

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

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello and C. O. "Brad" Bradford; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney and Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Ellen R. Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Andrew C. Burks, Jr. and Melissa Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Jack Christie D. C. absent on city business.

At 1:48 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for presentation; and Council Member Gonzalez invited Mr. Tyler Nelson to the podium and stated that it was an honor to recognize a special young man today as Council Member Cohen was to recognize Mr. Nelson but was unable to attend; that this young man made impacting and life saving contributions through promotion of organ and tissue donation to the world and more than 112,000 men, women and children in the U. S. waiting for a second chance; that at 17 he began waiting for a double transplant and while battling his own illness he chose to live for others; that after waiting 16 months for his double lung and liver transplant and received his second chance February 28, 2012, and was now being honored on his 18th birthday; and Mayor Parker presented him a Proclamation and proclaimed today as "Tyler D. Nelson Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Nelson thanked all for the recognition; and stated that it was an honor to receive the Proclamation and to be the face of organ donation and helping get the message out. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Members Adams and Laster wished Tyler a happy birthday, thanked him for his work and congratulated him on his new journey. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

At 1:59 Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford recognized Council Member Costello who led all in the prayer and pledge. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:00 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker wished Council Member Pennington a happy birthday; and Council Member Pennington stated that he had been thoroughly serenaded and was having a great day. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Costello moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Mr. Kendall Miller to the top of the three minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal

business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0576 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Ms. Marci Williams, Ms. Elaine Gaskamp and Mr. Jonathan Davis after Mr. Kendall Baker at the top of the three minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0577 ADOPTED.

Council Member Hoang moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Anna Ashmore as the last speaker on the one minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0578 ADOPTED.

At 2:03 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. David Atwood, 1802 Kipling, Houston, Texas 77098 (832-693-5710) appeared and stated that he was with the Houston Peace and Justice Center and present on behalf of the janitors and all those working for a low wage; that they were working at poverty or slave wages and the companies were making millions of dollars; and asked the Mayor and Council to urge companies to go to the negotiating table as it was a disgrace to be offered 10¢ an hour more. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Rev. James Caldwell, 5511 Crane, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-231-9176) appeared and stated that he was present on behalf of the janitors also; that they had stood up for a better life and employers responded by violating their rights and retaliating; that they cleaned for Chase, Shell, etc., and only made \$9,000. a year, less than half poverty level. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that Rev. Caldwell should complete his statement; and Rev. Caldwell stated that Houston had been called a millionaire city, but record numbers were living in poverty and public assistance had skyrocketed; and urged the Mayor and Council to make a difference and urge corporations to reach a fair agreement. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Laster absent.

Ms. Sandra Massie Hines, 4421 Alvin, Houston, Texas 77051 (832-374-5585) appeared, presented information and thanked all for declaring July 8th as "Ruby Dixon Day" and stated that she was a highly respected beacon of light and advocate for people with disabilities. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Ms. Hines for the work she had done and for coming forward and bestowing a much earned appreciation on Ms. Ruby Dixon who had been honored two previous times; and thanked Ms. Dixon for all her work. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Ruby Dixon after Ms. Brenda Lombard, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member

Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Laster absent. MOTION 2012-0579 ADOPTED.

Ms. Brenda Lombard, 1500 Crosswinds Drive #302, Houston, Texas 77032 (281-227-3337) appeared and stated that she thanked all for their leadership and for hearing them today. Council Members Sullivan, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Ruby Dixon, 5107 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-691-0191) appeared and stated that she thanked all for working with the disabled community to make the city accessible to all; and they would appreciate being invited to all meetings where they would like community representatives present. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Ms. Dixon for all she did and her organization "We Are People Too" for all that they did. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Anna Ashmore, 7815 Windswept Lane, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-953-9955) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Sam Dunning, 12419 Tambourine, Houston, Texas 77477 (281-415-9743) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Perri McCarry, 1 Pinedale, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-893-1304) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Kendall Miller, 1661 Tanglewood, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-622-8100) appeared, presented information and stated that he was with Houstonians for Responsible Growth and present regarding the upcoming METRO referendum; and read from his information presented which included METRO considering forcing voters to choose between a decreasing share of funding or outright elimination of funding for the City of Houston, etc., until his time expired. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Costello asked Mr. Miller if he would like time to conclude his statement; and Mr. Miller continued reading his information presented which included a solution for the City to maintain the historic balance between METRO member entities by offering voters a chance to extend the General Mobility Plan in its current form for another 10 years as they had done twice before; and upon questions, Mr. Miller stated that his numbers were based on an assumption of growth METRO was using in their business plan and they were trying to match their logic. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Pennington thanked Mr. Miller for his information and stated that he believed he had heard his presentation at METRO and he emphasized the way the money could be the most effectively spent to promote economic growth, etc., and rather than just numbers he would like his rational as to why he felt it was better to keep the 25% split they had now rather than METRO spending all the money; and Mr. Miller stated that voters expressed support of drainage issues, street maintenance, etc., and if moneys previously designated for the uses transferred elsewhere there would be disappointed people. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the city would lose if money went to transit instead of streets, but it was not a loss it was a change. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this was a complex issue with many varying

prospectives; and upon questions, Mr. Miller stated that they recommended keeping the General Mobility Plan as is because METRO claimed they could finish current plans without additional revenue from their partners, all in the 2012 business plan and the three lines. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Marci Williams, 7626 Bankside Drive, Houston, Texas 77071 (713-774-3150) appeared in opposition to a Joe V's grocery store in her area, presented photos to pass around and stated that she was president of Super Neighborhood 36 and present regarding Joe V's grocery store to be located on West Bellfort; that the West Bellfort Property Owners Association feared increased cut-through traffic and abandoned grocery carts, etc. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Joe V's was owned by HEB; and upon questions, Ms. Williams stated that they would have cut-through traffic with any grocery store; and Mayor Parker stated that the city had nothing to do with it as no variances were asked for. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Green stated that this store was being constructed next to a Fiesta and they were talking about the quality of the store, but the city was not offering variances, etc., but he did appreciate their efforts. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Laster thanked all for their hard work in Southwest Houston, it was appreciated. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Elaine Gaskamp, 9315 Petersham, Houston, Texas 77031 (832-423-9671) appeared in opposition to a Joe V's grocery store in her area and stated that the Braes Oaks Community had no high quality food store to service communities, but they did have in the area two Fiestas, Food Town, two Wal-Mart grocery stores and Save A Lot all near the upcoming HEB product, Joe V's. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Green ask Ms. Gaskamp to conclude her statement; and Ms. Gaskamp stated that neighbors went outside the area for quality shopping and it was unfair and they were asking Mayor Parker through her leadership insist developers go to the Super Neighborhoods and find out their needs; and Council Member Green thanked Ms. Gaskamp for all their work and stated that the roof top numbers in the area were higher than where other HEBs were located and making an economic analysis that the area could not support an HEB it was not the case. Council Members Sullivan, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Jonathan Davis, 10807 Kittybrook Drive, Houston, Texas 77071 (832-353-5201) appeared in opposition to a Joe V's grocery store in the area and stated that he lived in the Northfield I and II Subdivision and concerned as they already had four to five low-end grocery stores within close proximity and Joe V's would under serve middleclass neighbors; that they would only use WIC, Lone Star, cash or debit cards and their numbers were based on apartment complexes, not homeowners; that they had no grocery bags and did not accept credit cards or checks and had no carts for handicapped.

Council Member Green thanked all for coming today and stated that Mr. Davis was correct regarding currency and he felt residents should be able to use credit cards and checks as they did anywhere else.

Council Member Green moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell as the next speaker, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being

ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0580 ADOPTED.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3240 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. Bob Robertson, 1806 W. Alabama #5, Houston, Texas 77098 (832-643-1296) appeared and stated that he was seeing terrible thing happening with the Alabama Turnpike, it was to be temporary and he would not drive during certain hours on it because they were crazy and a school was there with no crossing guard; that they should close off Alabama as a turnpike and get alternate ideas; that another complaint was the leash law, his dog was attacked by a dog not wearing one. Council Members Alabama, Hoag and Gonzalez.

Mayor Parker stated that officers could write tickets for certain animal offences and he should go to the neighborhood association and raise the issue and do a neighborhood campaign; that peer pressure seemed to work. Council Members Brown, Adams and Green absent.

Mr. Thomas Hadnott, P. O. Box 524224, Houston, Texas 77052 (281-236-9265) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams and Green absent.

Mr. Shelton Modelist, 6103 Airport, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-991-6994) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams and Green absent.

Ms. Sonia Parker, 8503 Daskocil Drive, Houston, Texas 77044 (832-486-9076) appeared and stated that her organization was Parents Against Predators and present as they had a movement "Stranger Danger Community Day" and low-income apartments had nothing for children and wanted to know if the city could do anything so they would be safer. Council Members Brown, Adams and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Texas had a sex offender registration program and the police department monitored it; that through the Parks and Library Department they had a number of activities for children which were free programs and the goal was to have them within walking distance of any community in Houston, however, nothing replaces the presence of a parent. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would be glad to meet with her; that he was familiar with challenges of HPD trying to keep up with sex offenders; and someone from his team would reach out to her. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Reginald Gordon, 3402 Dowling, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-657-2513) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Danny Poindexter, 6155 south Loop East, Houston, Texas 77087 (281-989-7877) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Daniel Arp, 8273 Park Place #19, Houston, Texas 77017 (281-220-7542) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Marisol Quintana, 9314 Valley Stream, Houston, Texas 77037 (281-448-8249) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Sylvia Mintz, 602 Sawyer #445, Houston, Texas 77077 (832-314-7394) appeared and stated that she was present speaking in favor of Houston janitors and asking for the Mayor and Council to support their fight for just wages and ask building owners to get on this, it was morally wrong and all should be able to sit at the table for good terms. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker thanked Ms. Mintz for coming and stated that she had great sympathy with the plight of the janitors, it was completely legally and morally wrong to fire someone who went on strike legitimately because of a contract impasse and the building owners and managers needed to bring pressure to bear on the janitorial companies. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Gonzalez and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Nuria Gonzalez, 1713 Carr, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-224-7797) appeared and stated through an interpreter that she cleaned the largest corporations in the world yet she and the other janitors lived in poverty on \$9,000 a year; that their employers had laid them off for their protest and it was unjust; and janitors were being accused of being illegal and contractors were violating the law. Council Members Brown, Adams, Gonzalez and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that because she was having to have translation she could continue; and Ms. Gonzalez stated through her interpreter that a major protest was coming up, it was their last recourse and they were asking the Mayor and Council to support their efforts and assist with the companies. Council Members Brown, Adams, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Hoang stated that she had the right to protest and voice concerns and the owner trying to threaten them and accusing them of being illegal was wrong and he did support them and the union and his office would support them in the matter. Council Members Brown, Adams, Gonzalez and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Adrian Bazquez, 2310 Crescent, Houston, Texas 77077 (832-567-4738) appeared and stated through an interpreter that she worked at Chase Tower and she and her coworkers were trying to negotiate just and fair salaries for all janitors; that contractors national and international had not been on the same page with them; that they cleaned for the richest and were on poverty level; that the Council as leaders had opportunity to raise standards for all Houstonians. Council Members Brown, Adams, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Roberto Martinez, 5801 W. Sun Forest, Houston, Texas 77092 (832-816-9814) appeared and stated through an interpreter that he worked as a janitor for years and they were now fighting to get a better life for all; that janitors lived a life of desperation even though they cleaned for the richest corporations in the world and when they tried to defend their rights contractors tried to intimidate them and if it continued Houston would have the rich and the poor, to work it out could end poverty in the city; and they were asking the Mayor and Council to represent all workers and talk to building owners. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Maria Lopez, 5605 Rampart, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-669-0525) appeared and stated through an interpreter that she worked for ABM for years, six hours a day cleaning one entire floor with about 100 restrooms; that for her it was a job with dignity and allowed her to

take care of her family, she was one of 3,200 janitors working without a contract; that they wanted to keep them in poverty giving them 10¢; that she was asking the Mayor and Council to intervene and help Houston create good jobs with standards, not poverty. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Elsa Caballero, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (832-204-5708) appeared and stated that she was the state director for SCIU Local One, the Janitors Union, Council heard some workers and the impact their wages had for them and their families; that they had been working without contract with intimidation from the contractors and recently they even stopped paying for their healthcare and that was illegal; that when workers could not raise their voices any longer it was time for the city to act and call on the contractors such as Crescent, Hines, Chase, etc., and urged the Mayor and Council to look after the people and call the building owners and have them get the contractors back to the table for a fair contract. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Ms. Caballero stated that currently workers made \$8.35 an hour and worked an average of five hours any given day; that all companies had begun to withhold health benefit payments; and Mayor Parker stated that was clearly a labor violation; and Ms. Caballero stated that it was and they had begun to file charges as a result and they were now looking at a citywide strike; and Mayor Parker stated that it looked like employers were in discussion for them to all suddenly decide to stop paying health benefits; that the City of Houston paid \$10.00 an hour to city janitors. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green stated that he agreed a fair wage should be given for work done; and upon questions, Ms. Caballero stated that they were asking the Mayor and Council make calls to building owners like Crescent, Hines and J. P. Morgan Chase and ask them to call contractors who hired the workers and ask they come back to the table and she would be happy to provide list of names and numbers; and Council Member Green stated that his office would like the list. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams thanked all for coming down and standing firm; that as a current SCIU member she would also like a listing of names and numbers and was willing to stand in their support; that the city went up to \$10.00 an hour and they could show them how it could be done. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that this was one side of the story and he respected all who came but to say an industry was in collusion and that Crescent, Hines and J. P. Morgan Chase were those behind the movement, they were not here for their side and all should be mindful there was always two sides of a story; and Mayor Parker stated that his point was well taken and she wanted to be clear, she was not referring in any way to those companies, but to the janitorial companies, they were the ones actually doing the negotiating. Council Members Brown and Rodriguez 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 Brown and Rodriguez absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President.; and continued expressing his personal concerns until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Rita Mitchell, P. O. Box 14055, Houston, Texas 77221 (no phone) appeared and stated that she was bringing solutions to stop financial problems; and continued expressing her

personal opinions until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 3:22 p. m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2012. Council Member Davis out of the city on personal business. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christie absent on city business. Mayor Parker, Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr. and C. O. "Brad" Bradford; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Ellen R. Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Melissa Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Jack Christie, D.C. absent on city business.

At 8:21 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that she would request a motion to consider Item Numbers 1 and 2 before the Mayor's Report, that she knew they had a number of citizens present. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Bradford moved to consider Item Numbers 1 and 2 before the Mayor's Report, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0581 ADOPTED.

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF THE HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE**:
 - Position Two - **MR. DAVID LADUCA**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2013
 - Position Three - **MS. GIGI L. MYUNG**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014
 - Position Four - **MS. LEIGH MCCRANIE SMITH**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014
 - Position Five - **MS. SHANNON BUGGS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2015
 - Position Six - **MR. DAVID ASHLEY WHITE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2015

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0582 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker and Council Members Green, Hoang and Pennington congratulated the newly appointed or reappointed members of the Board of the Houston Arts Alliance and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION:**

Class B terms to expire December 31, 2013

- Position One - **MR. RICHARD J. CAMPO**, and to serve as Chair
Position Two - **MS. KATY CALDWELL**
Position Three - **MR. THOMAS DEON WARNER**
Position Four - **MR. DAVID W. ARPIN**

Class A terms to expire December 31, 2012

- Position Five - **MR. JOE TING**
Position Six - **MR. HASMUKH D. PATEL**
Position Seven - **MS. DESRYE M. MORGAN**
Position Eight - **MR. DAVID L. SOLOMON**
Position Nine - **MR. RICHARD A. RABINOW**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0583 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker and Council Member Pennington congratulated the reappointed members of the Board of the Directors of the Houston First Corporation and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston

MAYOR'S REPORT - City Bond Election

Mayor Parker reviewed a presentation titled "Proposed Bond Referendum", a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office for review.

Members of Council thanked Mayor Parker for the presentation and upon questions from Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that as indicated they would be bringing forward the Facilities Assessment, expected by the end of the week, that they would work with the Budget and Finance Chair to schedule a recap of the Debt Capacity for the City of Houston and what their current debt load was, that they would also look for the appropriate opportunity to have Council discussion of which items on column 3 if they were going to specify particular projects, that she thought it was important to the voters to say whether they were going to support the Houston Amateur Sports Park or the new Alief Library, that if they were going to earmark some of this future funding that to would come to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee over the next few weeks, that they should be aware that they may need to schedule a special meeting of that committee; and asked Mr. Feldman what was the window on which they could vote upon these items for the November ballot, and Mr. Feldman stated August 8 through August 20, 2012, and Mayor Parker stated that was set by State law and Mr. Feldman stated yes, and Mayor Parker stated that Council Members were already aware and she would apologize publicly that they had scheduled a Council break week in the middle of August, as they traditionally did, not anticipating when the window was for making this decision, so they had discussions with them about dropping the break week and actually having a Council meeting on August 15 and it was her intention to do so, that gave them an opportunity when any ballot items came up on the 8th they would have an opportunity to tag them, absent that break week there would not be an opportunity tag and she did not want even the appearance that they were limiting debate on any of these items of such crucial importance to the public, that the RCA to eliminate Council's off week would be coming to the agenda on July 25, 2012.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank the members of the public that were present in support of the Bayou Greenway initiative and knew that some of them had committed to the fundraising for that and asked that those who were present to particularly hear the discussion

on that to stand and be recognized; that there were also a number of folks present also who had committed to assist the City once they defined what their bond election was going to be and asked that those present to stand and be recognized.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the rest of the agenda and recognized Council Member Rodriguez for a point of personal privilege.

Council Member Rodriguez asked for a moment of silence for a dear friend who worked at the City of Houston, Mr. Jim Owens, Garden Villas Community, passed away yesterday.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Rodriguez bringing that forward, that she had known Mr. Owens for more than 20 years and as Controller she had hired him into the Controller's Office and he did great work for her there, but she knew him on a personal basis as well and knew that he was one of Council Member Rodriguez constituents for a long time, that he was very active and a great citizen.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to inform the constituency also as they mourned the passing of one of their icons and District D constituent, Pastor J. J. Roberson of the Mount Hebron Baptist Church, that she would ask her colleagues to continue to pray for the family and pray for Pastor Max Miller and their congregation.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Burks called her this morning to tell her, that with the loss of Pastor Jefferson two weeks ago and Pastor Roberson today there was a generation of pastors who had led the community who were leaving them.

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to echo what Council Member Adams had stated about Pastor Roberson.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 4 out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0584 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST for consideration of letter of resignation to be submitted by Council Member Sullivan – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that this item was his resignation letter from the Houston City Council effective January 2, 2013, that this would allow for a November election which would be minimal in cost to the tax payers and would allow for an open filing period so any qualified candidate could file for office, that with the November election, especially with things that would most likely be on the ballot, it would allow for a higher voter turnout, which would enable constituents to truly make a choice of who they wanted to represent them in District E, that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for working with him on this and City Attorney David Feldman for teaching him more about the Election Code than he ever thought he would need to know.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated the fact that Council Member Sullivan was stepping up and doing this, that obviously whether he was elected to a new position was subject to the will of the voters, but he was taking steps to protect the taxpayers of Houston today by making sure that they did not have additional costs for an election to replace him and she appreciated his offering the resignation.

Council Member Pennington asked if the City Attorney had any issues about the legitimacy of a resignation now to be effective later on, and Mr. Feldman stated no, that was

why he and Council Member Sullivan consulted closely on how this should be handled and this was being done strictly in accordance with the Election Code.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Sullivan would not be leaving them until the end of the year, that he would be serving until his successor was elected and formerly sworn in, and Mr. Feldman stated that once Council acted on it as a matter of law the vacancy was created effective on the resignation date, but that also meant that an election could be called, that starting August 8, 2012 action could be taken to call the election and those interested in running could begin fundraising, that under the ordinance once Council acted today and the vacancy was created.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to accept Council Member Sullivan's letter of resignation, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0585 ADOPTED.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 22

MISCELLANEOUS – NUMBER 3

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs for the designation of residential parking permit areas in the Super Neighborhoods of University Place and River Oaks/Afton Oaks - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G – PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0586 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 6 and 7

6. **SCOTT TECHNOLOGIES, INC dba SCOTT SAFETY** for Thermal Imaging Cameras for the Houston Fire Department - 3 Years with two one year options - \$672,425.20 - General Fund - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
7. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,432,485.00 for Chemical, Liquid Polymer Flocculant for Department of Public Works & Engineering, on award to **POLYDYNE, INC** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0587 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES – NUMBER 17

- 9-1. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **RETIREMENT HORIZONS INC** for Pension Actuarial Consulting Services - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Lease Agreement between **HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, as landlord**, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for office space located at 3100 Main Street, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0631 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

5. ORDINANCE appropriating \$201,914.18 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$210,399.20 out of the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$583.36 out of Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Construction Award Contract between the City of Houston and **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for the Paving Extension of Buffalo Speedway and Willowbend from West Bellfort to Holmes Road (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-0552); providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0632 ADOPTED.
- 5a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$412,896.74, final contract amount of \$5,547,386.56 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Paving Extension of Buffalo Speedway and Willowbend from West Bellfort to Holmes Road - 13.46% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0588 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

8. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Master Ordinance; providing for the Issuance of Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 in one or more Series or Subseries as may be further designated and described herein to refund the City's Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and certain other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds including the use of a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the Bonds; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of Certain Outstanding Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Escrow Agreement; authorizing the purchase of and subscription for Certain Escrowed Securities; authorizing Escrow Verification and Engagement of an Escrow Agent, authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement and a Special Disclosure Counsel Agreement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, a Remarketing Agreement and other related documents; making other provisions regarding such bonds; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0633 ADOPTED.
9. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the

CENTER FOR TEXAS CULTURAL HERITAGE; authorizing the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in two tracts of land required for the project and situated in Block 161, South Side of Buffalo Bayou; in Harris County, Texas, said tracts of land being along the east line of Chenevert Street between Capitol Avenue and Texas Avenue in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of Fee Simple Title Interest in the two tracts of land required for the Center for Texas Cultural Heritage; providing a maximum amount to be expended - \$2,500,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0634 ADOPTED.

10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for a Port Security Grant in accordance with terms of FY2009 Justification Template Confidential Document on file with the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0635 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing fourth amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and the **CNA CORPORATION** for Professional Services for the Drafting of a Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Plan for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security (Ordinance 2009-0220) – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0636 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS COALITION OF COASTAL TEXAS, INC**, providing up to \$322,060.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration of a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance Program, including supportive services – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0637 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE to authorize de-obligation of Community Development Block Grant - Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Funds in the amount of \$1,433,924.81 previously obligated to fund a portion of costs to repair damage to an Affordable Housing Community located in the vicinity of 5514 Griggs Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0638 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEMENOS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, to provide \$3,000,000.00 of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist with construction of an 80 unit Affordable Housing Community, to be located at 2200 Jefferson, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 14. Council Member Brown, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0639 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **VILLAS AT COLT RUN, LP**, to provide \$3,000,000.00 of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist with construction of a 168 unit Affordable Housing Community, to be located in the vicinity of 7600 East Houston Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members a vote was called on Item No. 15. Council Member Brown, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0640 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **WATERCREST AT KINGWOOD, LP**, to provide \$3,200,000.00 of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist with construction of a 174 unit Affordable Housing Community, to be located along the west side of Kingwood Place Drive, just south of North Park Drive, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. Council Member Brown, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0641 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Recreation Grants Branch to support a Urban Outdoor Recreation - Local Park Grant Program, administered by the Texas Parks And Wildlife Department, for the Shady Lane Park Playground Project; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0642 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2009-1359, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City and **RON SMITH & ASSOCIATES, INC** (Contract #4600009345) for Latent Print Support Services; approving and authorizing second amendment to the above-mentioned contract to permit the assignment of the City's interests in the contract to **HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE LGC, INC** - \$2,629,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0643 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **SET ENVIRONMENTAL, INC** for Mobilization, Collection, Characterization and Packaging of Household hazardous Waste Debris Services for the Solid Waste Management Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0644 ADOPTED.

21. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 0.4504 acres commonly known as 6601 Harrisburg Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas, and portions of rights of way of 66th Street and Harrisburg Boulevard; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0645 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between **PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, INC** and the City of Houston for a Federal Transit Administration Earmarked Transportation Study in the Texas Medical Center (Approved by Ordinance Nos. 2011-835, 2012-342 and Resolution No. 2011-14) - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS and K – GREEN** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 22. Council Member Brown, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0646 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 23 through 24

23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract Addendum No. 2 between the City of Houston, the **STATE OF TEXAS** and the **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ND**, for City participation in the State of Texas Fuel Card for Fleet Services Program – (**This was Item 11 on Agenda of July 3, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0647 ADOPTED.
- 23a. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.00 for Fuel Cards and related services from the Texas State Council on Competitive Government contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Fleet Management Department, awarded to **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND** – (**This was Item 11A on Agenda of July 3, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON**) - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0589 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **GOWAN, INC** for Backflow Preventers Certification, Testing and Repair Services (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-1127) – (**This was Item 20 on Agenda of July 3, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0648 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind the Council Members that they had an off week scheduled for next week and they would not have a Council meeting, that they would meet again the following week, July 24 and 25, 2012.

Council Member Pennington stated that there were results of a study published yesterday, written by Mr. Scott Cohen, Correspondent for CNBC, rating Texas as Number 1 in the Annual Survey of Places to do Business; that the City of San Bernadino, California, had filed for bankruptcy, that was the second one in recent times, that another city in the east, Scranton, had reduced pay to minimum wage. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that they wanted to continue to wish Council Member Noriega a full recovery, that she was doing much better, but was immobile from her broken bone, that she fully expected to see her at the next Council meeting. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Council Member Green stated that the Braes Oaks Management District was calling for volunteers for their Planet Ford Farm Workday Event on Saturday July 14, 2012 on the corner of Fondren and Willow Bend; that on Thursday the Central Southwest Super Neighborhood meeting was facilitated by Reverend Ray Washington, the focus was on public safety within Hiram Clarke; that the City of Houston had the honor of hosting the NAACP Annual Convention this week, and on Saturday he participated in the NAACP Annual Convention Health and Wellness Bike Ride, which extended from Discovery Green to TSU, covering a little over 6 miles, that he was joined by other local elected officials, that this evening from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. he and Council Members Burks, Bradford, Adams and Davis would host a NAACP Happy Hour at the Foundation Room, 1204 Caroline, that this evening Yolanda Adams would be featured during a Gospel Extravaganza at the George R. Brown Convention Center, that the convention would conclude Thursday, July 12, 2012 and Vice President Joe Biden would be the featured guest speaker during the luncheon portion of the conference; that he wanted to note that yesterday he was quite disturbed by some of the members that approached Council with regard to the janitor situation and without getting into specifics he would hope that the City would do something or that individuals involved in the conflict could come to some sort of resolution. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Council Member Brown stated that last week she had a wonderful but very short and busy trip to the cities of Taipei, Beijing and Seoul to attend a series of meetings to help increase travel, investments and jobs to Houston. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to congratulate their City Attorney, Dave Feldman, for the good news they got yesterday on the appeal from the 14th Court of Appeals upholding Rebuild Houston Charter Amendment, that he appreciated all of the work that Mr. Feldman did, and appreciated, in the email he sent to them, his comments about Mr. Randy Porteau, that he and his staff did a wonderful job. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank the members of the Lindale Park Civic Club for putting together another amazing Fourth of July Parade in his home neighborhood, that he wanted to thank all who dedicated many hours to insure the parade was a success; that Captain Beta Kent, with the Houston Fire Department, had been promoted to Assistant Chief, that he wanted to congratulate Chief Kent on her promotion and thank her for excellent work as the Council Liaison and Representative of the Houston Fire Department; that he wanted to commend Chief Garrison, he had really established a top notch command staff that showed a lot of diversity, very representative of the entire City, that he knew it was important to increase the number of women within the ranks of the Fire Department and he was working hard to accomplish that; that they had seen some much needed rain in the City and in typical fashion it had poured and he wanted to remind citizens to take extra precaution when

driving in hazardous weather conditions, in particular please do not drive their vehicles into areas where water covered the roadway; that it was during these heavy downpours he thought they must all be thankful that the citizens of the City voted in approval of Rebuild Houston because it was imperative for them to rebuild the City's infrastructure going forward to have the proper infrastructure to deal with the torrential downpours that they see from time to time. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Mayor Parker stated that they were all glad to be back in a more normal weather pattern for the City of Houston and out of the drought, that she knew there were at least three Fourth of July parades last week, Kingwood and Lindale had a parade and Southbelt/Ellington area had their silver anniversary parade and they all started at the same time. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Council Member Adams stated that she had the opportunity to share with the Mayor last week and she wanted to congratulate the Southbelt/Ellington Community for a wonderful parade; that she wanted to thank Laura Spanjian, yesterday she had the opportunity to talk with her to bring some community leaders together to share her vision about the Urban Gardens and what they were doing in Sunnyside; that on Monday night the MacGregor Super Neighborhood area came together with the Houston Police Department to get a focus on crime prevention in the community; that last night she met with the Baja Center on Fannin with SEARCH because of some of the issues they were incurring with the homeless population, that they still had those people who did not obey the rules and HPD was having to spend a lot of time enforcing the ordinances about protecting the sidewalks and not doing those things they should not do in public, that she wanted to thank the community for coming together last night and coming up with solutions; that she wanted to thank Dr. Rhea Lawson and TIRZ No. 7 and the community in the McGregor area for hosting one of the final public meetings on Monday about the Young Library; that she wanted to congratulate Chief Beta Kent for her well deserved promotion; that she wanted to thank HFD, they were going to be reopening Fire Station No. 25 on July 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.; that as a reminder the Housing and Sustainable Growth Committee for this month would be canceled. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:12 a.m. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent on city business. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary