

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 5, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with 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. and; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 1:51 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that there were no presentations as the first item today was the public hearing for the upcoming City of Houston Budget and recognized Council Member Cohen who introduced Rabbi Mark Miller with Congregation of Beth Israel who led all in prayer and Council Member Cohen led all in the pledge. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

At 1:55 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

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

Mayor Parker stated that this had been a tough week for many, in reference last week there was the death of a long-term Legal Department employee, Mr. Randy Pourteau and unfortunately last week a Public Works employee, Mr. Charles Williams was lost in the line of duty; over the weekend there was the death of Mr. Larry Burkman who was very active in the Houston contracting community; and today were services for Ms. Margaret Robinson who served as a Council Member after her husband's death and was a pioneer in her own right; and for all of these Houstonians who made a difference in this city prayers and condolences were offered. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

HEARING - 1:30 P. M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 – was called; and at 1:57 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the speakers.

Council Member Sullivan stated that on a point of personal privilege he did not want to forget State Representative Ken Legler; and Mayor Parker asked all to take a moment of silence in his memory. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Ms. Tiffany Hogue, 7906 Braesview Lane, Houston, Texas (713-492-2788) appeared and stated that her message was heard earlier in the morning committee meeting, she was representing SCIU Local One, the Janitors Union, the city budget received 70% of its budget from property and sales tax and the real estate market played a large part with commercial property in the recession staying largely the same but many were appealing their tax appraisals and it was important they pay their fair share. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Members Noriega and Green, Ms. Hogue stated that she was representing the janitors in Houston and the money in the budget would be based on the growing market which was commercial real estate and they needed to pay what they should; and Mayor Parker stated that her issue was a long standing concern of hers and the previous administration, which was commercial and industrial property was valued much below its resale, unlike residential property, but the problem was there was no mandatory rendition in the State of

Texas and she hoped she would join with League of Cities and others in working with them in Austin. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Burks absent.

Mr. Hernan Trujillo, 6515 Hillcroft #125, Houston, Texas (713-772-9811) appeared and stated that he was representing Houston janitors who worked hard daily and whose contract had expired; that they have not been able to reach an agreement, they lived in poverty with wages of \$9,000 a year; that they were told they could not provide the wages asked for and they needed to take away their benefits which they competed for in the past. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Mr. Trujillo coming today; that there were no other speakers listed; and called on any other speakers present wanting to address the city budget; and Ms. Andrea Usanga appeared at the podium. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Ms. Andrea Usanga presented information and stated that she was director of Policy for Mental Health America of Greater Houston; that increased funding was needed for chronic consumer stabilization initiative, CCSI was a collaboration between HPD and the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County (MHMRA) helping connect individuals with services and support needed to become stable and productive members of society and her handout had numbers to show how important; and urged appropriation of \$121,675.00 to allow two more case managers which would serve 30 to 40 more individuals. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Ms. Usanga stated that her packet had stories of how there was contact with law enforcement, hospitalization, etc., which was a significant drain on law enforcement resources; and Mayor Parker stated that she and Council Member Gonzalez strongly supported this program and they did intend to continue to fund it and would evaluate the appropriate staffing levels as money was available. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

With there being no other speakers present Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0402 ADOPTED.

Council Member Brown moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Dylan Emmerson to the top of the three minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Davis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0403 ADOPTED.

At 2:11 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent.

Senator Rodney Ellis, 440 Louisiana #575, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-236-0306) appeared, presented information, spoke in favor of Agenda Item 14; and of those who were sentenced for years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Member Rodriguez thanked Senator Ellis for his help with his second cousin George Rodriguez and allowed him to continue; and Senator Ellis stated that the Bromwich Report suggested an independent crime lab; and urged support of that item. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that the city had made strides with their crime lab and reached an accreditation, but felt they could do better; and upon questions, Senator Ellis stated

that it was important to have the independence of checks and balances. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that constituents told her independence was important to them; that then maybe their sons could get a fair shake; that good science was just and justice was fair and that was what they wanted; and she was pleased they were moving toward a resolution, but disappointed the county was not coming to the table. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Senator Rodney Ellis, seconded by Council Member Noriega. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0404 ADOPTED.

Council Member Cohen thanked Senator Ellis for all he was doing particularly in the area of protecting the innocent. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Senator Ellis stated that combining with Harris County was a good concept, but the independence was important. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that a fair shake started with information given to you and an independent lab would be able to make sure the data was definitely accurate and it would go a long way for justice and the perception of justice. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Burks and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Senator Ellis stated that science was changing quickly and new techniques were coming to solve crimes and the more science the better; that independence was so important in proving the checks and balances. Council Members Davis, Burks and Noriega absent.

Representative Sylvester Turner, P. O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768 (512-463-0554) appeared, spoke in favor of Agenda Item 14 and stated that this was an important structural change and the structure being set was one the county could join in with eventually; that society could better accept the end result if they appreciated the process; and urged a yes vote. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Members Gonzalez, Noriega, Davis and Pennington thanked Representative Turner for his leadership, support and wise words. Council Member Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Representative Turner stated that the issue of the judicial system impacted everyone and the model the city was creating today was a structure fluid enough that once others saw it worked the county could join in, it was not just unique to the city and all could join in partnership from the state down. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Representative Sylvester Turner, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0405 ADOPTED.

Council Member Cohen stated that she knew how much he cared and thanked him for his support and all he had done. Council Members Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Ms. Jannell Robles, 5760 Cullen Blvd., Houston, Texas 77021 (832-816-1620) appeared,

presented information, spoke in favor of Agenda Item 14 and stated that she was present on behalf of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition as they strongly supported the independent crime lab and believed it would maintain integrity of the evidence and improve scientific analysis. Council Members Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker and Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Robles for coming and being an advocate in supporting the independent lab, etc. Council Members Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Andrea Usanga, 2211 Norfolk #810, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-520-3470) appeared and spoke in the Budget Hearing and was not recalled. Council Members Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. Dylan Emerson, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that he was a Boy Scout with Troop 604 currently working on his Citizenship Merit Badge; thanked Council Member Brown for her time earlier today and answering his questions; and thanked the Mayor and Council for the service to the city; and that he would like to know how to better serve his community; and completed his statement by quoting the Scout Oath and Law. Council Members Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that if he wanted to be involved she would suggest he check the city's volunteer website; that they did always have a good contingent of scouts who participated in their public activities and she hoped he would join in the future. Council Members Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Brown thanked Mr. Emerson for calling her office and for coming down; and she had appreciated his questions earlier. Council Members Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Adams, Laster and Pennington thanked Mr. Emerson for coming and being a part of the process. Council Members Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Thelma Scott, 15331 Kuykendahl Villa #1201, Houston, Texas 77090 (832-487-5848) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Ms. Rachel Nava, 301 Wells Fargo Drive, Houston, Texas 77090 (832-352-5203) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Mr. Richard Latter, 13644 Tomball Parkway, Houston, Texas 77086 (832-272-5874) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Miss Giselle Phalo, 3602 Daphne, Houston, Texas 77021 (832-373-4850) appeared, presented information and stated that she was a senior with Carnegie Vanguard High School present regarding the problem in Fourth Ward regarding Freedmen's Town historic brick streets which were laid and paid for by emancipated slaves and their descendents in 1913; that removing those streets was removing a part of history which could not be replaced and the national register value would be destroyed. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Miss Phalo for coming and raising the issue; that she wanted to be

clear they were not doing away with the streets they consulted with other cities with historic brick streets on how they preserved them and the bricks would be carefully lifted, a concrete base put down and bricks replaced in the herringbone pattern in which they were found today; that the life of the bricks would be extended and they would still be historically accurate but it would allow better access to utilities underneath and keep them for years into the future. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Christie absent.

Council Members Noriega, Brown and Cohen thanked Miss Phalo for coming and for her information; Council Member Cohen stated that she was Council Member for the district and she could contact her office to be engaged; and Mayor Parker stated that they were discussing putting together a youth core to help when replacing the bricks, particularly they would like descendents of the original Freedmen's Town residents, but they discussed a larger youth volunteer group to help and she would appreciate the opportunity to speak with her and her follow students about participating. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Christie absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Miss Giselle Phalo, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Christie absent. MOTION 2012-0406 ADOPTED.

Council Member Burks stated that he may be put in the hospital tomorrow but would be present in the morning to vote on Agenda Item 14 as it was extremely important; and he appreciated Miss Phalo's support for Freedmen's Town. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Christie absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that because of redistricting Freedmen's Town was moved out of his district, but he wanted to commend her for being present; that they had held several town hall meetings on preserving the bricks and there was overwhelming support for their preservation and infrastructure improvements. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Christie absent.

Miss Phalo stated that to claim historical significance 75% had to be historic and she was afraid if the concrete was laid technically the history was being destroyed and she wanted to make sure once the concrete was laid the bricks would be replaced, they had been put down in a special pattern and it could not be easily duplicated, in the past when pulled up they were not replaced correctly and some were taken; and Mayor Parker stated that she would hate that to happen as well, she was a preservationist and this was researched extensively and the goal was to save every brick and to correct some problems in the past. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Ms. Clenetra Woods-Dickson, 7202 Avon Park, Houston, Texas 77083 (832-378-2263) appeared and stated that she was present as she fell in a water hole on Old Spanish Trail and she dialed 311 because safety was her concern, it happened April third and now today June sixth the hole was still there; that she was offered \$50.00 and she lost half her nail and scraped her toes, but she was not worried about that she wanted the problem fixed, she was told they could not walk around the city and see if every meter was safe. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Gary Norman with Public works was present and she would like him to find out when she called 311 and what happened to the request and the name of the person she spoke with as it was an inadequate and inappropriate response; and Ms. Dickson could speak with him at this time. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Ms. Pauline Cheatham, 2307 Stevens, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-716-1915) appeared and stated that her concern was about property at 2311 and 2313 Stevens, zip code 77026 in District B as she called many times about it, it was a health hazard and she wanted to see what could be done; that she appreciated the houses torn down, but where they attempted to tear one down at the corner of Stevens and Campbell still had debris. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Landon Taylor with the Department of Neighborhoods was present and she could visit with him at this time and they would get the address and start the Neighborhood Protection process. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis thanked Ms. Taylor for coming and stated that Mr. Bryce Martin in his office was present and would speak with her as well and they would try and contact the lot owners. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Burks and Noriega absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 appeared and stated that she was having problems; that ADT Security was breaking in her home with a key and she discussed her problems with ADT, cameras they installed and HPD not giving her records to her; and their community needed police who loved people. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that his staff would try and sit with HPD in the area and see if they as in her words could show a little bit more love and better serve her community. Mayor Parker, Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Christopher Parker, 4102 Weslow, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-401-9071) appeared and stated that he was from the Crisis Living Center and they were present previously when Council Member Bradford remembered an 18 wheeler driver who had caused much havoc in the city previously but was now reformed; that today he was present with others and they put together a Road To Recovery Fund Raiser and he was inviting all to come out and hear life changing testimonies and be introduced to their unique five star program; that their motto was "the darker the times, the more we shine" because men like him who came out of the darkness were there offering intervention; that they had asked for a facility, a vacant library, in Council Member Green's district. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christie wished Mr. Parker well; and upon questions, Mr. Parker stated that his executive director was in a program 23 years ago and was clean and sober now 23 years and he was a mentor; that people who had been in the fire they used and the library could continue being a place of learning and they could save the city money by keeping people from offending again. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mr. Parker stated that their fund raiser would be held at the River Oaks Theater, 2009 West Gray, Thursday, June 21st, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; that all was sent an invitation to their office and he would email again. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Ms. Dee Allen, no address given (713-909-0559) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mr. Daniel B. Barnum, 3701 Kirby Drive #1166, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-621-7581) appeared, presented information and stated that he was an architect and planner, board chair of Houston Tomorrow, cofounder of Midtown Redevelopment richmondrail.org, and advocate for transit; that he was present regarding general mobility program funds being taken from METRO's 1% sales tax income which was shared with Houston and municipalities; that he was asking Houston take the lead in giving those funds back to METRO in late 2014 when the current program expired so they could provide a good rail system. Council Members Brown, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mr. Barnum stated that his chart showed Houston way behind in the number of light rail systems which was a big magnet drawing the creative class and it should be an embarrassment to all; and from a newspaper article it was his understanding one proposal was that METRO would cap the rate in 2014 and the overage go to the city, but also he understood METRO had not decided on the wording of the referendum and it was his standing the tax be spent on transit. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Laster thanked Mr. Barnum for coming and for his leadership in the Midtown Area. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would like to see Houston with a more extensive rail system, but at least one former member of Congress and a current member of Congress for this area considered it a badge of honor that Houston was at the bottom of the pack and that was one reason they were at the bottom. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mr. David Crossley, 3015 Richmond Avenue #201, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-523-5757) appeared, presented information and stated that he was president of Houston Tomorrow where there vision was in 2036 when Houston was 200 years old and home to the healthiest, happiest and most prosperous people in the U. S.; that they read in the Controller's report the city lost population and they thought it was a mistake the census made and worrisome; that most of the growth in the region was outside the city because of a longtime policy directing money for transportation facilities outside the city; that there were three remedies which included funding the grand parkway which he discussed. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the City of Houston did not lose population, they reset the population estimate based on an adjustment after the most recent census; that whether they believed it was undercounted or not they had been using estimates and adjusted to the actual count. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he supported a robust light rail system, but until then others wanted bus routes, shelters, etc., to adequately serve; and upon questions, Mr. Crossley stated that what he talked about was crucial, there was substantial increase in rider ship by just putting a bus shelter, but he did not believe bus stops were needed in almost every block. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that his soapbox was the doughnut versus the doughnut hole and the investment within the doughnut hole; that if they did not support a vibrant doughnut hole

and dollars only supported the doughnut then they would all fall; that he commended Houston Tomorrow on their work, but there were no studies on neighborhoods within the Beltway such as Westbury, Sunnyside, etc., and he concurred with them on how to move forward, but the entire city needed to be looked at in the analysis; and Mr. Crossley stated that they researched areas the light rail system would touch because it was out there and that was 65 neighborhoods which would have transit service and that was more than any city in the U. S. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christie absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Pennington thanked Mr. Crossley and Mr. Barnum for being present and the work done; that the census confirmed the city was not getting their fair share of the new population growth and jobs and he was concerned. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christie absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, Houston, Texas 77050 (281-449-5232) appeared and stated that she was present as the only pool which serviced the handicap was at West Gray and at that multi service center the handicap were no longer being serviced well as classes, etc., were being cut and the pool closed for no reason; and she wanted to know what happened to the grant money and why they were not promoting from within. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Murray for coming and stated that he was not familiar with the issues there but she brought awareness and it would be looked into; that Council did recently approve additional equipment so they could provide access to those with disabilities to the pools and they were moving in the right direction to comply with the American Disabilities Act. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Ms. Linder Gatterson, did not wish to give address or phone number, appeared and stated that to Council Member Davis she was a resident of the Acres Homes community and a laid off HPD employee and he said he was working for citizens in the communities and he could now put words into action; that she had been laid off since July 20, 2011, and did all possible to get her job back and now she was coming to him for help. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was her understanding she was a victim of the general layoff done in HPD and they had not replaced those employees. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that they met previously and he did remember her; that he took her information, but her layoff was a part of the general layoff; and Ms. Gatterson stated that was true, but some from that layoff had positions now elsewhere and did not have the tenure she did; and Council Member Davis stated that he would go back and get more information and he or someone in his office would get back with her. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joseph Tirado, 213 Stratford, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-282-6532) appeared and stated that he was a volunteer for HPD; that he was a consultant and owned real estate, he had a 36 unit property and was concerned as tenants who did not pay rent he had to evict and had to pay the water bill; that he was told they could no longer accept partial payments and their policy was a concern that he wished they would think about and take others into consideration. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they did work out payment plans for nonpayment of water bills,

they were less accommodating for properties where someone was trying to make a profit and they were in an aggressive enforcement mode as many landowners or multifamily unit owners were seriously in arrears; that Mr. Gary Norman was present and he could be put on a payment plan. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mr. Sammie Jones, 3325 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-733-9820) appeared and stated that he was troubled by this government body; that Council Member Bradford, former Police Chief, heard him many times about having trouble receiving his property back from HPD and he had said nothing to help; that he tried to set up a meeting with Mayor Parker and never received word if she would meet with him; that he also had been dealing with a problem with his neighbor at 3321 Airport Boulevard, they were parking on his driveway, etc., and he had called HPD almost a year. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this session was opportunity for him to seek the address of his concerns, but investigation had to be done on merits of any claims and he could speak with the HPD sergeant present. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Ms. Hattie Morgan, 2828 Collingsworth, Houston, Texas 77026 (832-405-6855) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was present because of assassination attempts; and continued expressing his personal concerns until his time expired. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rockey Nook Drive, Humble, Texas 77396 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

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

At 3:47 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2012. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6, 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 9:04 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they had a busy agenda today, that it was the Monthly Operations and Financial Report day and also a Mayor's Report to follow, and recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a point of order. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 2 through 6 and Item No. 14 out of order after the Monthly Operations and Financial Report,

seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. MOTION 2012-0407 ADOPTED.

9:00 A.M. - REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds – was presented. Council Members Adams, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Mr. Chris Brown, Chief Deputy City Controller, and Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance. Council Members Adams, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Kelly reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review. Council Members Adams, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. MOTION 2012-0408 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **AUTOMOTIVE BOARD** for one-year terms:
Position One - **MR. JERRY M. SUTTON**
Position Two - **MR. RYAN WINKELMANN**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0409 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. KIM TUTCHER**, to Position Ten of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY (Formerly HOUSTON READ COMMISSION)**, for a term to expire January 1, 2015 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0410 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just confirmed Ms. Kim Tutcher to the Houston Center for Literacy and asked that she come forward to the podium, that it was formally the Houston Read Commission, and stated that they wanted to welcome her on board, that Council Members were always very excited about what was going on at the Houston Read Commission and they understood how important it was and they appreciated her willingness to serve. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank her for her volunteering. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ZOO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:
Position Three - **MS. SYLVIA ANN MAYER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014
Position Five - **MR. TONY CHASE**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 6/30/2013
Position Seven - **MR. STEPHEN M. KAUFMAN**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014

Position Nine - **MS. SUZANNE NIMOCKS**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014, and to serve as Chair for a year to commence 7/1/2012

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0411 ADOPTED.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**:

Position Three - **MR. ROBERT D. SELLINGSLOH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2012; and to serve as Chair

Position Four - **MS. PAMELA NGO TRANPARK**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2012

Position Five - **MR. DERRICK M. MITCHELL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2012

Position Six - **MR. ABE S. GOREN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2013

Position Seven - **MR. BILLY J. BRISCOE**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2013

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0412 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they just affirmed the appointments of the Houston Zoo Development Board and the Board of Directors of the Midtown Redevelopment Authority, that she did not believe that any of those nominees were present but wanted to give them a chance to be recognized. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. J. BRADLEY SPALDING**, to Position Three, on the **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION and the POLICE OFFICERS' and the FIRE FIGHTERS' CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**, for a three year term to commence on 6/15/2012 and to expire on 6/14/2015 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0413 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they just confirmed the nomination of Mr. Bradley Spalding to the Civil Service Commission and the Police Officers; and Fire Fighters' Civil Service Commission and asked that he come forward to the podium and stated that they appreciated his willingness to serve, that hopefully he would not have a lot of work, but when he did have work it meant that it was very important to the City and to the rights of their City employees. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mr. Spalding stated that he appreciated the opportunity and hoped to continue the good work of the commission, and Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank him very much for his service. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

14. RESOLUTION authorizing the City's creation of **HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE LGC, INC, a Local Government Corporation**, approving the certificate of formation – was presented. Council Members Adams, Burks and Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to make sure that everyone in the Chamber understood that nothing they did today in any way impinged on their ability to have a merged entity in the future. Council Member Burks absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Adams stated that she knew they talked about the \$23 million that was currently in HPDs Budget that would hopefully be transferred over for the operation of the future independent forensic lab, would the \$23 million be ongoing, would it every year be placed into HPDs Budget and then every year they would have to transfer it over, and Mayor Parker stated that the answer was, yes they would, but rather than putting the money into the Police Department Budget and then the Police Department Budget would be tapped for this the independent Forensic Center would submit an annual budget to the City of Houston, similarly to what Houston First did, that they would have much more control over this, they would submit their budget to the City and one would hope that over time they would be able to run it in a more efficient manner, that as they achieved some consolidation with other entities that they might have other funding sources, but they would submit an annual budget and it would be funded by a vote of Council on an annual basis, but they anticipated that it would be at least what they were putting in now for the initial years, that currently they did not give Houston First a budget every year, and Mayor Parker stated no because they had a separate funding source, but they did submit their budgets to the City for approval, that once the Forensic Center became established they would be funding them every year, they would submit a budget to the City on which they would vote, that budget might be more than \$23 million or less than \$23 million, but they would submit a budget and it would come from the General Fund, that the would be funding the Independent Forensic Lab. Council Members Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Upon further questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Feldman stated that the ultimate goal was that the financing would be on a fee for service model, so as this lab became regional and entered into agreements with various Cities and Counties to do it's work and charges on a fee for service basis, like a certain amount for a toxicology or DNA test, that the same would eventually happen in terms of the relationship between the corporation and the City of Houston where the City of Houston would also be on a fee for service basis, so that ultimately what ever number of years it would take the corporation would be independently funded by the performance of it's own service. Council Members Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Upon further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this step was contemplated in the last contract and she personally wanted to thank Ray Hunt and HPOU for their willingness to work with them long before they ever got to this point with the realization that some day they would need an independent crime lab because it did impact employees of the Police Department that were part of the bargaining unit and they stepped up and did the right thing very early on and she appreciated it. Council Member Davis absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Bradford stated, for the record, that he had heard a commentary about how the evidence was handled and not been handled and who should do it or not do it, that evidence did not belong to the police, the prosecutors or the defense, it speaks for itself and there was a very serious problem in the criminal justice today and a lot of it had to do with how forensic evidence had not been handled properly across America and there were a lot of reasons for that, but he did not want to mislead anyone today, that what they were doing today, with the LGC, was not going to fix the problems on the ground in the crime lab, that as an example the LGC was not going to pass today, or whenever, and those sexual assaults kits were going to just get examined, it was not going to happen, that the competency issues that were there the LGC was not going to fix that, that the lack of proper equipment the LGC implementation was not going to fix that, that there was a lot of work that needed to be done, that the LGC was a vehicle that could be utilized to do some of

the things to bring back the public trust that was much needed, that as an example proper oversight, that police chiefs across America, that was not their background, they were not properly educated to provide the proper oversight over forensic centers, that was not what they were trained or educated to do, that the LGC brought the proper skill sets to the table to provide proper oversight to insure that things such as proper resources could be garnered in that there was no longer a need to compete for resources within a high profile organization, that the proper training could be in place, that the public trust was rebuilt, that ideally and truly they did want to have a laboratory that was a combined operation with Harris County, that was the goal, that he would say today that if at some point down the road the County and the City did not come together they failed the community, but today he thought that to not move forward and approve the LGC would not serve the citizens of Houston and their best interest, that they had an obligation and a duty to do what they could to insure that citizens in Houston, Harris County, Texas and across America commence to rebuild the trust that they had in the criminal justice process across America, that those of them in the business for decades had a major concern that across America and Houston was no different, but a larger number of people were losing trust in their criminal justice system and that was not good, that the officers were doing, in his view, an exemplary job out there; that there were some great people that were being nominated for these positions and he intended to support each one of them because they bring the skill sets to the table, so he would encourage them to move forward on this, but however the goal must be to consolidate with the County, if they did not do that down the road they failed the citizens of Harris County, Texas and Houston. Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 14. Council Members Brown and Christi voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0017 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that a number of the LGC Board Members were present in the Chamber and she would like for them to come forward so that she could introduce them to the public, that seven of the nine board members were present, newly selected Chairman, Mr. Scott Hochberg, Dr. Enrique (Rick) Barrera, Ms. Nicole Casarez, Ms. Catherine (Cathy) Lamboley, Judge Willie Blackmon, Ms. Marcia Johnson and Ms. Sandra Guerra Thompson; that the two other board members, Ms. Donna Fujimoto Cole and Mr. Art Contreras, could not be with them this morning, that this was an amazingly talented, experienced and committed board, that in fact, in her and the City Attorney's meetings with them they kept emphasizing how much work there was to do, to Council Member Bradford's point, and she had to say that they were all intrigued and eager and she and Representative Hochberg spent a good bit of a Rice Baseball game side by side together working out what needed to be done, that she appreciated everyone's willingness to serve. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Members Gonzalez, Noriega, Adams, Cohen, Hoang, Bradford, Pennington and Green congratulated the members of the newly created Houston Forensic Science LGC Board, Inc. and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a number of lawyers, but they had people who were passionate about the issue, that in addition to the experts in Criminal Justice they had scientists and business people, that the Crime Lab had to be about justice, but it also had to function as a high level lab and it had to function in a way that made business sense as well and they assembled a range of expertise in the board, and again, the work had only just started but she was thrilled that so many of them said "yes", that in fact no one that she had approached to serve said "no" but they spent a lot of time, she and the City Attorney, talking to people and searching out folks who either already had a track record on the issue, Ms. Thompson, or people who could fill in gaps in what they were trying to do, that she had never met Dr. Barrera before, that she did not know Dr. Barrera but his willingness to think about something that was

not really in his wheelhouse but for who he could really add value was exciting, that again she wanted to thank each and every one of them, whether she mentioned them by name today or not, for stepping up and doing something that was for the long term future, not just the City of Houston, but they thought they could set a National model. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the next item would be a Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Criminal Justice Infrastructure Plan

Mayor Parker stated that Council Members may think that they had done so many hard things over the last couple of years, they had taken care of most of the long standing problems that existed in the City of Houston and unfortunately they would be wrong, there were always challenges in a big City, but there remained a number of long standing, seemingly intractable issues, and unfortunately several of those issues had involved the Houston Police Department, one being the Crime Lab, which they had taken a step forward, although they clearly had not solved, another that they had discussed over time was the City Jail, the need for a joint booking facility, they took a big step forward on that with the creation of the Sobering Center, the idea of taking people out of the head count in their jail and begin to reduce the population and rethink how they do things, but the Houston Police Department was a critical part of the City, and in fact the largest part of the City budget and their facilities needs were something that they still needed to address, that as every Council Member knew they were putting the final edits on a facility assessment and look at the infrastructure needs of the City, that she would be coming to Council shortly with a proposal for how they fund their CIP going forward, but there some facilities that needed to be looked at as a stand alone, not just folded into the over all Capital Projects Plan for the City either, because they were so massive or so critical to the needs of the City, that what they were going to be presented by Chief Kirk Munden of the Houston Police Department, as he went through a presentation on their existing Police Headquarters and their current Criminal Justice Facilities, was sad and frustrating and they could do better for their police employees in the working conditions that they had, and Mayor Parker recognized Chief Munden. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Executive Assistant Chief of Police Kirk Munden and Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance, reviewed a presentation entitled "Criminal Justice Infrastructure Projects: Existing Facilities and Next Steps", a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office for review. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as she had said in the outset, like the Crime Lab and the jail, the physical buildings that housed the Police Department, the deterioration of those facilities did not happen over night and was not going to be solved over night, but they had been moving on what to do with these problems for some time, that as was indicated the White Administration had an awareness of the problem and put together a planning group or envisioning group, that she did not know what the term would be as to the needs of the Police Department, that she wanted to emphasize that they already had a Criminal Justice Campus, it had the Municipal Courts, the Jail, the Riesner facility and a lot of other things, with the 1200 Travis Building with an out layer from the current Criminal Justice Campus, that they, as a step in moving toward a consolidated campus again, worked out an arrangement with the Houston Police Officers Pension System to make it easier to market the 1200 Travis facility and to give them a little breathing space in some very difficult budgets and literally to prevent the layoff of any classified personnel in the City, and again she wanted to thank them for working with them, but they all clearly understood when they went into this that 1200 Travis was not in the long term best interest of the Police Department or the City to maintain it as a Police Headquarters and the goal was to leverage that asset to do what they needed to do for their officers, that part of their

agreement with HPOP was that they would market it this year and they took all necessary steps to move it on the market, there was a great deal of interest, but what they did with the revenue from the sale of 1200 Travis was what they needed to contemplate now and the reason they were giving this background information was so when the item for a contract with First Southwest came forward was that they could understand the overall context of what they were going to be doing, that if they sold the building tomorrow they would still have to occupy the building until there was an alternative, so when they heard the phrase "sale lease back" that was what they were talking about, selling the building, getting capital, but leased back to them so that they could continue to occupy the facility while they used the revenue for the long term replacement, that all they had to look down the column of year built on all of the police facilities and just the repair costs, that now they had the data on the repair costs, was \$55 million, that they again understood the need and wanted to make sure that everybody knew that they were not ignoring the problem, but they had to move to a long term solution for the problem, which may involve alternative financing of the replacement facility and these items were not in the current CIP that they had all examined, that these were add-on's and how would they pay for it. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that as to 1200 Travis, they had to maintain the property in terms of life safety hazards and they would do that, that it was not their intention to make major upgrades to the property, and Chief Munden stated that they had taken some steps to improve security for visitors and officers coming to the building but beyond that they were just trying to maintain the building so that they could continue to occupy it. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Upon further questions by Council Members, Mr. Dowe stated that there was an estimate done as part of the HPOP Agreement, and Mr. Feldman stated that his recollection at the time they did the HPOP Agreement the value was considered to be between \$60 million and \$70 million, that if had to lease back it would actually increase, the value actually went up if they had an occupant paying a lease on the property. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that for the benefit of the public, they were moving forward on the joint processing facility and that was part of the jail complex that was voted down by the voters the last time the County had a bond election, so it kind of put the City back to square one, the County ultimately had the responsibility of taking most of their prisoners and they were doing what they could to reduce their headcount to make it easier for them to accommodate the prisoners, but she wanted to address something that despite what they may have seen in a recent newspaper article that said that the City did not coordinate with Harris County, they operated joint parks, libraries and coordinated very closely with the Health Departments and had done a really excellent job over the last few years of shifting responsibilities and dollars, because the dollars went with the responsibilities, with the Harris County Health Department, their Housing Authorities and the Housing Departments, that because of the change in leadership recently their meetings and beginning to work out some joint activities, so they coordinated very well, that these were extremely big ticket items and she did not have any doubt that they would eventually get to a joint processing facility where, as she liked to say, and said on a regular basis, they were going to get out of the jail business, that they would still have to have holding cells, they would have to have short term cells in fairly substantial numbers but not to operate a long term jail facility, and asked Chief Munden when did they close the P-Farm and Chief Munden stated that he believed the early 1990s, and Mayor Parker stated that they had been making concrete steps to get out of the jail business for some time. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

After further discussion and questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that they were moving on two fronts, one, what resources did they have to bring to bear on this, that they

were trying to determine what they could get from the 1200 Travis site, if they were to either use the existing Riesner Complex or to sell the existing Riesner Complex what was available, that a design that had to go on the existing Riesner Complex might look very different from a greenfield design where they would go out and buy several hundred acres, that the Police Department, back in 2008, had it's initial planning session, they generally knew approximately what they would need to accommodate what aspect of the Police Department, the space planning needs, they wanted to refine that and bring those two forward together so when they came back to Council they would be able to say what they could or should build and these were their options if they chose not to use the existing complex, that these were what their other options were and put the two together, that they were doing both at the same time. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Gonzalez thanked Chief Munden and Mr. Dowe for their presentation, and Mayor Parker stated that they would move back to the consent agenda. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 31

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 7 through 8A

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Timothy E. Buscha, on behalf of Frederick and Jane McCord, for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, located in Lot 10, Tract 11A, and Tract 12A, Block 30, River Oaks Addition, Section Five, Parcels SY12-052 and SY12-090 - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0414 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering **TO RESCIND MOTION 2007-1100, 11/7/07, and APPROVE** a new motion declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of various portions of streets and alleys, all located within the Institute Place Addition, out of the P. W. Rose Survey, A-645, Parcels SY12-067A through W **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0415 ADOPTED.
- 8a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering **TO RESCIND MOTION 2007-1100, 11/7/07, and APPROVE** a new motion for the abandonment and sale of various portions of streets and alleys, in exchange for conveyance to the City of right-of-way for and construction of the realignment of Hepburn Street and Pawnee Street, all located within the Institute Place Addition, out of the P. W. Rose Survey, A-645, Parcels SY12-049A through J, SY12-050A through B, and AY12-087A through D - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0416 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 through 13

9. **INX, LLC** for Cisco Network Equipment through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Airport System - \$376,853.11 - Enterprise Fund – was

presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0417 ADOPTED.

10. ORDINANCE appropriating \$93,105.60 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Fiberglass Buildings for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0524 ADOPTED.
- 10a. **E CONTRACTORS USA, LLC** for Fiberglass Buildings through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Harris County Department of Education for Department of Public Works & Engineering – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0418 ADOPTED.
11. **AMEND MOTION #2007-612, 6/20/07, TO EXTEND** the term from June 26, 2012 to June 25, 2015 for Chemical, Sodium Hypochlorite for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **ALTIVIA CORPORATION** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0419 ADOPTED.
13. APPROVE spending authority for Emergency Filter Repair Services at the Northeast Water Purification Plant for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **HARTWELL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION** - \$311,190.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0420 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 18 through 31

18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$80,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Fund for the Refurbishment of the Video Arraignment System for the Municipal Courts Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0525 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 2.7472 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 220**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0526 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **QUALITY TOWER SERVICES, LTD.** for Repair & Maintenance Services for Communications Towers for the Information Technology Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$95,309.38 General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0527 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE awarding sole source contract to **GE INTELLIGENT PLATFORMS, INC.** for Human Machine Interface Software and Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$1,385,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0528 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,708,083.69 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$503,107.38 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **JFT CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 446A; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0529 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,021,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Almeda Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Processing Facility Improvements Package 2; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0530 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0460, passed second reading May 30, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **JOSE PULIDO dba PULIDO TRUCKING L.P., A Texas Limited Partnership**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0460 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
31. ORDINANCE No. 2012-0461, passed second reading May 30, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **PAMELA BUSSEY dba 1ST CHOICE GREASE SERVICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0461 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

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12. APPROVE spending authority for Emergency Replacement of the Pakscan System at the Northeast Water Purification Plant for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, INC** - \$170,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0421 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

15. RESOLUTION designating the **H. GEORGE SCHNEIDER HOUSE** located at 3434 Del Monte Drive and the **BIRDSALL P. BRISCOE HOUSE** located at 1829 Sharp Place and the **JOHN F. STAUB HOUSE** located at 3511 Del Monte Drive within the City of Houston as historic landmarks **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0018 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC**, to provide \$507,750.51 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of A Friendly Haven and the Help House, two community residences, along with the provision of supportive services – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC**, to provide \$467,804.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of the Bures Street Apartments and Chupik House, two community residences, along with the provision of supportive services – was presented. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that on Item No. 16, as well as Item No. 17, they were for AIDS Foundation Houston to be able to provide funding for housing opportunities for persons with AIDS, that she wanted to commend those organizations for stepping forward and wanting to help with this particular population and would ask her colleagues to support these items as well because they came before the committee and they knew that this particular disease was moving rapid. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that referencing discussion that had come up previously this was a situation where they knew who owned all of these properties and exactly where they were located. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that she would tag Item No. 17. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

22. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOWARD TREY RON DISTRIBUTORS, INC** for Ice Machine Rental Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,234,665.60 - General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Costello. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the acceptance of the artworks of **Cosmonaut Y. A. Gagarin** and **Astronaut John Glenn** into the City Art Collection to be located at Gragg Park, Headquarters of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0531 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **CITY OF SAN ANTONIO** to Support the SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0532 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams stated that she had a question on Item No. 24 concerning the roof tops solar, how were citizens going to be able to apply for this if they wanted to have solars on top of their houses, and Mayor Parker stated that it was not related directly to this, but would ask Ms. Spanjian to come and visit with her. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this was a good collaboration opportunity between City Antonio, the leading City on this, and also with Austin, who would be joining this initiative as well, that he believed they were moving in the right direction by making more accessible alternative types of energy, making solar electricity more affordable for companies who would translate it into solar energy becoming more readily available to Houston citizens, that diversifying their source of energy would allow them to take some stress off of their power grid and those who had been reading up on it knew they were anticipating some major stresses on their State power grid, so he thought allowing more opportunities for citizens and businesses to take part in these type of initiatives were a good thing. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$140,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for the City Wide Roof Consulting Services Task Order Contract between the City of Houston and **BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSULTANTS, LLC** for Various City Departments; amending Ordinance No. 2008-0890 to increase the maximum contract amount **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0533 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$699,025.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BROWN REYNOLDS WATFORD ARCHITECTS, INC** for Design and Construction Phase Services for the New Fire Station 84; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0534 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,098,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Jadewood Lift Station Replacement; 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 A - BROWN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0535 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 32

MISCELLANEOUS

32. RECEIVE nominations for appointments or reappointments to Positions 19 and 22 on the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY (Formerly HOUSTON READ COMMISSION)**, for three-year staggered terms – was presented. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would like to nominate Ms. Adriana Tamez for reappointment to the Houston Center for Literacy (formerly Houston Read Commission), Position 19, and Mayor Parker stated that she believed that Council Members had that in writing before them. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he would like to nominate Ms. Shelli Lindley for appointment to Position 22 of the Houston Center for Literacy (formerly Houston Read Commission), and had also routed around her bio.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close nominations for Positions 19 and 22 of the Houston Center for Literacy (formerly Houston Read Commission), seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0422 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 33 through 35

33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, LP** for the development, construction and operation of a Commercial and Industrial Development - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS – (This was Item 27 on Agenda of May 30, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0536 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$90,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund; \$40,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund for Professional Environmental Consulting Services Task Order Program – **(This was Item 48 on Agenda of May 30, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0537 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,445,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.**, for Northeast Water Purification Plant Improvements - Sedimentation Basin Sludge Collector Replacements; 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 – (This was Item 66 on Agenda of May 30, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0538 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank all of the community members that participated in last weekend's second annual Mock Disaster Drill in Independence Heights, that the Community Emergency Response Team was able to put their training to use and handled the mock disaster with ease, that he wanted to thank all who made this important exercise possible; that this weekend the City would welcome the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association for their annual convention which would take place at Reliant Park, that this was the first time that Houston had hosted the convention since 1974 and they were excited to welcome the brave first responders back; that today's vote to create the Houston Forensic Science LGC, Agenda Item No. 14, was an important step to creating a truly independent crime lab for their region; that he would like to offer a warm welcome from the City to the San Antonio

Mayor, Julian Castro, Senator Wendy Davis and the many other elected officials from throughout the State who would be in town, spending money in the local economy, for this weekend's Texas Democratic Party State Convention at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams announced the following events: that on May 31, 2012 she and Council Member Gonzalez attended Leadership Houston, they were Class No. 30 and would be graduating next week; that on June 2, 2012 she had the opportunity, along with State Representative Boris Miles, to do the ribbon cutting for the Marva Jenkins Park, formerly known as the Scottcrest Park, that she wanted to thank Joe Turner, Parks Department, and the wonderful staff for moving this forward and wanted to thank her colleague for voting on the name change; that on Sunday, June 3, 2012, was the official founding date of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, which was founded in 1962, that she celebrated with Pastor Marcus D. Cosby and Pastor William Lawson at the Reliant Arena; that on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. for those who lived in the Southeast Community the Southeast Coalition of Civic Clubs would have a representative from HEB to discuss the possible solution of food deserts in the neighborhood, that they would discuss the Joe V's in the area, that the meeting would be held at the Houston Community College at the Willie Lee Gay Hall on Airport and Highway 288; that this coming Friday night they would host a family night at the movies at the Miller Outdoor Theater, that she wanted to thank her partners, Radio Magic 102 and Community Health Choice; that they knew Carl Davis and his Dad passed away, Ray Lee Davis; that she wanted to give condolences to the family of the City of Houston employee who lost his life, Mr. Charles Williams. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that last Thursday he attended a meeting and co-hosted a round table meeting organized by Council Member Brown to discuss flooding issues in the Beltway and I-10 area, that a number of homes, about 500, flooded in that area in 2009 and the people were very aware of the flooding threat; that he wanted to congratulate and thank Council Member Rodriguez for hosting and organizing a Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Gus Wortham Park; that last Saturday he attended the dedication of the Friends for Life Animal Adoption Facility on 22nd Street, that Don Sanders a long time supporter of BARC and Pet Adoption funded the renovation of the building; that today was D Day, June 6, 1944, when the allies invaded Normandy. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that on May 31, 2012 he spoke at the Barnett Charter School, for their graduation ceremony; that last Thursday District K facilitated Bridging the Divide, which was a group in the Hiram Clarke area consisting of all of the High, Middle, Elementary and Business schools and Super Neighborhoods in the area and modeled after the Westbury Improvement Coalition; that last Friday the Student Government Association at Texas Southern University was sworn in and he had the opportunity to be there, that the guest speaker was Harris County Judge Ed Emmett; that he wanted to thank Sue Digard and Julia Floyd for inviting him to the Willow Pool Swim Meet, that there were almost 500 kids out there from all over the City; that this past Monday he attended the Braeswood Super Neighborhood Informational, that District K, along with District C, were working together to do a super neighborhood council for the Braeswood area; that yesterday he attended the Metro Open House to discuss the US 90 A Rail Line at Westbury High School; that next Saturday, at the Texas Black Expo their office had teamed up with Commissioner E. Franco Lee whereby they would be busing in citizens to the expo and they would be given admission free of charge; that there were several hiring events going on and they could contract their office to get those at 832-393-3016; that in remembrance of their former colleague, who just passed away, Ms. Margarite Robinson, on August 28, 1935 she was the eighth of nine children and was born in the small town of Baldwin, Louisiana, that she came to Houston in 1956 and was hired as the first African American Operating Room Nurse, she later met Judson Robinson and married him in 1958, that Ms. Robinson supported her husband's political career and was the foundation of

his historic success in 1971 winning City Council At Large, Position 5 and becoming the first Black Council Member since reconstruction, a position he maintained until his death in 1990 at which Ms. Robinson was appointed by Mayor Kathy Whitmire and the City of Houston City Council to serve the remainder of his term, that with the subsequent victory of her son, Judson Robinson, III, a Robinson held the Position 5 seat for 26 years, a family legacy that remained unmatched in the City, that their condolences went out to the Robinson Family and their thanks to then for the great services that they had done for the City of Houston. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Green and knew that several of them saw each other at her services yesterday. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to recognize the President and Vice President of Eastgroup, they wanted to come out and show their support for Agenda Item No. 33, that they had a little setback but were back on track, another great business coming to the City of Houston to do more business; that last Wednesday was a historic moment, the North Forest Independent School District did not have their last graduation so they were looking forward to one more year battling with TEA and also in the classroom and community to show Texas why they needed to continue to be a school district in District B; that on Wednesday morning District B teamed up with 450 volunteers from Bray Oaks and YES Prep Gulfton to participate in the monthly cleanup in Acres Homes, Fifth Ward Community Garden and behind the old K-Mart on Holmestead and Bredshire, that he wanted to thank employees of the Solid Waste Department who helped with the cleanup; that he wanted to thank all who came out to the District B Young Professionals Mixer; that he wanted to say congratulations to Reverend Audrey Mitchell for 24 years in the ministry and 16 years of service at Calvary United Methodist Church; that on Friday they would be celebrating the retirement and birthday of Marjorie Blunt, a long time resident of District B, that he wanted to congratulate her for 33 great years in the North Forest Independent School District; that they would be attending the Ella Bolden Woman's Missionary Society of Pain Chapel African American Episcopalian Church Eleventh Annual Three Score and Ten Recognition Luncheon, located in the Fifth Ward area; to stay tuned because they would have their next monthly cleanup for District B. Council Members Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that she was going to speak on the FY13 Proposed Budget, that the first thing they needed to look at was the fact that the pension plan was unsustainable, and she believed they all agreed on this, that the main issue was that they had a \$4.3 billion unfunded liability, according to Craig Maison and page 1 of her handout, which she discussed; and after speaking to the top financial advisors of the City, the only solution they may be left with was to have the City default on this, should the Legislature dictate what their City must operate under, even to putting the City into bankruptcy, should they take this up in the Supreme Court of Texas, they may need to default on this to get their attention that the City was getting broke, that the FY13 documents confirmed that the unrestricted General Fund would run out of cash in the near future and this was with the most optimistic budgeted revenues for 2012 and 2013, that one of the serious problems they had as a City was that even in the most optimistic scenarios spending continued to outstrip revenue, they saw this from lines A and B of Exhibit B of the handouts, that this not only was a violation of the 2004 Proposition II, but was a clear structural problem for the City, that if they took the correct Public and Improvement Bond Debt Service number, which they find in Exhibit D, the first line, the difference in the PIB Debt Service, Exhibit B, line D, was an increase of \$60 million or 27.4% and the difference in the margin, minus the expense and PIB Debt Service, line E, became an increase of 285%, they saw by line K that the unrestricted General Fund FY13 Ending Balance would be the same or \$37 million less than the end of 2011, two years ago, so what did they end up doing, they were right back where they started two years ago, they kicked the can down the road, pulled all the

rabbits out of the hat, perhaps even to the jeopardy of other City resources, now what did they do, what were they left with, the tooth fairy, the FY2013 budget documents confirmed that with the most optimistic budget revenues the unrestricted General Fund would run out of cash in the near future, the most optimistic budget numbers should not even a \$100 million left in that fund at the end of June of next year, that was all, and this was the most optimistic projection, that this was serious. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Dowe worked very hard on that presentation and she was glad that someone was paying attention. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen announced the following events: Saturday, June 9, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hudson Lounge, 2506 Robinhood, was the Grand Marshall's On the Rocks Benefit; on Friday, June 8 2012, Movie Night at Saint Stephens United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.; that there was a new play at the Main Street Theater and Chelsea Market called Pinkalicious, it was a smash hit musical based on the popular children's book by Elizabeth and Victoria Cohn, that it was actually recommended for pre kindergarten and up; that they had launched a program called the "Cohen Ambassador Program, CAP, and had nearly 60 active civic associations in their district, which was one of the highest rates of activism in the City, that each group had its own ideas and concerns about the future of their community, that this was where Cohen Ambassador Program came in, that as an ambassador they had an opportunity to participate by attending civic club meetings and relaying information to her office and taking part in by monthly meetings with her and her staff, that it was a wonderful way for them to connect with the district, if people were interested they could email her at HoustonTx.gov. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi stated that Council Member Pennington reminded him that D-Day was June 6, and about this time the allied forces were on the beach trying to get of into the hedge row and he thought his Dad was disembarking from a ship from London about this time forty eight hours later, defended by the Battleship Texas, which landed on the beach two days later, that they should remember the greatest generation and thank them for the freedoms they gave them even today. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that today must be the day of being prompted by what others had said, that he was not going to respond until he heard some of the commentary by his colleague, Council Member Brown, and to be brief would say to those police officers and firefighters out there to keep their faith and stay strong and know that all of them simply did not believe it because it was printed and published, that they knew in fact that some of the information was incorrect, that as young men and women they made sacrifices, their families made sacrifices, they made a deal with the City of Houston and as the years had gone by the deal had been modified, but the deal was not modified without the full consent of Mayors and City Councils of doing that, and now that they were no longer young men and women some people wanted to breach the deal, that unfortunately these men and women, after chasing burglars, chasing robbers, dragging fire hoses, jumping fences and making other sacrifices their bodies were worn and torn, they could not turn back the clock to 25 years of age, or 20 years of age and start the service over, so some them acknowledge clearly that there was an issue that must be addressed, but they should not address it on the backs of those who made the sacrifices and they had not done anything wrong other than work holidays, weekends and carried the bruises and scars of public service of being a police officer and firefighter, so they should honor the deal. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster stated that District J would like to send a hearty congratulations to the Alief Community Orchard for being chosen as one of the winners of the Dryer Orchard Communities Take Root Contest, the Alief Super Neighborhood had been working very hard over the last month or more to collect enough votes to be awarded that; that he wanted to give a verbal invitation to those residents that they had reached out to residents and neighbors and folks who lived around the Landsdale Community Park in the heart of Sharpstown and would give a verbal invitation to attend a meeting next Tuesday, June 12, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 8100 Roos, that they were going to be gathering as a community to look at the needs of that particular park and challenge themselves to see if they could create a Friends of Landsdale Park Organization. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to remind his colleagues of the Budget Workshops that were continuing today at 1:30 p.m. and tomorrow they would conclude starting at 10:00 a.m., that he wanted to thank everyone who had participated in the process; that he wanted to follow up on something that Council Member Adams had stated, that it was always unfortunate when they lost someone to tragic accidents, especially in public safety, it was usually well documented, and yet they lost someone in Public Works the other day, Mr. Charles Williams, Sr., who was killed cleaning out a storm sewer, that he was 75 years old and had been working for the City for over 18 years, so the HERO Fund, which was a Houston Employees Relief Organization, was asking for contributions to help the Williams Family and he urged everyone to participate in the HERO Fund, they could do that through PayPal, HoustonHero.org or mail a check to the Houston Survivor Fund, care of the Houston Municipal Employee Federal Credit Union, 608 E. Tidwell, Houston, Texas 77022, that on behalf of himself and his colleagues they wished the best to the Williams Family. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that it was mentioned earlier in the week, but today would be the funeral service for State Representative Ken Legler; that they had at Clear Lake another celebration at Space Center Houston, the Shuttlebration, that it had reignited some interest in the Clear Lake area at Johnson Space Center; that on Sunday night he had dinner at Fire Station No. 94, as well as Station No. 72 on Monday night; that he presented a proclamation from the Mayor's Office on Saturday at a Change of Command Ceremony at Ellington Field; that he wanted to congratulate Dr. Maury Murphy, President of San Jacinto College South, who was going to be moving on to another part of the Country, that he wanted to thank her for her service to the community and higher education. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to remind those who lived near the Young Library, MacGregor Super Neighborhood No. 68 and those who had been involved from the very beginning of the planning, they would be conducting a follow up meeting for the new Young Library, next Tuesday, June 12, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the current Young Library; that as they continued to look at the issues that affected the South Park Community concerning health issues, education and crime in the area, the Health Department, along with the District D office, would host a AIM Workshop at Kelso Elementary at 5800 Southmund, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as everyone knew they would have the first crack at the City budget next Wednesday, that Ms. Crinejo would be sending out the templates that any proposed budget amendments should be placed into, that she thought it was a great budget and did not want to see a whole lot of amendments, but they would see how it goes, that as a reminder they needed to get their budget amendments in for next Wednesday, that they would receive all the amendments, bundle them up and tag everything to the following week, but they

needed to get them all in next week so that they could all be considered timely the following week; that there had been several mentions of Mr. Charles Williams, Public Works employee, who was killed while on the job last week, that his memorial service would be on Saturday, visitation from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and funeral services starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Carl Barnes Funeral Home on West 22nd Street in Houston, that she would be there and perhaps some Council Members would be joining her. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:03 p.m. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary