealing with the homelessness to put together a comprehensive coordinated set of initiatives and upgrades to what they did so this was one of many, she hoped. Council Member Sullivan absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 18. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0299 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** to accept the amount of \$186,753.00 in Below Market Interest Rate Funds for use in connection with the Texas Homeless Housing and Services Program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0300 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER, INC**, providing up to \$608,119.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a Short-term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, along with the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 20. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0301 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to the Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **ROCKWELL COMMUNITY 26, LP** relating to a 226-unit apartment complex located at 7520 Cook Road to house low income persons - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Member Brown a vote was called on Item No. 21, Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0302 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** for the Fugitive Apprehension/Crime Reduction Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police 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 – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Member Brown a vote was called on Item No. 22. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0303 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **WM RECYCLE AMERICA, L.L.C**; Successor in Interest to **ABITIBI-CONSOLIDATED CORPORATION**, as Successor in Interest to **CHAMPION RECYCLING CORPORATION**; to extend the term for two years and make other amendments to update the original contract for the recycling concession for the Solid Waste Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0304 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOUMA ARMATURE WORKS HOUSTON, LLC** for Low Voltage Electric Repair Motor Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,754,613.50 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 25. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0305 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOUMA ARMATURE WORKS HOUSTON, LLC** for Medium Voltage Electric Repair Motor Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0306 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE amending the assessment roll included within Ordinance No. 87-1781, to correct Item No. 51, to reflect a side-abutting rate, in connection with Topping Project No. 397, relating to the improvement of Buttercup, Crossview, and various other streets in the City of Houston, Texas **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0307 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests for rights-of-way in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the North Main Street Reconstruction from 20th Street and Cavalcade to IH-610 Project; authorizing the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to 7 parcels of land required for the project and situated in the John Austin Survey, Abstract No. 1; in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being along the east and west lines of North Main Street from 20th Street and Cavalcade to IH-610 in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in or easement to the 7 parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0308 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** to fund the Greater West Houston Subregional Planning Study - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0309 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 104.81 acres of land to **ENCANTO REAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan and Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0310 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,100.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for Wetland Mitigation for the South Shaver Paving and Drainage, from Interstate 45 to State Highway 3; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All

voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0311 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** (Approved by Ordinance 2011-0917) for Acres Homes Multi-Service Center Renovation - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Davis stated that when he first looked at this he saw there was an increase, 20% contingency, but after further review understood that this was grant money for the Acres Home Community Center, that it was very time sensitive and he believed that the time was at the end of August and the community really wanted an updated facility as well as not totally being inconvenienced by being shut down so he understood that they were working at night on some projects and they had to do it piece by piece because they had the Head Start Program, had seniors in the facility and just a lot of activity going on, that he understood that it was normally 10% but they needed to do this, that the seniors were there right now and would get there at 8:00 a.m. and probably leave around 1:00 p.m., that this was part of their day to day life, that if they did not go along with this then they had to find other funds within their existing budget to finish the project. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Davis getting down in the weeds on this and familiarizing himself with the project, that it was important. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Brown stated that she supported the effort and wanted to make a motion to amend the RCA to change the 20% contingency to 10%. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was not that her motion was inappropriate and she was going to rule it out of order, they were already at the 10% which was why they were coming back to increase it to 20%. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Feldman stated that Council approved the 20% contingency on October 20, 2011. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this item was assigning it to Mr. Minnix, that she misspoke, that they were already at the 10% and for the remainder up to the 20% previously approved by Council this in effect gave that authority to Director Minnix to oversee the project. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mr. Feldman stated that because the contract was already entered into pursuant to the Council action of October 20, 2011, raising the contingency to 20%, that this item was solely in relationship to the Director's authority. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he was concerned and asked Mr. Feldman that with the words latent defects in the original building construction did they have any legal repercussion against the original developer, that he knew it was an older building, but were the statutes of limitation beyond coming back at the original builder, and Mr. Feldman stated that they were not bound by the statutes of limitation as a City, but he did not have sufficient information as to what the latent defects were in order to opine or in any way indicate whether or not they would have a cause of action, but it was something that he could look at. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that with an older building such as this many times there

was a possibility that asbestos were present, so sometimes it did require a higher contingency to incorporate that possibility, and as they heard, with an older building there existed the greater challenges in the renovation so this allowed for that possibility, that hopefully they did not need to necessarily eat up all the contingency, that this would also bring the building up to ADA and Texas Accessibility Standards as well. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that to recap, this was approved originally by Council with a 20% contingency, they had used a significant amount of that contingency already, that as they wound up the project this was assigning the authority to Director Minnix, that this did not extend the 20% contingency but up to the 20% contingency to make those decisions.

A vote was called on Item No. 39. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0312 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,359,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for East Water Purification Plant: Stormwater Pump Station Rehabilitation/Plant 3 High Service Pump Station Capacity Expansion; 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 E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0313 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 47 through 51

47. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$27,151,316.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **J.E. DUNN CONSTRUCTION, INC f/k/a J.E. DUNN SOUTH CENTRAL, INC** for Right-of-way and Fleet Maintenance Facilities Expansion - 1.41% over the original guaranteed maximum price **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 6 on Agenda of April 4, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams.

Council Member Brown stated who would have thought that the City of Houston would build a \$26 million mechanic shop, \$26 million for maintenance facilities, and what did these facilities fix, that seriously they should see what this really was all about, that J.E. Dunn was a company that wanted to take advantage of the \$30 billion initiative that their President had to rebuild schools and outdated buildings around the Country, according to the Agenda 21 tied to LEED Certification, that this company was a big proponent of the LEED Certification, they received \$26 million from taxpayers because of their alliance with this political agenda, that this was a company that went over budget, that the signed consultant, Huitt Zollars Incorporated, also contributed to the Obama Campaign and on their website they blatantly talked about their support of United Nations initiatives, that this was the United States of America, they did not answer to anyone but the good ole US of A, that by this vote they were giving \$26 million to a non American initiative and interests.

Mayor Parker stated that what they were doing was approving a final contract amount and acceptance of work on a construction project that had already been built.

A vote was called on Item No. 47. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2012-0289 ADOPTED.

48. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department Hotel Occupancy Tax and Special Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve certain terms thereof and certain other procedures relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of Certain Outstanding Bonds; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the Bonds; approving a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing distribution thereof; approving preparation and distribution of a Final Official Statement; authorizing a Bond Purchase Agreement, an Escrow Agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency – **(This was Item 14 on Agenda of April 4, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0314 ADOPTED.
49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$220,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for Purchase of Equipment for the Nena E. Stanaker Neighborhood Library - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of April 4, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0315 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$49,424.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund to fund a contract to **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Removal of Underground Storage Tank at 2200 Patterson Street, Public Works & Engineering Traffic and Transportation Facility - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of April 4, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0316 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$967,900.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **R. G. MILLER ENGINEERS, INC** for Wirt Road Drainage and Paving Sub-Project II; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – BROWN** – **(This was Item 29 on Agenda of April 4, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-0317 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green stated that he received information on Item No. 2 and he would release his tag on the item.

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$26,279,546.86 and acceptance of work on contract with **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Houston Permitting Center - 0.82% under the Guaranteed Maximum Price - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was again before the City Council, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Green.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Brown had referenced something called Agenda 21, that she had no clue what Agenda 21 was, that perhaps she could elucidate her off line.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 2. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0290 ADOPTED.

#### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Cohen announced the following events: the Near Northwest Management District was sponsoring Earth Day Litter Pickup on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and were challenging all business owners and residents within their boundaries to take a few minutes to pickup litter on or near their property; Saturday, April 21, 2012, Hyde Park United Civic Club was hosting a collection of recyclables in the Grace Lutheran Church Parking lot, including not normally recyclable items such as glass, antifreeze and latex paint; Earth Day Festival in the Heights on Sunday, April 22, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Suduko Mahacari Center for Spiritual Development. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there was also an Earth Day Breakfast for certain invited guests and knew that Council Members would be welcome tomorrow morning outside City Hall. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Member Burks stated that yesterday he made some remarks regarding George Bush Intercontinental Airport and told some friends that after he reviewed what he had said he needed to come back and apologize, that he did not hate Intercontinental Airport, he did not like the drive from his home out to it, that was what he really meant to say, that he wanted to apologize to Bush Intercontinental Airport and their employees, that he wanted to make it clear that he was strongly in favor of both of their airports and the contributions that they made to their City and region; that he wanted to remind them that BPVV Compass Stadium was now hiring, the new soccer stadium needed a variety of employees, that it was on Friday, April 13, 2012, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center Hall A; that on Saturday was the Tangee Festival, Filipino Festival, that it would take place at the People Caring for the Community Center on the corner of West Belford and Riceville, inside Beltway 8 in Southwest Houston. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they supported all three of their airports. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted his colleagues to take note that the airport expansion issue was a huge issue for the City, so they should take time to review Director Diaz' s recommendation, take time to review the consultants for Southwest report, that they should allow time for United to finish it' s analysis and ask United to do a presentation as well because they truly wanted to hear all sides of the issue, that a special called Finance and Transportation Committee meeting Monday gave implication and indication that there was a rush, that several Council Members had expressed the point of view that they may not be able to make the meeting on Monday, with a few days notice, that he was in the process of revamping his schedule to try to get back in town on Monday to attend the meeting, that this issue was too big to their City to not have full, broad and detailed discussion with most, if not all, Council Members present, that he would encourage them to think carefully and maybe give reconsideration, that it was going to take more than just a few days for him to be able to formulate informed questions for Mr. Diaz, the Airport Director. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for the benefit of the public she wanted to clarify, the implication was that Mr. Diaz was going to present a report from Southwest, that Mr. Diaz was going to present a report prepared by consultants hired and paid for by the City of Houston and both Southwest and United would be given an opportunity at the appropriate time to respond to what was an independent report, not a report prepared by any one airline and they would hear from all sides, not simply from United. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Member Costello stated that the purpose of their meeting on Monday, which was a joint meeting with BFA and TTI, with Chairwoman Noriega, was basically just to get the information out to their colleagues directly from the Director and if anyone was unable to attend that meeting he would encourage them to reach out to the Director, that he knew the Director would be happy to meet with them privately, that it was basically to give them a highlight and summary of the report that they had an independent consultant work on and his recommendations, that he and Council Member Noriega would be getting together to formulate a laundry list of scheduled meetings that they would have out in the public, both in District B and I, to solicit comments from stakeholders, they would also entertain any requests by United, as well as Southwest, to make a presentation before the joint committee as well, that he thought they all recognized the severity of the issue and the implications long range and the purpose of having the meeting right away was so they could get the message out as quickly as possible, that it was not their intent to rush the particular item it was just their intent to get the information out rather than hearing it through the media. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that on the meeting locations for those townhall meetings if they could have some input maybe because he was certain that he would have some constituents that wanted to attend and maybe he and Council Member Davis could have some joint input, and Council Member Costello stated that they would be happy to formulate a schedule and solicit comments from their colleagues. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the military parade was this past Saturday and it was an honor to be there and make a brief presentation to Major General Jimmy Jay Wells, that he had worked with him many times, he had been a friend and supporter and integrated well with the community and was leading the troops out there in a manner they could all be proud of; that there was a small fire in Kingwood Sunday night and he wanted to thank the District No. 102, A Shift for their quick response; that the Y.M.C.A. Greater Houston Prayer Breakfast was last week and he wanted to thank the Y.M.C.A. for inviting him; that this week he met with the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council to hear about their Legislative Agenda for City Hall and how they could have more opportunities to do business with the City and provide services; that last night he attended a Crime Watch Meeting in Summerwood and wanted to thank City Departments for participating and attending, that he thought they were making a lot of progress in removing the problems they had with that area with respect to who responded to what 9-1-1 calls, that now that they had all of the contracts in place with the MUDs they were making good progress there and trying to instill a level of confidence and comfort to the homeowners and businesses in that area so when they picked up the phone and dialed 9-1-1 the appropriate agency would respond as quickly as possible; that the Kingwood Mobile BOPA would be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Kingwood Park and Ride; that he wanted to introduce Allie Smart, who had assumed Agenda Director responsibilities for his office and welcomed her assistance at the Council table. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated those Council Members who were able to attend the Welcome Home Parade for Iraq Veterans and concurred about General Wells he was a really interested man to talk to, that he was definitely a Texan, he wore western boots with his uniform and she asked him whether that was appropriate military attire and he said that generals got to pick. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that over the last few weeks they had lost some longtime residents of District H and he would like to express his thoughts and sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Albert Morin, who resided in the Old Six Ward and Ms. Betty Lou Portado, who resided in Lindale Park, that both Albert and Betty were committed



to their communities and beloved by their neighbors, friends and families, that he wanted to thank them both for their service and knew they were now resting in peace; that last week he joined Crime Stoppers, Clear Channel and Sheriff Adrian Garcia as they kicked off the Crime Stoppers Safe Child Initiative in the City and County, that it coincided with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which ran through all of April, that it was targeting some 1,600 accused child predators walking among them in Harris County, that as part of the month long campaign Crime Stoppers would be rolling out giant billboards throughout the City and coordinating law enforcement agencies to create arrest teams which would hunt down fugitives as tips came in, that he was proud of the initiative and of the work of all of the law enforcement agencies as they make sure their City was safe for all children, that if they had any tips on one of the fugitives to please call Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS or go on line at [www.crime-stoppers.org/safechild](http://www.crime-stoppers.org/safechild), that soon after that information aired one of the suspects actually turned himself in; that he wanted to acknowledge and thank the North Central and Independence Heights Communities for their fantastic egg hunts this month, that he wanted to thank the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts this past weekend; that on Saturday at Kettelson Elementary School, Avenue CDC in partnership with Go Neighborhoods, LISK and community leaders had come together to host the "Savor del Northside Festival", which meant the Flavor of the Northside; that he joined his colleagues, Council Members Rodriguez and Costello, as well as the Mayor, in donating a collar for this year's "Collars for a Cause" event which benefited the spay/neuter assistance program, SNAP, that as they knew they had collaborated with SNAP to help tackle the Ferrell cat population in their district and he was supportive of their ongoing efforts. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Burks absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank TIRZ No. 7 and the Houston Public Library System, as well as the community, as they moved forward to be able to hopefully see a brand new library at the corner of OST and MLK; that on Saturday, April 14, 2012, would be the Sisters Network Third Annual National African American Breast Cancer 5K Walk/Run at Discovery Green, that as of to date they had over 5,000 people who had registered to attend the walk, that last year they had over 4,000 so they had exceeded their goal for this year; that she wanted some direction, there had been dozens and hundreds of dangerous buildings that were affected the City of Houston, both single family as well as multi family units and commercial, that as they moved closer to demolition day she would hope that they were effective in removing these dangerous buildings, that she did this because she wanted to prevent things from happening, that they made the front page of the newspaper because of a dangerous building that had been on the list for years, they found skeleton remains in the dangerous building, that it was a property in Third Ward that they had been advocating for removal, and she knew that Council Member Rodriguez did as well, that she commended Mayor Parker because she knew that last year they demolished over 300 buildings. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was glad that Council Member Adams brought up the dangerous buildings and demolition, that she shared the concern with her, that was why she created Demolition Day and in the last two years she knew they had demolished hundreds more properties than probably the decade before, that this had been a priority and they continued to focus on that, they did have a slight setback with changes in State Law because of a Supreme Court ruling, but they had refocused and were continuing Demolition Day, that the goal was not just to focus on one day a year and they did not, that obviously they did their demolition efforts year round, but to try to prevent the problems before they got to that state and that was the piece they had not yet achieved, they could tear down the properties that were already neighborhood nuisances but they were trying to capture them before, that she looked forward to continuing to work with Council Member Adams on this. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to comment that Ms. Katie, the Interim Director, that she thought she had been doing a wonderful job, that she wanted her team to look at 6019 Cadillac to see where that building was because the community was doing an outcry and had been concerned about this particular property for sometime, so if they could just give her an update to see where they were. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that it was his understanding that the staff of the Houston Ballet was in the process of inviting all of the City Council Members to visit their new facilities downtown; that he wanted to thank the three District Captains that he had in the HPD for District G, they had all welcomed him to their PIP meetings and to private meetings; that last night he attended the Briarbren Homeowners Association, off of Voss Road, that they had new streets, but did not have their sewer lines connected because everyone had not consented and they worked on that; that tomorrow he looked forward to attending the State of the City and hearing what Mayor Parker had to say; that he wanted to say a couple of words about the airport issue, that he certainly agreed with Council Members Bradford and Costello that they wanted to get all of the information out that they possibly could, that it was a very important issue for the City, that he was a little bit disappointed that Director Diaz had already issued his report just based upon his consultant and had not seen, as far as he knew, the reports of United or Southwest, that it seemed to be comprehensive he should have considered all of the evidence, plus input from the public, that he did not think they ought to rely on just what the consultants had to say about it. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were not in a hurry about this, they were going to take their time, but this was simply Mr. Diaz' s recommendation based on an independent consultants analysis, so it still remained for them to hear from Southwest and United, that respectfully it was not Mr. Diaz' s decision, it was Council' s decision, which was why his recommendation came to Council and it was up to them to hear from the citizens and they would be scheduling those meetings. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that last night he attended the Braeswood Place Annual HOA with Council Member Cohen, that they talked about the new streets that they would be receiving, that he went to the Corinthian Point HOA as well; that earlier this month he hosted a townhall community meeting in the Fort Bend Houston Community at the Richmond Community Center, that the public townhall meeting addressed ongoing challenges facing the Fort Bend Houston area as a follow up from a strategy meeting they held in January; that on April 16, 2012, the Lakes of Wild Cat Golf Club would have their Eleventh Annual Golf Tournament, that this was the largest fundraiser that benefited Westbury Christian School Athletic Association; that India House would host their Health Fair on April 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a blood drive from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; that on April 21, 2012, the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition would host a Spring Clean Up at Townwood Park, 344 Simmsbrook Drive; that on April 28, 2012, the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation would celebrate 20 years during an Evening with the Westbury Stars at the Braeburn Valley Country Club, the gala would award fifteen \$1,000 scholarships, to Westbury High School graduating seniors, that for reservations and table sponsoring and additional information they could call Rita Woodward at 713-774-5163. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that she wanted to thank everyone who showed up this past Saturday for the Iraq Veterans Welcome Home Parade, that she wanted to thank her staff for doing a wonderful job, that they had two veterans currently on staff, Staff Sergeant R. W. Bray, who served in the National Guard and Marine Sergeant Charles Prothro; that at the parade they honored Charles with a plaque thanking him and all veterans for their service to the

Country, that it was a great moment for the City of Houston, that she wanted to thank Susan Christian and Buddy Grantham and all of the citizens of the City of Houston who came out and made it such a wonderful event. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was glad that Council Member Brown enjoyed the parade. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that as to the airport issue and the meeting on Monday he just did not want Council to walk in under a state of illusion concerning what Mr. Diaz was going to say, that they knew what he was going to say because he had written it already and had publicly commented already, though it would have been proper for him to present it to Council and they not learn it from the media what his position and comments were going to be, that he wanted to see and hear the other side of the issue if that was going to be permitted or garnered elsewhere; that he wanted to thank State Representative Sylvester Turner, he and Council Member Jerry Davis joined with Sure Thing Incorporated and Ms. Cynthia Bailey in hosting an event at Hobart Taylor Park in Northeast Houston at 8100 Kendon Drive where hundreds of children came out and senior citizens came out and had a fun time at the park, that it was a kickoff celebration of Good Friday and Easter, that there were many underprivileged families in the City. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that Monday, April 16, 2012, was Patriots Day and was celebrated in the Boston area and it coincided with the Boston Marathon and their Finance Director, Kelly Dowe, would be running in the Boston Marathon in his pursuit to break 2 hours and 50 minutes, which was a sub 630 pace, that he wished him all the success. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to mention that and urged everyone to wish him well, that they had to be a really good marathon runner with good times in order to qualify for the Boston Marathon and Kelly was an excellent runner and they did wish him well. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that again she wanted to thank the Department of Neighborhoods for a wonderful cleanup, the Sunnyside Beautification Project and all of the organizations who came out this past Saturday to enhance the community, especially Keep Houston Beautiful; that she wanted to thank the City of Houston and Mayor Parker for the creation and idea of moving the parade forward, and also the Houston Astros for participating and hosting the game, that she, Mayor Parker, Council Members Burks, Gonzalez and Sullivan were in the stands along with other elected officials to be able to salute their veterans, and Susan Christian for all she continued to do, that it was a well attended event, that she wanted to give kudos to the Houston Astros for providing tickets to the veteran families, that she knew that Council Member Brown was there with her staff, who were dressed in their uniforms, that she wanted to thank the City for organizing this well deserved event for their veterans and welcoming them home; that she wanted to remind everyone of the 2012 Procurement Conference at the George R. Brown Convention Center and she would be there tomorrow to participate in the opening and she wanted to thank Helen Collier for her leadership in Chairing and the Young Professionals Procurement Conference attendees for doing what they could do to continue to bridge economic development and participation in business with the City; that she was not going to make a comment as to who was best, United or Southwest, but she was disappointed, and she respected Director Diaz on his vision, that whenever there was something hot on the agenda there had always been a practice of the directors coming and communicating with the Council Members about particular plans to pick their ideas and see any input that they wanted to provide, that she was very concerned because she was getting both

organizations to come meet with her about where they were going and she had not heard from the director concerning this particular idea. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Director Diaz was coming before the full Council next week but was going to be meeting individually with Council Members as well, that unfortunately because this was a hot lobbying issue they were preempted by United and Southwest flooding Council offices, that they had discussed it internally and she did not want to be driven by their schedule, she wanted to be driven by kind of a logical process, but absolutely point taken that it was unfortunate that they were hearing from teams of lobbyists before they heard from the director, but they were doing their due diligence inside and he would be meeting with individual Council Members; that she looked forward to seeing them on Saturday at the walk, they did not have to be African American or a woman to go to the Sisters Walk, that it would be her third year to do it. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

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Anna Russell, City Secretary