

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 12, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie D. C. and; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Members Oliver Pennington and Stephen C. Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Andrew C. Burks, Jr. absent due to being ill.

At 1:53 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that there were many young people in yellow t-shirts present and they were a part of the Public Works and Engineering Department's summer camp; and called on Council Member Noriega who stated that Public Works and Engineering Department was in their fifth year holding their Public Works Camp which provided high school students an inside into a career with the City of Houston; and asked they stand to be recognized. Council Members Davis, Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that all hoped they would be employees for the City of Houston in the future and were happy they were present. Council Members Davis, Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green was recognized for the presentation and stated that today they were honoring the Texas Black Expo; that this week started the Texas Black Expo June 14 through June 17, 2012, and introduced those present; that the Texas Black Expo was an annual celebration and attracted more than 20,000 attendees from throughout the U. S. and contributed more than \$1.5 million to the Houston economy; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation proclaiming June 14 through June 17, 2012, as "Texas Black Expo Days" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Jerome Love, executive director of the Texas Black Expo stated that they were very excited about the Expo and its potential and what it meant to the City of Houston; invited all to the Expo and thanked all for the recognition. Council Members Davis, Adams and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:01 Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Christie who led all in the prayer and pledge. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:02 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent due to being ill. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent due to being ill. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Noriega stated that on a point of personal privilege she wanted to introduce a group of Boy Scouts with Ms. Sarah Gish who were present fulfilling their Citizenship Badge and asked they stand to be recognized; and Mayor Parker stated that it was appropriate to give a plug for Ms. Gish's Guide to Activities; and Council Member Noriega stated that the Sarah Gish Summer Book was something all moms relied on for the summer months. Council Member Adams absent.

At 2:04 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Adams absent.

Mr. Johnny Peden, 4904 Feagan, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-817-2160) appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Items 57 and 58 and stated that last week Council Member Brown tagged the item and he did not think it should be, it was housing opportunities for persons with AIDS and the grant was being offered to the city with no strings attached, they must be infected or effected, it would keep them from living on the streets; and urged a positive vote. Council Members Adams and Noriega absent.

Council Members Laster and Christie thanked Mr. Peden for coming. Council Members Adams and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christie moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Mr. Brian Greene to the top of the three minute Non-Agenda Speakers List, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent due to being ill. Council Members Adams and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0423 ADOPTED.

Mr. Randall Beaman, 6535 Cindy Lane, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-819-0824) appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Items 57 and 58 and stated that he was also present addressing the HOPWA vote; that last week Council Member Brown tagged the items; that he hoped they were not just present to make political statements but to take the moral high ground and vote in favor of the items as it was for those with AIDS and it may keep them from dying on the streets; and urged a positive vote for the items tomorrow. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mr. Noel A. Freeman, P. O. Box 66664, Houston, Texas 77266 (713-521-1000) appeared and spoke in favor of Agenda Items 57 and 58 and stated that he was present as the president of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, the oldest civil rights organization in the U. S., that these items meant the difference between life and death for many; that he reached out to Council Member Brown's office at least four times to find out what information was needed and they continued to deny his request; and urged a positive vote in favor of the items. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Members Cohen, Adams, Gonzalez and Bradford thanked those who came in favor of the items and stated that they were supportive. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Noel A. Freeman, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent due to being ill. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0424 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford stated that when colleagues needed information to vote most pursued the information and in some people's lives one week made a difference. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated with so many students present and the items having been tagged and the public speaking on it could the Mayor explain it to them; and Mayor Parker stated that item on the Agenda for the most part Council Members had the ability to delay a vote for consideration for one week, generally those Council Members were expected to have had questions, but they did not have to express reasons for the delay; that a couple of items having to do with expenditure of federal grant dollars to house people suffering from the effects of HIV

and AIDS and two items were tagged last week and the public was here addressing that. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster thanked all for coming and speaking on the issue. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mr. Roy Yeager, 10626 Deerwood, Houston, Texas 77042 (713-785-1017) appeared and stated that he was one of the co-chairs of the metropolitan organization TMO; that they were requesting the budget be amended to include \$500,000.00 for Capital Idea Houston which provided skills to people for high end jobs and \$700,000.00 for the After School Achievement Program which increased safety, recreation and human development of future leaders. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Mr. Yeager for coming; and upon questions, Mr. Yeager stated that they had not examined the budget thoroughly but something which stood out and could be indicative of funding was the Public Works and Engineering management consulting services and the Police Department's advertising; and Council Member Bradford stated that he concurred the After School and Summer Programs should be funded if any funds were found as they were effective crime prevention strategies and he would look at those items. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he supported the programs but the challenge was moving funds without serious impact in other areas. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster thanked Mr. Yeager and all members of the Metropolitan Organization for the work they did in trying to make Houston a better place. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Mr. Bob Fleming, 5827 Cartagena, Houston, Texas 77035 (832-545-3328) appeared and stated that he was with Capital Idea and he thanked all for the funding they had received, they had made good progress and 55% of their students had a GPA between 3 and 4 and the money was going to good use getting good results; that unlike other cities Houston did not have a tradition of investing general revenue funds in social services in human capital and urged the city address those issues. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was glad they had received CDBG funding and he understood the request, he understood the city of Austin accomplished allocating general revenue dollars and it was successful; and upon questions, Mr. Fleming stated that other cities did use those funds and Austin put \$12 million of general revenue funds into social services and human capital through their Health and Human Services Department. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Fleming stated that they had funding through the CDBG grant, Houston Endowment, the United Way, Brown Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation and one other he could not remember at this time; that they were 75% private money and 25% public; and Mayor Parker stated that was an excellent ratio and she was completely opposed to spending general fund dollars on social services and was proud they budgeted conservatively here. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mr. Fleming stated that he would look at the CDBG requirements and what money could be used for first CDBG and then mirror it with allocation from the general revenue; that priorities were already set and he would look for ways to supplement federal funds with general funds and make a larger pool available. Council

Members Davis, Cohen, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Pastor Robert McGee, 2600 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2356) appeared and stated that all he was to discuss had already been discussed, however, he would suggest that since each Council Member had a vision for this city he hoped they had included an investment in social services and human capital. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Brian Greene, 535 Portwall, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-223-3700) appeared and stated that he was president of the Houston Food Bank and present to request money be added to the budget for social service outreach, helping others with food stamps or SNAP assistance, he understood Council Member Costello would add an amendment to the budget tomorrow supporting it; and urged all support it as there was a hunger problem. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council was glad to have him present and they knew what good work the Houston Food Bank did; that she was working with Council Members to see if grant dollars could be reallocated but they knew where she stood with general fund dollars. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christie stated that if any Council Members could go out they would see the efficient use of food and what it could do, it was phenomenal; and he was a big fan of anything Mr. Greene would ask for. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mr. Greene stated that there were limited number of dollars and they maxed them out and the state was going to another model over the next year and there would even be more limited funding. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Greene stated that there were only five organizations in the state which could do the certification process, actual interviews, etc., and they were all food banks; that WIC did not fall under the Lone Star Card so it was slightly different; that currently another organization did certification, but the state was consolidating the contract. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Brian Greene, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent due to being ill. Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0425 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was a big fan of his and the Food Bank; and upon questions, Mr. Greene stated that there were two big benefits, first it was a pantry which could help a family get through the month and the money spent in the grocery stores generated economic activity. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Amanda Bradbury, 6602 Barney Road, Houston, Texas 77092 (832-589-5588) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez 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 Davis, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. John Cislewicz, 1250 DuBarry Lane, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-683-0703) appeared

and presented information from which he read regarding a 1970 construction ordinance causing a shallow swale that drained storm water to be filled in; and he would like the situation corrected as it was illegal. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was afraid they would have to agree to disagree, that he had been down on a number of occasions since 2010 and every document they could find showed it as a utility easement never having been dedicated as a drainage easement. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she had seen the legal response and was satisfied with the decision and would be happy to have him see the decision if he had not. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Heilman stated that they had gone back to the original plat and looked at case law and exhausted the individual's request to determine if in fact this was a drainage easement and it was not, it did not fall within the utility easement parameters; that there was mention of communal waste and he tried to convince them it was storm water, but it was not; and upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Heilman stated he was not aware of any flooding in the area because of the issuance of the drainage permit and furthermore when this subdivision was built out it was curb and gutter which would tend to mean drainage was from the back lot to the street; and Mayor Parker stated that she knew they disagreed but no further action would be taken on this issue. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. John Steen, 10150 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77074 (281-914-3266) appeared and stated that across from where he worked was a building which had a portion burn down in 2007; that children walked that way to school and it was left abandoned and unfenced and he had to look at it daily; that he was concerned about the children's safety, etc.; that along that street of Forum Park there were many complexes being fixed up and he knew the property was tied up legally, but urged something be done. Council Members Davis, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was sorry he felt compelled to come to Council and that he had to look at the complex; that the city was aware of it and would like nothing better than to bulldoze it, some of the most difficult legal issues she had to deal with since she had become Mayor had to do with abandoned condominium complexes allowed to fall into disrepair. Council Members Davis, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster thanked the Mayor and Mr. Steen and stated that he met with the Metropolitan Organization who brought this to his attention and he gathered together departments, management district, etc., all he knew to call and since January they had been working diligently and no one was more frustrated than he was; that it was a priority with all he talked with and they were looking for budgets to secure it and opportunities to get legal ramifications in place to take care of it; that he hoped Mr. Steen would continue to be in communication with them on this; and to the Mayor one thing they should think about was the legislative session coming up and what they could do to put together a legislative package addressing the city's abilities to handle these kind of properties in a more expeditious way and he would love to be a voice on it. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Paul Ruben, 12231 Huntington Venture, Houston, Texas 77090 (281-879-0573) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Robert Campbell, 5022 Kelso, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-737-5326) had reserved

time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Don Summers, 1001 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-274-8002) appeared, presented information and stated that he was the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector and present asking for a special allocation of general funds which was a bit of a joke that did not work; that he did want all to accept his proposal to increase the over-65 and disabled exemptions to \$80,000.00 which would make it half of what Harris County's was and it would cost the City of Houston \$3.5 million and would benefit over 10,000 elderly and disabled Houstonians; that there had not been an increase since 2008 and prior to that it was yearly; that he had no method for the city to do that and it would be up to them to see if it could be afforded. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Brown stated that she supported an increase and when talking about the city spending \$3.5 million it was just a sneeze and certainly they should not think of it as such a great number when giving relief to struggling seniors. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Yolanda Andrade, P. O. Box 926014, Houston, Texas 77292 (832-374-4818) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Marsha Lilly, 5959 FM 1960 Road West, Houston, Texas 77069 (281-630-1562) appeared and stated that she was unemployed and with two agencies; that she lived in the 1960/Champions Forest area and her agencies said they had jobs downtown, etc., but it was too far for her to go and they would not send her; and she wanted to know if they were allowed to do such. Council Members Davis, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not know if the city could answer that question for her, it made no sense to her; and suggested that she look for another staffing agency. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was a national crime victim; that he was the President of the U. S.; and continued expressing his personal concerns until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Green and Noriega absent.

At 3:08 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent due to being ill. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Green and Noriega absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 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, 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. Council Member Stephen C. Costello absent on personal business.

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

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and asked the City Secretary to call

the consent agenda. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 56**

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 through 9A

2. CONFIRMATION of the appointment or reappointment to the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY (Formerly HOUSTON READ COMMISSION)**, for three-year staggered terms:  
Position 19 - **MS. ADRIANA TAMEZ**, reappointment  
Position 22 - **MS. SHELLI MIMS LINDLEY**, appointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0426 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire March 31, 2014:  
Position One - **MS. GITI ZARINKELK**  
Position Two - **MR. JOHN ODIS COBB**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0427 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. CLYDE R. LEUCHTAG**, to serve as **MUNICIPAL COURT ADJUDICATION HEARING OFFICER, Part-Time**, for a two year term - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0428 ADOPTED.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. MEGAN A. MCLELLAN**, to serve as **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**, for a two year term - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0429 ADOPTED.

6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to serve as **Associate Judges of Municipal Courts**, for two year terms:  
**JUDGE JOSHUA H. BROCKMAN**  
**JUDGE RONI M. MOST**  
**JUDGE BERTA ALICIA MEJIA**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0430 ADOPTED.

7. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**, for terms to expire March 31, 2013:

Position Ten - **MR. KENNETH J. BOHAN**  
Position Thirteen - **MS. EILEEN SUBINSKY**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0431 ADOPTED.

9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$259,458.50 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Construction Award Contract between the City of Houston and **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Airline Drive Drainage Improvements Segment 1 (Tidwell Outfall) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-544); providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0539 ADOPTED.

- 9a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$259,458.50 for Airline Drive Drainage Improvements Segment 1 (Tidwell Outfall) - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0432 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had confirmed a number of appointments, the first to the Houston Center for Literacy, and introduced Ms. Shelli Mims Lindley who was present in the audience and Mayor Parker and Council Member Pennington congratulated Ms. Lindley and thanked her for agreeing to serve and appreciated her service. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they affirmed the reappointment of John Odis Cobb to the Coastal Water Authority's Board of Directors and stated that it was great to have him and was glad that he wished to continue to serve, that the Coastal Water Authority was critical to making sure that they maintained their future water supply for this region, that she knew it took a lot of time and energy, that she wanted to thank him for his service. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a number of items for Municipal Courts and asked Judge Barbara Hartle to come forward with all of the judges. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Judge Hartle introduced Mr. Clyde Leuchtag, Adjudication Hearing Officer in the Parking and Civil Adjudication Court; Judge Joshua Brockman, Judge Megan McLellan and Judge Bertha Mejia and Judge Roni Most. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to welcome them aboard, that they were a critical link in the Criminal Justice Process in the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker and Members of Council congratulated the new judges and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that they had confirmed the appointment of two individuals to the Planning Commission, Mr. Ken Bohan and Ms. Eileen Subinsky, and they appreciated their willingness to serve, that the Planning Commission was actually one of the volunteer boards that took the most time and energy, it was a significant commitment to be willing to serve, they met twice a month and considered a long agenda each time, that she appreciated their willingness to commit the time, and Council Member Pennington thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 10 through 17

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,067,188.60 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LTD.** for Crestmont Park and South Acres Drainage Improvements - 9.41% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0433 ADOPTED.
11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,418,716.97 and acceptance of work on contract with **TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction 455 - 2.57% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0434 ADOPTED.
12. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$7,570,812.31 and acceptance of work on contract with **TRIPLE B SERVICES, L.L.P.** for Pinemont Drive from T. C. Jester to Ella Boulevard - 0.75% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0435 ADOPTED.
13. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$856,942.72 and acceptance of work on contract with **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.** for Intersection Improvements Construction Contract - 4.72% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and K - GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0436 ADOPTED.
14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,296,091.41 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for South Braeswood Reconstruction from Kirby to Stella Link - 4.66% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0437 ADOPTED.

15. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,966,704.83 and acceptance of work on contract with **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Generic Citywide Asphalt Overlay Project: Clinton Drive Rehabilitation and Overlay - 1.38% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0438 ADOPTED.
16. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$918,629.70 and acceptance of work on contract with **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Safe Routes to School Program - 3.64% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0439 ADOPTED.
17. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$9,548,922.25 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORPORATION** for Sims Bayou North Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 2.32% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0440 ADOPTED.

**PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 18 and 19

18. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to appoint Gerald A. Teel and Samuel Jarrett independent appraisers and David R. Dominy alternate appraiser to determine the fair market value of approximately 1.47 acres of land and improvements located at 1200 Travis **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0441 ADOPTED.
19. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Jignesh Batani, for the declining of the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Wendel Road, from Dockal Road south to its terminus, East Houston Gardens Section Number Two Subdivision, out of the J. L. Stanley Survey, Parcel SY12-088 - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0442 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 21 and 25

21. **JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC** for final payment for Emergency HVAC Services at the Julia Ideson Building for the General Services Department - \$23,790.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0443 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$343,908.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Mobile Data Computers for Houston Police Department – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent.
- 24a. **DELL MARKETING, L.P.** for Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Mobile Data Computers through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department - 3 Years \$1,031,724.00 Total - General and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Funds – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent.
25. **CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY FORD** - \$64,691.00 and **TOMMIE VAUGHN MOTORS, INC** - \$70,926.00 for Medium-Duty Cabs & Chassis and Truck Bodies for Department of Public Works & Engineering - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0444 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 28 through 52

28. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a fire hydrant easement in the Gables West Avenue Subdivision, A.C. Reynolds Survey, A-61, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to LG West Avenue II LLC, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$14,250.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0540 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,300,000.00 out of HAS Consolidated 2000 AMT Construction Fund; \$1,121,197.31 out of HAS Consolidated 2001 AMT Construction Fund; \$910,000.00 out of HAS FAA Grants Fund; and \$2,449,900.69 out of Airports Improvement Fund, all as an additional appropriation for the Design Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **SPAWGLASS CONSTRUCTION CORP** approved by Ordinance No. 2011-678 for Central Plant Upgrades at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 621) - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0541 ADOPTED.
- 40-1. ORDINANCE appropriating \$15,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation for an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Reconstruction and widening of Almeda Road Paving and Drainage from MacGregor to Old Spanish Trail (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0713); providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing an amendment to the contract - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0542 ADOPTED.

41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$140,650.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for the Waterline Adjustment along West Montgomery Road from West Gulf Bank to the boundary between Harris County Commissioners' Precincts One and Four near Breen Street; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0543 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,781,688.60 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,725,260.66 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 449, 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 and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0544 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,580,000.00 out of Federal State Local - PWE Pass Through DDSRF, \$2,196,800.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,022,857.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$21,043.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Yale Road Paving and Drainage from West Tidwell Road to West Parker Road, 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 Federal State Local - PWE Pass Through DDSRF, Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0545 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,792,408.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,070,528.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$651,064.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; awarding contract to **MAR-CON SERVICES, LLC** for Long Point Reconstruction: Hollister Road to Pech Road; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0546 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,447,685.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm

Drainage DDSRF and \$992,315.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MAR-CON SERVICES, LLC** for Reconstruction of Harvey Wilson Drive from Lockwood Drive to Clinton Drive; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0547 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,853,422.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$382,742.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$3,484,136.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF awarding contract to **TRIPLE B SERVICES L.L.P.** for Hayes Road Paving and Drainage from Briar Forest Drive to Wilcrest Drive; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0548 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,706,600.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP-Series E Fund, awarding contract to **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Streetscape Enhancements along Light Rail Lines; 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, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP-Series E Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0549 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$503,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CONGO LLC** for Wastewater Substitute Service Program - Norhill Heights; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0550 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,918,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SCOHIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Timbergrove Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management

and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0551 ADOPTED.

52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,338,533.50 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0552 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 56 at the end of the agenda, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0445 ADOPTED.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan and establish a charge of \$75.00 plus postage for the adopted CIP documents and a charge of \$5.00 plus postage for CD version - was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Member Burks absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that if the question was this the definitive answer for what was going to happen in 2018 the answer was no because each year Council adopted a new CIP when they determined how much money was available; that the CIP had not changed since it was presented to the public and Council Members in February so she was a little surprised that the questions were coming forward only at this late date.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Adams requested a list of the most needed streets, that she knew the website was there but it showed them a map of all of the streets in Houston and you had to put in an address and it would let them know if it was high or low, that as a Council Member she was asking for a list so she could have it for information to see where they were.

Mayor Parker stated that she believed the department thought they had responded at the CIP meetings by district, they had a list of all of the candidate projects and the high need projects and that was distributed in a map form, that if Council Member Adams wanted a street by street tabulation perhaps they did not understand that was her request because she did receive a map of her district showing all the high need streets, and Council Member Adams stated that she just wanted a list of the streets, and Mayor Parker stated that they could do that and apologized that she had not received that.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that Council Members Green, Noriega and Bradford had tagged Item No. 8.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,098,537.24 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$134,718.76 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks for the Houston Fire Department - was presented. All voting aye. nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0553 ADOPTED.
- 20a. **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC** for Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2012-0446 ADOPTED.
22. **3M COGENT, INC** for 3M Cogent Fingerprint Software, Hardware and Services for the Houston Police Department - \$486,472.24 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2012-0447 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,852.95 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of a Cargo Van for Houston Fire Department - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0554 ADOPTED.
- 23a. **CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET** for Utility Vehicles through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Police Department - \$230,006.00 - Enterprise, Grant and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0448 ADOPTED.
26. APPROVE spending authority for Purchase of Tech-Related Products/Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments in an amount not to exceed \$120,000,000.00 - Various Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford and tagged by Council Member Sullivan.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would release his tag for discussion.

Council Member Green offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 26.

“All Texas Department of Information Resources, DIR, purchases must adhere to the City of Houston’s MWBE purchasing guidelines”.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this was off of a State Combined Purchasing Contract where they provided a best price based on larger leverage purchasing ability and they simply went to the lowest price on the State Purchasing Contract to date and they had done that for many years.

Mr. Feldman stated that it was not a question of their superseding the State, what they would be saying was that yes they would select them off of the buy board, but in order for them to qualify to do business with the City they were going to have to comply with the MWBE and they could do that as a condition.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Sullivan stated that he would tag both the amendment to Item No. 26 and Item No. 26. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

### **APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A. M.**

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 1 on the agenda was something that depended on actions by the City Controller and Electronic Auction Bid and that had been received so they would move to Item No. 1 on the agenda and recognized Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller. Council Member Adams absent.

1. Announcement by City Controller of the results of the electronic auction-style bidding for the sale of \$180,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2012 – was presented.

Mr. Green, City Controller, stated that Agenda Item No. 1, for those who had not been with them over the last couple of years, they issued tax revenue anticipation notes on a yearly basis and it covered the gap between the time they received actually their tax receipts, the bulk of which came in January, so this morning they had their competitive sale of \$180 million in those notes and the winning bid came from a group led by Citi Bank, along with Loop Capital, and their true interest cost was a little bit more than 15 basis points, which was about 4 basis points lower than last year, so all told they would spent about \$270,000 on interest on the \$180 million Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes, that he had presented to them a memo and was recommending that they accept the bid from City Bank, along with Loop Capital, and asked for their approval of that recommendation. Note: The recommendation state Citigroup with a True Interest Cost of 0.15002%.

- 1a. MOTION awarding the Sale of \$180,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2012, based on the lowest true interest cost, ratify and confirm the use of the Preliminary Official Statement provided to prospective bidders in connection with the offering for sale of the Notes, and authorize the distribution of the Official Statement – was presented, moved by Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 1a. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0449 ADOPTED.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

27. RESOLUTION approving the creation of the **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; approving the Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws thereof; confirming the appointment of the initial Directors and Chairperson - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Rodriguez.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would release his tag for discussion purposes.

Council Member Pennington stated that he knew there was some controversy regarding the Montrose Redevelopment Authority and asked if this was a similar situation to that and Mayor Parker stated that she would make sure that Council Member Pennington would get

briefed on it, unless Council Member Rodriguez wished to respond.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that his concern was that they were creating the formation of this TIRZ but thought that the Chairperson would become a City employee very soon, that he found that out and wanted to make sure that was true and accurate information, that there could be a potential conflict.

Mayor Parker stated that there certainly would be a potential conflict and was not aware of that, and stated that she would have Council Member Pennington briefed on the item, and stated that Council Member Rodriguez had tagged item No. 27.

29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$49,908.86 out of Fund 7511 (OST/Almeda Redevelopment Fund) for payment to the **OST/ALMEDA CORRIDORS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0555 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE authorizing the sale of a partial interest in 801 Gillette Street, Houston, Texas, to **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** for Environmental Remediation purposes in consideration of its payment to the City of \$11,000,000.00, management of the environmental remediation of the property, and other consideration; approving a Purchase Agreement and a Co-ownership Agreement; designating a fund for excess remediation costs - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Sullivan, Adams, Brown, Noriega and Bradford.
31. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-274 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY** for Financial Advisory Services - \$171,052.63 - General Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Noriega absent.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a first amendment and Loan Modification Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE ARROW PROJECT, INC** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0556 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY**, providing an additional \$16,649.00 in Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program (“HPRP”) Funds, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for the operation of a Client Database for persons assisted through the HPRP – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0557 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Single Family Home Repair Contract between the City of Houston, as the Repair Agency acting on behalf of a homeowner, and **ALTURA HOMES DFW, LP**, as contractor, and providing up to \$115,489.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (including a 10% contingency of \$10,499.00) for Demolition and Reconstruction Work (Tier III) under the first Amended and Restated Administrative Guidelines for the Single Family Home Repair Program - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0558 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE authorizing the creation and execution of Industrial District Agreements by and between the City of Houston, Texas, and various property owners located in and around the Ship Channel Navigation District and Jacintoport Areas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Tim Douglass, the Planning Department and Legal Department for coming in and talking to him about the item since it was in his Council District, as well as Council Member Rodriguez, that he would tag Item No. 35 because he needed a little more time to look at the information that Mr. Douglass provided him.

Council Member Green stated that he needed to get some clarification, but the adoption of this particular ordinance, would it include any and all purchases in the industrial area, would that obviate the need to come to Council for those actual purchases, that the way he read was because of the time associated to get land purchases that essentially if they approved Item No. 35 there would no longer be a need for Council to approve it and the Mayor's Office could just sign off on these agreements without Council approval.

Mayor Parker stated that this had nothing to do with land purchases, these were creating a template for the industrial districts where Council was saying if they agreed to the following conditions and they looked like this then they pre-approved them and anything that did not look like that had to come back to Council, that there were hundreds of them and it was a method of keeping the Council agenda down, and asked Mr. Feldman, City Attorney, if she neglected anything and Mr. Feldman stated no, that it was accurate, that they would not be acquiring anything and Mayor Parker stated that it was in lieu of annexation. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi stated that there were 574 owners on the ship channel and asked what kind of dollars were they talking about in general terms. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was looking to see if there was someone who could accurately answer the question, and invited Mr. Tim Douglass to the podium. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Mr. Douglass stated that the assessment last year and as scheduled for this year, was \$14.8 million, and Council Member Christi asked if this in any way interfere with the possibility of the City of Houston doing a public private partnership on the ship channel with these owners, and Mayor Parker stated no, that these relationships had existed for some time, the desire was to more standardize the relationship so each one got the same deal, as it were, and since there were hundreds of them, not have to stack them on the Council agenda. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would tag Item No. 35. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.

36. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **DR. DORI H. HERTEL, dba D-J VETS** for Veterinary Services for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$275,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0559 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$297,479.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated

- Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **GULF COAST LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC** for Miller Outdoor Theatre Irrigation Improvements; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Members Pennington and Burks absent.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$600,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural/Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **PARSONS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP** for Job Order Contracting Support for the Houston Airport System (Project 516H) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. Council Member Burks absent.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$464,351.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amending No. 1 to contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Electrical Power Distribution System for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 634) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0560 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,517,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,163,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LTD.** for Whiteheather Drainage and Paving Sub-Project IV; 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 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 Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0561 ADOPTED.
49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,131,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **SCR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Bridge Rehabilitation Broadway Blvd at Brays Bayou; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0562 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,479,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BLASTCO TEXAS, INC** for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks; 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 - (WBS S-000600-0038-4) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council

Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0563 ADOPTED.

54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,967,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BLASTCO TEXAS, INC** for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks; 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 - (WBS S-000600-0041-4) - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; C - COHEN and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0564 ADOPTED.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET MATTERS**

55. ORDINANCE providing for the continuation of appropriations for the support of the City Government pursuant to the requirements of Article VIa, Section 1 of the City Charter; authorizing certain transfers; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a repealer and a severability clause – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0565 ADOPTED.

### **MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 57 through 59

57. 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 – **(This was Item 16 on Agenda of June 6, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0566 ADOPTED.
58. 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 – **(This was Item 17 on Agenda of June 6, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0567 ADOPTED.
59. 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 – **(This was Item 22 on Agenda of June 6, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COSTELLO)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Burks moved to postpone Item No. 59 for one week, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2012-0450 ADOPTED.

At 10:29 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that while everybody pulled their budget amendments

out they were going to do it in a systematic manner, they had been distributed around the Council table. Council Member Adams absent.

At 10:33 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that she assumed that each Council Member had distributed their budget amendments, that since they had a lot of new Council Members and this was their first budget opportunity they were going to do this in an orderly and systematic process, they were going to go by Council position reflecting the amendment numbers that were assigned to them, they were going to start at the top and work their way through, that Ms. Russell would call the main item, the amendments would be laid out, they would tag all of the amendments and the main item, that everybody had the opportunity to get their items on the table for a vote next week, that it was not necessary to read their amendments, everybody had them in writing, that if they felt compelled to read their amendments they may do so, but she would gavel them out of order if they began to advocate for their amendments, that the time for that would be next week after everybody had an opportunity to read through all of the amendments and they had an opportunity to compile them for the Council Members, that they would provide a matrix of each amendment and any related amendments from other Council Members so they would have an opportunity to see how they stack up against each other, that because Council Member Costello was unavoidably out of the City this week his budget amendments would be presented by Council Member Bradford and legally they would all be Bradford amendments but for ease of tracking they would list them in the matrix under Council Member Costello's name. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that in the past, once the amendments had been compiled into the matrix, do they meet with the Mayor again, and Mayor Parker stated that they would certainly attempt to meet with any Council Member who wanted to meet, and Council Member Sullivan stated that they would need to proactively request time with the Mayor to talk about their amendments if there was something that they would like to discuss with the administration, and Mayor Parker stated yes, that they would be reaching out to Council Members as well. Council Member Hoang absent.

56. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2013, including provisions for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing certain transfers; designating a Cash Reserve in the Fund Balance; amending Section 11-77 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas relating to Burglar Alarm Fees and Penalties; validating and ratifying certain City fees; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability - was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 56 was before them and she would accept amendments to Item No. 56 requesting that any amendments be presented in writing, that the first amendments would be presented by Council Member Costello, that he was not present and Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Bradford for Costello and Bradford amendments.

Council Member Bradford offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. – Bradford/Costello -1.01

If fiscal year 2013 general fund revenues exceed the projected \$1,890,624,430, the first \$2,000,000 in excess revenues shall be used to fund an independent third-party analysis of citywide process improvements and all Long-Range Financial Management Task Force suggestions related to pension sustainability. Based on this analysis, the independent third party will also provide a plan for implementation of recommended process improvements and steps to strengthen the financial security of the City's three pension

systems.

56. – Bradford/Costello -1.02

Provide \$160,000 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach. Within 90 days, the City of Houston will contract with the Houston Food Bank to increase the number of SNAP participants in Houston. The Houston Food Bank is the only State-certified subcontractor (outside a State field office) eligible to issue SNAP electronic benefits transfer cards. Funds will be used to pay for trained staff to identify, assist, and distribute benefits to eligible SNAP participants. This is intended to be a one-time source of funding to pay for staff salaries for a period of one year until such time the Houston Food Bank may apply for Community Development Block Grant funding. The source of funds for this purpose will be grant/private funding to be determined by the administration.

Council Member Bradford stated that at this time he would offer no amendments on his behalf.

Council Member Burks offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Burks -2.01

Consolidate all City Department FTE's that provide IT services into the Information Technology Department while increasing the ITD Budget with the corresponding and appropriate funding. There shall also be periodic reporting to the TTI Committee regarding the progress towards this goal.

56. - Burks -2.02

The Ethics, Elections, and Council Governance Committee (EECG) shall create a Charter Amendment ballot proposition for consideration by City of Houston voters that would increase the current two year term of Mayor and Councilmembers to a four year term, without changing the effect of term limits. This action would reduce the Operating Budget every two years by at least \$3,000,000.

Council Member Noriega offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Noriega - 3.01

The IT Department shall evaluate methods and the cost/savings to the City's general fund to provide electronic delivery of Agenda and Committee documents. Electronic access must be available to Council Members and staff 24 hours a day and at all City Council and Committee meetings. The Director of IT shall provide his findings and recommendations to the TTI Committee and the Administration no later than November 16, 2012.

Council Member Christi offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Christie - 5.01

If the combination of property tax and sales tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2013 exceeds the projected \$1,477,570,000, all revenues over projection must be applied towards funding the City's general fund contributions to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board actuarially required contribution for the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System; the Houston Police Officers' Pension System; and the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund.

56. - Christie - 5.02

All Departments – General Fund: The Department of Finance shall monitor all budgeted civilian vacancy FTEs, including full-time, part-time, and over-time positions, and their corresponding annualized salaries, on a monthly basis and will adjust the department budgets accordingly. The adjustments shall be reflected in the Monthly Financial Operations Report to Council.

56. - Christie - 5.03

All Departments – General Fund: Any FTE position that has gone unfilled for more than 3 months as of July 1, 2012 shall be eliminated. Reinstatement of the position will be made only with written justification and budgetary impact to be submitted to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for approval.

Council Member Brown offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Brown - 6.01

Outsource EMS **120003**, which would immediately free \$372,411,448 from our budget which is approximately 19.13%.

56. - Brown - 6.02

Consolidate HPD support operations **100003** of \$136,059,344 and investigative operations **100005** of \$137,228,928 into Harris County Sheriff department thus saving the city an estimated \$273,288,272 which is approximately 14.04%.

56. - Brown - 6.03

Take Parks and Recreation **360001**, **360002**, **360004**, **360007**, **360008**, **360009**, **360013**, and **360015** and relinquish control over to county, citizens, or private sector. This would save \$64,402,537 or approximately 3%.

56. - Brown - 6.04

Terminate the Housing and Community Development **32002** and **32004** for \$2,429,478 (which is a 392% increase from the FY2012 budget and mainly all for salaries).

56. - Brown - 6.05

Default on the City's contribution to the Pension Plans **501070**, **501080**, and **501090** for a total of \$243,704,464 (xv-29) so that the issue will be moved before the Texas Supreme Court to bring to question the state constitutionality of forcing a municipality into bankruptcy by obliging them to maintain an unsustainable pension plan.

56. - Brown - 6.06

Suspend the issuance of all General Obligation Bonds until the budget is balanced and all (both pension and general funds) accumulated deficits are liquidated. Default on all Tax Bonds for a total of \$244,561,336 (xiv-6). It is the fiduciary responsibility of investment banks and advisors to know their financial risk before taking them.

56. - Brown - 6.07

The City will take on or commission one or more independent consulting firms to perform efficiency and effectiveness audits to cover the cities entire operations. They should focus on a cost benefits approach, doing a realistic inventory of city-wide needs then attack on a needs first basis. (These firm(s) should be barred from contracting work with the City as a result of their recommendations.)

56. - Brown - 6.08

On page **vii** the **Organization Chart** shows the citizens at the top in charge of the city supported by equal positions of City Council, Mayor, and City Controller. In reality, the city currently is run by Public Sector Unions, supported by a mayor who has sole authority and dictates the agenda which is then voted on by the City Council who is bullied into loyalty and/or criticized and/or ostracized. We must either change the organization chart within the budget to reflect the true nature of the City or the City must change her operation to reflect the proposed Organization Chart. I propose we fund a study as to the feasibility of changing the City Charter to provide a professional City Manager.

56. - Brown - 6.09

The Pay **500010, 500020 500030, 500040, 500060, 500070, 500090, 500110, 500120, 500150, 500160, 500170, 500180, 500190, 500210,** and Benefits **503010, 503015, 503020, 503025, 503040, 503050, 503060, 503061, 503070, 503080, 503090, 503100, 503110,** of City, Fire, and HPD employees should be comparable to those provided in the private sector.

56. - Brown - 6.10

Approximately 2/3 of all employees live outside city limits – the city will look into possibly requiring or only hiring first responders who live within the city limits so that they have “skin-in-the-game!”

56. - Brown - 6.11

Increase the over-65/disabled exemption by \$9,138 to \$80,000.

56. - Brown - 6.12

Decrease the water rate 20%.

Council Member Davis offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Davis - 7.01

The Houston Police Department will allocate a portion of the revenue generated in the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Environmental Investigations Unit in order to meet the unit's present need for additional resources to address their manpower shortage. Funding should be used for overtime pay or technology options that will address the unit's current need for additional manpower to combat illegal dumping throughout the city. Council will work with the Administration, Houston Police Department, and the Environmental Investigations Unit to determine the actual funding amount to be allocated from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Environmental Investigations Unit.

56. - Davis - 7.02

Within 30 days the Administration shall establish an Illegal Dumping Task Force (IDTF). The objective of the task force shall be to develop a set of recommendations to reduce the incidence of illegal dumping.

The Illegal Dumping Task Force membership shall include, but is not limited to staff from the Houston Police Department, Solid Waste Department, Mayor's Office of Sustainability, 3 Council Members, County, State, and Federal officials, and other members of the community that the Mayor deems appropriate.

The Illegal Dumping Task Force shall examine and make recommendations related to:

- Improving interagency coordination
- Expanding public education and prevention efforts
- Identifying the gaps in ordinances and laws for authority and enforcement; deciding if new ordinances or laws are needed to ensure effective enforcement.
- Increasing support for the prosecution of environmental crimes

The Illegal Dumping Task Force shall meet regularly to examine and make recommendations to address the objective and until such a time that the Mayor deems the Task Force no longer appropriate

Council Member Cohen offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Cohen - 8.01

I respectfully request that the administration place an item on the next available council agenda to amend Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article XI which will implement the Sexual Assault Forensic Evaluation ordinance with the goal of clearing the rape kit backlog. The ordinance will establish a \$5 fee on operators of adult entertainment establishments. The revenue generated will be used to fund the processing of pending Houston Police Department sexual assault kits and excess funds, if any, shall be dedicated to fund the ongoing processing of sexual assault kits at the Houston Forensic Science Center.

Council Member Adams offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Adams - 9.01

Within 90 days the Legal Department will work with the Planning Department to present the Model Deed Restriction Program, as approved by council during 2011 budget year. The Legal/Planning Department will provide a set of legally enforceable deed restrictions language for neighborhoods to choose in order to renew or implement deed restrictions in the City of Houston neighborhoods

56. - Adams - 9.02

Within 90 days, the Department of Neighborhoods and the Legal Department shall coordinate to establish an ordinance and registry program which will address all rental properties in the City of Houston which do not require a certificate of occupancy. The ordinance and registry program is intended to increase the ability of the City of Houston to enforce code violations in rental properties and prevent the properties from creating dangerous conditions for the inhabitants. The program would require owners to register their rental properties with the City and give the City the authority to inspect the premises.

56. - Adams - 9.03

Legal will review terms limits to two four year terms for City Council and Mayor.

56. - Adams - 9.04

HPD will budget for five PSO's out of the 28 new hires for the 2013 Budget. The PSO will be responsible for staffing Police Store Fronts.

56. - Adams - 9.05

In 90 Days HPD will view cost to have Technology for Houston Sobering Center to communicate with the Homeless Information Management Systems to track the return of clients who frequently are detained in the center and referred out to various agencies.

56. - Adams - 9.06

ARA and Legal will view the current regulations on 8 Liner Operators. Provide information on whether 8 Liner Establishments can be regulated to certain hours of operations.

56. - Adams - 9.07

DON has funding for 5 Community Outreach Employees. Total funding for these positions are 334, 624.00. Requesting DON Director to reclassify these positions to include a Council Liaison.

56. - Adams - 9.08

In 90 Days HFD will present to Public Safety Committee an update on All Hazard Response to see if the change in how HFD response to emergencies decreased or increased the response times. Also review the current policy on the use of the 8 BLS units that were removed from out of service 2010 budget year and the cost of overtime saved.

56. - Adams - 9.09

In 30 days provide Council with the report of the Street Surface Assessment Vehicle.

56. - Adams - 9.10

Provide \$160,000 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach. Within 90 days, the City of Houston will contract with the Houston Food Bank to increase the number of SNAP participants in Houston. The Houston Food Bank is the only State-certified subcontractor (outside a State field office) eligible to issue SNAP electronic benefits transfer cards. Funds will be used to pay for trained staff to identify, assist, and distribute benefits to eligible SNAP participants. This is intended to be a one-time source of funding to pay for staff salaries for a period of one year until such time the Houston Food Bank may apply for Community Development Block Grant funding. The source of funds for this purpose will be grant/private funding to be determined by the administration.

Council Member Sullivan offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Sullivan - 10.01

Require all libraries to be open for full service on Saturdays with a minimum of four hours.

56. - Sullivan - 10.02

Provide staffing for the Proclamation Office, which will allow a two week turnaround on proclamations.

56. - Sullivan - 10.03

Exempt the Kingwood community trails and parks from all costs and fees associated with Proposition 1/ Renew Houston / Rebuild Houston, aka: Drainage Fee.

56. - Sullivan - 10.04

Require all organizations securing a parade permit to pay for Houston Police Department services at 100% reimbursement cost.

56. - Sullivan - 10.05

Reduce City Council pay by five percent.

56. - Sullivan - 10.06

Reduce Mayor's pay by five percent.

56. - Sullivan - 10.07

Purchase three utility carts and trailers, similar to utility cart #103, and deploy in each quadrant of the Houston Fire Department.

56. - Sullivan - 10.08

Cap Audiovisual Supplies allocation to the actual expenditures in FY11.

56. - Sullivan - 10.09

Cap Education and Training allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY12.

56. - Sullivan - 10.10

Cap Contract/Sponsorship allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY12.

56. - Sullivan - 10.11

Eliminate funding for Tuition Reimbursements.

56. - Sullivan - 10.12

Cap Building Maintenance Service allocation to the FY12 Current Budget.

56. - Sullivan - 10.13

Cap Miscellaneous Other Services and Charges allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY 12.

56. - Sullivan - 10.14

Cap Mail / Delivery Services allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY12.

56. - Sullivan - 10.15

Cap Temporary Personnel Services allocation to the FY11 proposed budget.

56. - Sullivan - 10.16

Cut Advertising Services allocation by fifty percent.

56. - Sullivan - 10.17

Cap Computer Hardware and Developed Software purchases to FY11 actual expenditures.

56. - Sullivan - 10.18

Limit Infrastructure Budget Item under Equipment to estimated FY12 expenditures.

56. - Sullivan - 10.19

Eliminate Funding for Affirmative Action Monitoring.

56. - Sullivan - 10.20

Conduct a thorough traffic and mobility study in the Clear Lake portion of District E, similar to the Parsons study conducted in December 2004.

56. - Sullivan - 10.21

Maintain Funding for Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership at \$100,000 for FY13

56. - Sullivan - 10.22

Increase funding to HFD so annual inspection of common attics can be made at all multi-family projects.

56. - Sullivan - 10.23

Purchase and install thirty-one back-up power generators for Kingwood lift stations.

56. - Sullivan - 10.24

Discontinue the practice of city departments paying permit fees to other city departments.

56. - Sullivan - 10.25

Review take-home vehicle policy for all non-public safety personnel, and if there have been no after-hours call out within the last 30 days (or pick some other arbitrary period of time) evaluate the need for that employee to continue to take a vehicle home. Consider a vehicle allowance, or reimbursement policy, for any legitimate city business for after hours use as an alternative policy.

56. - Sullivan - 10.26

Restore staffing levels of 3-1-1 service to provide 24/7 services to the public.

56. - Sullivan - 10.27

Provide staffing in Sign Administration Department for 7 days per week enforcement personnel.

Council Member Pennington offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Pennington – 11.01

As early as it is practicable during FY2013 and to the extent there are funds available, the Administration shall, with the approval of City Council where necessary, hire one or more experienced private firms to conduct a review and audit of the City's three Pension systems, the City's Health Care benefits, and conduct performance and process improvement audits for each city department.

The Pension Systems and Health Care audits shall include information on benefits paid by governmental units and private businesses of similar size and which exist in similar economic conditions such as cost of living, level of education, and training required.

The department audits shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing information on the appropriate ratio of management personnel to employees, appropriate salaries for the duties required, the possibility of using volunteers or part time employees to perform duties, determining whether certain city services can be performed more economically through outsourcing, and any other review deemed necessary for the City to perform its duties as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible when the City does not already have that current data. The consultant's work shall include in-person interviews with employees at multiple levels of employment to ascertain the overall attitude of the department personnel regarding efficiency and the appropriateness of pay for a particular position.

56. - Pennington - 12.02

Reprogram \$2,000,000 to the Parks Department for the buffalo bayou erosion control project near Memorial Park. The Administration shall make a recommendation within 90 days to determine the funding source.

Council Member Gonzalez offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Gonzalez - 13.01

I move to reconfigure at least one (1) FTE from Director Dowe's Performance Management group. This motion will expand their role beyond financial analysis and will allow them to conduct departmental performance evaluations and ensure that departments are meeting performance measures, are operating efficiently, and are planning for the future growth of the City of Houston. No additional funding should be necessary, as the performance management group already exists.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.02

I move to change/expand the responsibilities of one (1) FTE from within one of the affected city departments to act as a liaison between the Public Works Department, the Permitting Center, the Planning Department, developers, and the community commencing from the point of application of new development projects to the completion of said projects.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.03

I move to amend the Department of Neighborhoods' process of manually recording information and direct them towards implementing the use hand-held devices. This will increase their efficiency and save dollars as we transition away from paper-and-pen. Funding for this motion should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund and any realized savings from the switch to digital recording of information.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.04

I move to reallocate previously committed office space funds from the HPD Mental Health Unit towards funding two (2) additional case managers for the Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.05

I move to create a process that only grants construction or occupancy permits to individuals who are up to date with all their property taxes, business property back taxes, fees, and fines owed to the City of Houston. These tasks should be completed by at least one (1) existing FTE within the affected departments. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.06

I move that the Administration take to committee and work to implement a process that requires homes that will be sold to disclose all liens, and ensure compliance with city regulations and applicable ordinances. This should be accomplished within one (1) year from the date that this amendment is passed.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.07

I move to implement a system that tracks red tag violators and informs inspectors of offenders who have not corrected their violations within the specified time. I request that this data be added to EGIS using current Planning Department FTEs. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.08

I move that when major capital project contracts are awarded, the implementation of an apprenticeship program should be created or expanded by the contractor. Current sources of apprentices, like trade unions, should be reviewed for pertinent projects. I request that

existing FTEs from the affected departments be used to implement this proposal. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.09

I move that one (1) FTE be repurposed from either ARA or MOSE to act as a liaison between music/entertainment businesses and the affected departments. This liaison should help ensure compliance and understanding of city code and ordinances. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.10

I move that the Administration work to phase out plastic bags in the City of Houston. This can be accomplished by taking this proposal to the appropriate committee for proper vetting and consideration. A draft ordinance should be prepared within one (1) year of the approval of this amendment. The appropriate committee should include businesses, residents, and environmental advocates in their discussion of this concept. No additional funding should be necessary at this time.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.11

I move that the Administration create an Innovation and Technology Advisory Board. This group of volunteers shall advise the mayor and make recommendations to ensure the growth and development of the creative class in the City of Houston. This advisory board will act as advocates and ambassadors for our city, and help draw in entrepreneurs, thought-leaders, innovators. Their goal will be to help make Houston an international hub for innovation and technology. No additional funding sources should be necessary at this time. This panel will be comprised of volunteers with an expertise in the relevant fields.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.12

I move that major contracts must be reviewed six (6) months before their expiration date in order to look for efficiencies and cost savings before their conclusion. This mandatory review will help guide the city when considering whether they should renew service contracts or search for a new contractor. This amendment would make contract review mandatory unless a written request for exemption is submitted to the Administration. This amendment should require no additional funding; existing FTEs should be assigned to this task.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.13

: I move that the city adopt a 'Parklet Program' to help create small urban parks when appropriate. Businesses will be able to apply for permission to adopt marked parallel parking spaces and at their own expense, create small green spaces. This amendment should require no additional funding; the program should be administered by existing FTEs within the Planning Department, which may offer basic design assistance when appropriate.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.14

I move that the City of Houston adopt a 'complete streets' policy, where appropriate. Streets that create the ability for safe transportation for all users should be encouraged

and considered as we move forward in the replacement of our infrastructure. This amendment should require no additional funding; the adoption of a 'complete streets' policy, where appropriate, can be administered by existing FTEs.

56. - Gonzalez - 13.15

I move that we amend the code of ordinances to include the regulation of group homes in the City of Houston. The city should craft a policy that allows these homes to be identified and create a set of standards which must be met. This amendment should require no additional funding as it can be administered by existing FTEs in the appropriate departments.

Council Member Rodriguez offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Rodriguez - 14.01

Increase funding to HFD FY 2013 Budget to include replacement of 7 ambulance units back in service that were taken out in December 2010 due to budget shortfall. As mentioned in the FD 2013 budget report, the cost of this amendment is \$240,000.00 per unit per year.

Council Member Laster offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Laster - 15.01

Allocate \$300,000 from Chiefs Command, Fund 1000/100001, to Investigative Operations, Fund 1000/100005, for the training of FTEs to conduct investigations regarding vice related crimes, including, but not limited to, Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOB). Currently there are no FTE's dedicated to enforcing SOBs as those officers involved in that program do not have the expertise or knowledge to conduct investigations regarding Sexually Oriented Businesses. This amendment shall not impact the employment status of classified officers of the Houston Police Department.

Council Member Green offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 56:

56. - Green - 16.01

Respectfully correct the impaired Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. The needed repairs are more important than bringing the Hiram Clarke MSC up to LEED certification.

56. - Green - 16.02

Respectfully outline the 30 new projects for street and drainage improvements valued at approximately \$250 million for FY13

56. - Green - 16.03

Respectfully use funds from the Mobility Response Team Fund that's transferred to the General Fund to hire civilian staff for the various Houston Police Dept. storefronts.

56. - Green - 16.04

Respectfully maintain the current tax rate for the City of Houston at 63.875 cents per \$100 of taxable value.

56. - Green - 16.05

Respectfully coordinate with Public Works Dept. to reinstate the 1% funding allocation for planting trees from CIP street and bridge projects.

56. - Green - 16.06

Respectfully incorporate additional senior programming during the summer months. A departmental collaborative effort of the Parks, Health, and Library Depts.

56. - Green - 16.07

Respectfully incorporate Public Works Dept. fleet of vehicles within the newly created Fleet Management Dept.

56. - Green - 16.08

Respectfully limit purchasing of the number of non-gas efficient vehicles (i.e. Ford Explorers); especially for one department over another department.

56. - Green - 16.09

Respectfully increase game-room fees from its current rate.

56. - Green - 16.10

Respectfully revise Fire Dept. FY2013 objective from four (4) "fast track" training classes to include two (2) "fast track" training classes and two (2) standard training classes.

56. - Green - 16.11

Respectfully include the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center as one of the seven (7) renovated City facilities for maintenance totaling 171,119 square feet scheduled for FY13 totaling \$625,000.

56. - Green - 16.12

Respectfully combine the real estate section of the Public Works Dept. and General Services Dept. under the General Services Dept. to efficiently track progress and perfect the appraisal selection process for sale of City land/interest.

56. - Green - 16.13

Respectfully further outreach efforts of the Houston Library Department for youth and adults in school support, literacy advancement, technology, access and instruction and workforce development among Houston area schools districts and area community colleges and other paraprofessional institutions.

56. - Green - 16.14

Respectfully provide FREE staff development courses via the E.B Cape Center without being charged back to the respective department (such as diversity and cultural sensitivity training, business grammar, business writing, etc.).

56. - Green - 16.15

Respectfully increase three (3) FTEs for contract compliance officer positions within the Office for Business Opportunity.

56. - Green - 16.16

Respectfully strengthen City's enforcement to maintain compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permits for wastewater collection systems operations and industrial wastewater treatment (i.e. better enforcement TCEQ control at existing Almeda-Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant).

56. - Green - 16.17

Respectfully increase the maintenance, mowing and desilting of off-road and esplanade ditches, drainage easements and for mowing and herbicide application in the City's right-of-ways via the Storm Water Fund. The Combined Utility System transfer funds to the Storm water Fund to support storm water drainage operation and maintenance activities.

56. - Green - 16.18

Respectfully offset expenditure through the BARC Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund relating to animal assistance provided to the Houston Police Dept. to expedite the round-up of stray animals continually roaming neighborhoods.

56. - Green - 16.19

Respectfully create a stand-alone Department for the Office of Business Opportunity. Afford this separate entity the opportunity to introduce their own budget (set-aside from the Mayor's Office) and justify their assistance separate from the authority of the Mayor's Office.

56. - Green - 16.20

Respectfully further expand the WeCAN Digital Inclusion (DI) network beyond the launch of three (3) super neighborhoods.

56. - Green - 16.21

Respectfully expand City's recycling program to include multi-family dwellings. Coordinate this initiative via the Solid Waste Dept. with area TIRZs, management districts, and the Houston Apartment Association. This will forge a new partnership with multi-family owners to divert waste from landfills and further implement recycling programs.

56. - Green - 16.22

Respectfully increase recruitment efforts for the Houston Fire Dept. to include graduating high school seniors, community colleges, and vocational institutions throughout the Houston metropolitan area.

56. - Green - 16.23

Respectfully increase penalty and fine for operators of illegal food vendors.

56. - Green - 16.24

Respectfully further expand project Saving Smiles to other area school district within the Houston city limits other than the Houston Independent School District (i.e. Aldine, North Forest, Klein, Alief, Spring Branch, Clear Creek, Pasadena, Channelview, Galena Park, Katy, Fort Bend, and Cy-Fair ISDs).

56. - Green - 16.25

Respectfully reorganize the Dept. of Neighborhoods to include the Education Initiatives and Volunteer Initiatives under the umbrella of the Citizens Assistance Office.

56. - Green - 16.26

Respectfully add Five (5) FTEs to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Purchasing Division to deal with the consolidation of the Fleet Management Dept. and Information Technology Dept. to purchasing. The five (5) FTEs will consist of two (2) FTEs for Fleet Management Dept. purchasing and three (3) for Information Technology Dept. purchasing.

Mayor Parker stated that the Chair would request a tag for the main item and the amendments, and Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would tag Item No. 56 and the amendments. Council Members Cohen and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this item had now been deferred until next week and asked if anyone had any questions about how the process would go, that this would be the last item on the agenda next week, they would have a regular agenda and would try to get through that as expeditiously as possible so they would have time to consider the budget amendments, that as rapidly as they could produce it Council Members would receive a matrix showing the different budget amendments, potential budgetary impact and the administration's response to the amendment, that really they just tried to give everyone a heads up as to whether she thought she could support it or not support it, whether there were any legal issues that would prohibit them from responding to a budget amendment so that they would all have a baseline of information when they come together, that they would also attempt to contact Council Members where they were unclear as to the intent of the budget amendment and respecting Council Member Bradford's question when it required the expenditure of funds where those funds should be generated. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that on Item No. 26 he was told there may have been an item within it that was related to the Fire Department, that they would lose grant funding if the item was tagged and would have a one week delay, that was not his intent at all, that he did not know who to clear that with, that he knew that Beda Kent was in the audience if that would be appropriate or not, but would like to make sure that they were all aware of it.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Sullivan was the only person who tagged the item, if he wished to release his tag before they adjourned he may do that, that Firefighter Kent could come and speak to him if he wished her to, and Council Member Sullivan stated that in a perfect world if he could he would like to break their items out from Agenda Item No. 26, vote and approve them, and then talk about the philosophical issues with respect to the item, and Mayor Parker stated that it was not possible to do, that perhaps the question should be addressed to Mr. Thompson was may still be available in the building, and asked Ms. Kent if she had the answer to that question, did it have an impact.

Ms. Kent stated that she did not believe it could be separated, they had unspent FY12

budget monies and items on hold pending the passing of the item, and Council Member Sullivan asked if she had dollar amounts that she was talking about, and Ms. Kent stated that they had quotes out for about \$100,000.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he would release his tag on Item No. 26 if Council would like to vote on it, that it was not his intention at to stop a purchase like this for public safety.

26. APPROVE spending authority for Purchase of Tech-Related Products/Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments in an amount not to exceed \$120,000,000.00 - Various Funds – was again before the City Council. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was an item with an amendment that was MWBE related submitted by Council Member Green. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he was trying to understand the extent to which the MWBE requirements may be applicable to this matter and how they would be enforced. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would ask Mr. Feldman to weigh in. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Feldman stated that the way he would see it happening was that the City would select a vendor off of the buy board and the next question would be whether or not it was the type of procurement which the MWBE Program would apply, because it did not apply to all procurements for obvious reasons, it was just not practical, assuming that it did apply then the City would reach out to that vendor on the buy board to see whether the vendor would agree to comply, that they could not compel him to accept if he wanted to do business with the City he would have to, that if the vendor would agree to comply then they would go through with the procurement, that if the vendor would not agree to comply then the City could make a different determination as to how it would acquire the services or the product. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

A vote was called on Council Member Green's written motion to amend Item No. 26. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

A vote was called on Item No. 26 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0451 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to wish Council Member Adams a Happy Birthday; that he wanted to commend the caretakers of Battleship Texas for acting quickly on isolating the leak that was discovered this past weekend; that he wanted to congratulate Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston, the John C. Freeman Weather Museum, the City of Houston, Wal-Mart and many others on hosting the 2012 Ready Or Not Hurricane Workshop, that Hurricane Season was upon them and he would encourage everyone to start preparing their households to make sure they stayed safe; that State Representative Armando Walle would be hosting a series of educational community workshops over the next few weeks and he wanted to encourage his constituents to attend, that tomorrow was the first educational session and would focus on domestic violence, what resources were available and what steps to take to

seek help, if they had any questions they could contact Representative Walle's office at 713-694-8620; that he wanted to congratulate Chief Bob Branch, Captain Mike Flannigan, Captain Tim Dunn and Engineer Operator Mike Cruse for completing the Brotherhood Ride last week, that the ride was a group of firefighters and police officers who rode bicycles to honor emergency responders who had died in the line of duty, that this year's 650 mile ride was an eight day trek around Florida and was dedicated to 11 emergency responders who died in the line of duty in 2011, that he saluted the first responders who completed the ride and wanted them to know that the City of Houston was proud of them, that to learn more about the Brotherhood Ride go to [www.brotherhoodride.com](http://www.brotherhoodride.com). Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Noriega stated that she was going to make an apology, a personal apology not a legal or in any way a reflection on the City, something she needed to say to a constituent and a friend, Jim Hanley, an award winning debate coach at Lanier for years and ran several years ago as the congressional candidate in Houston for the Democrats, that quite a while ago he called her very upset and was concerned about an incident that had occurred with several members of his family, that he also sent her an email and what he described was so astounding to her that she could not imagine that it happened the way that he suggested, that she inquired about it and was told that there was an investigation going on, that they could not interfere legally with an investigation and she stewed around about it and did not do anything and today in the paper Patricia Kilday Hart had an article about what had gone on with the couple who were his brother and sister-in-law and she was so appalled, that she could not tell them now what she thought really occurred and was not going to pretend that she understood all of it and she was in no way suggesting that there was any kind of pattern or problem with HPD as a group, that she thought they had an individual officer who was inappropriate, but she wanted to apologize to Jim that she did not hunt this down and deal with it differently, that this was a personal apology as a City Council person because she believed that she did not deal with it to the full length of the resources that she had and she was grateful that the City was doing it now and she was very sorry. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to remind everyone of the Texas Black Expo that was taking place at the George R. Brown Convention Center starting Friday; that she wanted to say thanks to Council Member Sullivan for all of his hard work in District E, today they would be doing a grand reopening of the Sagemont Park and she would be joined by Council Member Sullivan, as well as the Community in the Sagemont area and the Parks Department; that she wanted to thank Cissy and the Miller Outdoor Theater Staff, Community Health Choice, Magic 102 and Radio One and Dequina Moore for a wonderful night last Friday for the Miller Outdoor Theater District D Night, the movie they viewed was "Joyful Noise" and one of the stars, Dequina Moore, was Houston's own, and joined her on stage on Friday; that she wanted to thank her colleague for the Happy Birthday wish and Donald Perkins, who decorated her office for a Happy Birthday and she wanted to thank her family, her Mom watched every Wednesday. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Davis stated that on Friday they celebrated the retirement and birthday of Majorie Blunt, longtime resident of District B, congratulations for 33 years of service in the North Forest Independent School District; that yesterday morning he hosted a breakfast for the hard working inspectors from the Department of Neighborhoods as a way to thank them for all of the hard work they did in the City and especially District B, that every day they got phone calls about dangerous buildings and weeded lots so they wanted to show their appreciation to them; that he wanted to congratulate the Ella Bolden Woman's Missionary Society from Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopalian Church, that his colleague, Council Member Burks, had the pleasure of going out to meet the seniors, the event was created in honor of seniors 70 years of

age and older; that he wanted to announce the District B Senior Citizen Listening Tour, once a week he would be visiting senior groups all over the district, providing breakfast and listening to their concerns, it was an effort to get all of their seniors involved and making their voices heard; that on Saturday they would be celebrating Juneteenth at 10:00 a.m. in the Acres Homes area with the 22nd Annual Juneteenth Parade; that from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. there would be a Keep Kashmere Alive Community Picnic at Hutchinson Park, located at Highway 610 and Lockwood in honor of the Juneteenth celebration. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Brown reviewed a HFRRF Myth Versus Reality sheet that she was shared with recently; and stated that she was primarily at Council to be the voice of her constituents in District A, to truly represent them and to fight for the financial well being of the City so that their services may continue uninterrupted, that today she had proposed some dramatic changes, that after sitting with the top minds of financial affairs in Houston, people such as Mike Nichols, Bill King, John Diamond, Bob Lemur, Barry Klien, Kelly Dowe, Craig Mason, besides many others, and her senior advisor, who helped privatize social security retirement system in Mexico, she had come to the conclusion that the City had a malignant and terminal financial Cancer that had the City on life support and if they did not rapidly and surgically remove the Cancer they as a City would die a quick financial death, that she wanted to reiterate that these were her own conclusions, drawn from information that she had gathered from those aforementioned and not necessarily their conclusions, they had \$4.3 billion unfunded liability and \$2.4 billion accumulated deficit, when some people were dying from terminal Cancer they typically underwent four emotional stages, denial, depression, acceptance and eventually death, their City budget spending and pension plan had malignant terminal Cancer and she believed if they dealt with the issues at hand now they could save most of the benefits if not all of them, that their elected officials had managed to transfer the financial ownership of the City from the tax paying citizens to public sector unions, that did she dare say that the inmates were running the asylum. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Christi stated that this was an international City, that on Thursday night was the Asian Chamber of Commerce, on Friday night the President of Nigeria was in town and the administration and protocol office presented the First Lady of Nigeria with flowers at the airport, that on Saturday was Equatorial, Guinea, that they all came into Houston for the business and the future that the City had, a lot of it energy related but a lot of other businesses also. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to wish Council Member Adams a very Happy Birthday; that on Sunday they visited Windsor Village United Methodist Church and had a great time; that this Saturday, AM Vets, the National Association of Black Veterans and Disabled American Veterans would be hosting a Veterans Cookout and Picnic at Rayford Williams Park, 6309 Sandy Point Road, south of Houston; that the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities will be partnering with the Houston Fire Department to provide free visual fire alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing, to qualify for free visual alarms they must live in the Houston area, there were opportunities available to individuals who were not within the City limits as well as those who were, additionally they must be able to show that they had low or fixed income and have a substantial hearing loss, for more information they could contact Kathleen Tracy at 281-936-0770; that he wanted to let constituents know about some Legal Assistance Programs which could help with estate planning, family law, probate questions and other legal questions individuals may have, the first is the South Texas College of Law Direct Representation Clinic, that this program was offered through the Mayor's Office for people with disabilities and screens new cases the third Thursday of each month, that Kathleen Tracy was also the contact for the

South Texas College of Law Representation Clinics at 281-396-0770, that additionally the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Association was also providing free legal advice for people with disabilities, that it was offered in partnership with Lyondell Basil Company, that the clinic would be held on Thursday, July 19, 2012, between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., that volunteer attorneys from the Lyondell Basil Company would provide 15 minutes personalized consultations regarding family law, estate planning, consumer law, landlord and tenant issues, bankruptcy and tax problems, they would also help with referrals to other legal resources, that individuals with disabilities were invited to attend; that there was a great musical comedy with volunteer lawyers singing, acting and raising money for a good cause, The Free Legal Help, they had some lawyers who were giving back through theater, at the Wortham Theater, that proceeds from the show would go towards the Star Drug Program and Intervention Court, Habitat for Humanity, the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and other Houston area charities, that the show also helped underwrite 50,000 booklets on legal rights and responsibilities. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to wish her male colleagues a wonderful early Happy Fathers Day and to City of Houston employees who were fathers. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that Eric Potts, who served as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Houston Airport System for some time had announced his retirement, that his official retirement party was this afternoon and she wanted to wish Colonel Potts well, that the City was his second career and she did not know where he was going next, but he gave excellent service to the City of Houston and they all wished him well. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:28 a.m. Council Member Costello absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary