

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 7, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 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, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Green for the first presentation; and Council Member Green invited those present for his presentation to the podium and stated that today he was honoring a true American hero; that it was an honor to stand next to Mr. Danny Thompson who was a U. S. Postal Service employee who committed a heroic act on June 26, 2012, when he saw smoke coming out of a window air conditioning unit and after several attempts to wake the family was able to rescue two children ages 12 and 13 from the home which was then burning and was now destroyed; and Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Thompson for his courageous actions and presented him a Proclamation and proclaimed today as "Danny Thompson Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Thompson thanked all for the recognition and stated that he was with the Postal Service seven years and not a day went by that some postal worker assists in making sure the public was safe and secure. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that it was good to be reminded how the Postal Service touched people daily; thanked Mr. Thompson's parents for raising a great son; and thanked Mr. Thompson for doing what he did and being a hero. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Davis invited those present for his presentation to the podium and stated that today he was acknowledging people who made a difference in the community; that Hip Hop for HIV awareness was needed and had been coming to Houston a few years and it tested people for AIDS and HIV, etc.; that one out of four African American women lived in poverty which was strongly linked to HIV risk; that one out of five was living with HIV and did not know their status and it translated to about 116,000 people and this was now the largest testing event in the U. S. reaching more than 47,000 youth and young adults in the past five years; and Mayor Parker thanked the Department of Health and Human Services and all associated with the Hip Hop concert and presented a Proclamation to the group and proclaimed today as "Hip Hop for HIV Awareness Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, a Spokesperson stated that for more information you could go to hiphopforhiv.com. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez on a point of personal privilege introduced law enforcement present and stated that the group had spearheaded the stophoustongangs.org initiative; that it was a proactive policing tool and there had now been a 236% increase in tips as well as a 100% increase in visitors and 256 arrests made with seven of the ten featured gang members caught. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

Council Members Noriega and Bradford thanked the group for their work in keeping children from criminal activity and all others safe. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez who led all in the prayer and pledge. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent.

At 2:02 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Davis and Sullivan absent.

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

Mayor Parker stated that before the meeting started it was appropriate they take note of the tragic shooting incident which occurred over the weekend at the Sikh Temple; that there was a large, strong, very community engaged Sikh community in Houston and asked for a moment of silence for the victims. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Burks moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Tammy Gorr Hendrix to the two minute speakers list, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0611 ADOPTED.

At 2:06 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Ms. Elsa Caballero, 4299 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77027 (832-270-3210) appeared, as others stood in support, and stated that she was representative for the SEIU Local 1 members; that they did not reach an agreement last week and tomorrow was crucial; thanked all who supported the janitors; and urged continued support.

Council Member Adams stated that she applauded all for standing firm; and upon questions, Ms. Caballero stated that building owners were key as the contractors would only listen to them and they could help end this with a fair contract.

Ms. Maria Salgado, 5605 Chimney Rock #117, Houston, Texas 77081 (832-889-8551) appeared, as others stood in support, and stated through an interpreter that she was a janitor 33 years; that tomorrow they would renegotiate; and urged Council speak with building owners to support better wages.

Council Member Noriega stated that it was important to put a face with an issue; and she appreciated all coming today.

Mr. Francis Skeith, 12831 Raven South Drive, Cypress, Texas 77429 (281-955-0342) appeared, as others stood in support, and stated that he was coordinator for a catholic peace and justice organization and present as all should be able to have fair wages and support their families; that his family were immigrants who helped form the union present; janitors were asking for \$10.00 an hour, a reasonable request; and thanked all who were supporting the janitors.

Ms. Auxiliadora Menocal, 6525 Hillcroft, Houston, Texas 77274 (832-893-3257) appeared, as others stood in support, and stated through an interpreter that she cleaned offices several years and cleaning contractors wanted to keep them at poverty level and it was not right, all needed fair wages; and urged all ask the building owners to speak with the contractors.

Mr. Jerome Wald, 7575 Kirby #1106, Houston, Texas 77030 (713-291-5103) appeared, as

others stood in support, and stated that he was a member of the Interfaith Committee of the Houston Worker Justice Center; that janitors were asking for an increase from \$8.35 to \$10.00 an hour phased in over three years which equaled 55¢ a year instead of the 10¢ a year being offered; and urged all support the janitors. Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Green stated that he would assume the same corporations doing business in other cities paid janitors more than here in Houston; and Mayor Parker stated that the City of Houston paid janitors who worked directly for them \$10.00 an hour. Council Member Adams absent.

Mr. Brandon Walker, 627A Beringer Lane, Webster, Texas 77598 (713-548-7991) appeared and stated that he was present regarding fluoridation which was to reduce tooth decay and promote good oral health, but a study was not done at the time it was started, it was done later; that the CDC's website it showed excessive fluoride exposure was common in children under eight years of age and they had an increased chance of developing pits in tooth enamel, etc., and urged the city stop placing fluoride in water and save money and if people wanted fluoride it was not in toothpaste. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christie stated that he would say to hang in there; that the more chemicals in the environment the more damage it did to your system; that Doctor Hackerman was the longest serving president of Rice University said if children could understand nature they would have smart children and that was a powerful statement, it had to do with chemistry, physiology, physics, astronomy, geology and the whole works, if someone understood how nature worked it was a perfectly balanced system; that chemicals did not work with Mother Nature; that he was sure the City of Houston had a very good water system and it was well intended, but he agreed that the less chemicals in the water the better. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Tammy Gorr Hendrix, who was previously added to the Speakers List, was not present when her name was called. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

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

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood, Houston, Texas 77016 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Tasleem Siddiqi, 8900 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77081 (281-236-7597) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Joseph Moses, 18310 Blackberry Lane, Conroe, Texas 77306 (936-521-9610) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Gary Grier, 600 Jefferson #2050, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-531-6006) appeared, presented information and stated that he was the Director of Community Engagement for the Coalition for the Homeless and was present to report on a community process he had been working on which he considered an important next step in preventing homelessness and that was their Charrette which would be held on August 20th and 21st; that a charrette was an intensive process to plan, jumpstart and create an action plan to bring in multiple levels of input from the community and help with strategies to move forward with; and invited all to attend.

Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that in January she announced they would have focused attention on homelessness and move the city forward on addressing the issue; that they were making progress in the count of homeless on the streets, but there were still 8,000 on the streets; and she encouraged all to focus on how to address the problem and the charrette was open if they wanted more information they should go to homelesshouston.org; and she hoped to see many Council Members at the charrette. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Mr. Grier for having healthy dialogue on homelessness ; and upon questions, Mr. Grier stated that there was no cost to attend or registration process; and they were working on transportation for those in need. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Micah Jackson, 1937 Dryden, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-937-8024) appeared and stated that he was present regarding water quality and the cost of fluoridation; that water fluoridation was medicinal but flew in the face of civil liberties, it was forced medicine at a cost of \$1.25 million per year to Houstonians; that Houston water was much less drunk because of bottled water, house filters, etc., most was for lawn care and showers so more water was not used for consumption and money was going down the drain; and urged all to respect civil liberties and not pour money down the drain. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Derrick Broze, 1215 W. Gray, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-909-0382) appeared and stated that he was a representative of Fluoride for Houston and there was the economic argument and health argument with its many health problems coming about since Houston began fluoridating water; that currently there were over 3,000 health professionals speaking out against it and called for a worldwide end to fluoridation; that the third argument was civil liberties, they were being forced to medication and now there was toothpaste, etc., with fluoride if it was wanted; that Senator Joe Lieberman made statements proposing lithium be added to water supply to curb suicide rates and it was extreme, but it could be further down the line; that people should be free to choose how they medicate themselves; and urged Council look into this. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were aware Centers for Disease Control recommended continued fluoridation of water and actually recommended it be extended to cities which did not currently do it; and Mr. Broze stated that they recently reversed their position on it; and Mayor Parker stated that she had no such information and the EPA established a safe fluoridation level and the Center for Disease Control recommended all cities to fluoridate their water and that she wanted on the record; and the city was in compliance with all federal regulations. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Council Member Christie stated that he supported their view and the Centers for Disease Control had okayed many things which had been harmful for people in the U. S. and some were reversed years later; that in the past 50 years there had been 80,000 chemicals induced into the environmental, food, air and water; that in the United Kingdom they okayed 200 chemicals and they had to prove the safety, but in this country you could put it in and you had to be disproved to take it out; that the City of Houston received high marks for clean water, but he did agree they should not add more chemicals to the environment and comparing the UK and the US there was something wrong with the system. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Emmanuel Arambula, 314 Hogan, Houston, Texas 77009 (956-345-1543) appeared and stated that he worked at Whole Foods on Kirby and was present regarding health foods that they provided and one such thing was fluoride and chloride free water and sales skyrocketed; that they had two more stores opening which supported natural and organic living.

Council Members Cohen, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Joseph Zenner, 1734 Skinner, Houston, Texas 77093 (832-729-4090) appeared and stated that he too was present regarding fluoride and was a member of Houston Free Thinkers and Fluoride for Houston; that he was a chemical engineer who gave up being a troubleshooter for refineries; that he felt because of the food and water crises in the country it was his responsibility to start studying nutrition and figure out how to troubleshoot the body; that hydration and water quality was a major issue and people had choices; that fluoride should be removed for the children and the debate if fluoride was hazardous was not even a debate, it was a hazardous chemical and it was listed as such; and if the city did not purchase it for the water all who had it would have to pay to have it disposed of as a hazardous waste and that was fact; thanked Council Member Christie for his comments; and urged all look into the issue and the studies backing their facts. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Cody Adam, 2707 Maple Lane, Pearland, Texas 77584 (281-733-8324) appeared, presented information and stated that his information presented was a study on the Developmental Fluoride Neurotoxicity and a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis released last week by Harvard University; and read from the background, objective, methods, results and conclusions which had to do with IQ scores, possibility of adverse effects of fluoride on children's neurodevelopment, etc., and urged the stop of fluoride. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Cohen, Mr. Adam stated that the review was done by Harvard University, what he presented was an excerpt from a site he found which was the Environmental Health Perspective. Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Christian Antonio (did not give address) (281-799-8736) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Ms. Shirl Green, 10700 Fuqua #284, Houston, Texas 77089 (832-352-7787) appeared and stated that she was a resident of Southeast Houston and present seeking power and authority from Council, etc., that Obama was her uncle, Michelle her sister, Queen Elizabeth her grandmother; that she left them because of slave trafficking; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christie stated that on a point of personal privilege regarding the water quality group, he would ask Council to think outside the box; that something was done for 50 years and now it was overdone; that margarine was pushed over butter and they found that was wrong; they drained the everglades and found that was wrong; that pesticides and insecticides...; that those present looked healthy, they were calm and would be so in the future because they were protecting their internal environment; and they had a legitimate request, it made good common biochemical sense; and he urged they consider what was said. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Ms. Anna Ashmore, 7815 Windswept Lane, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-953-9955) appeared and stated that again she was present regarding her outrageous water bills; that she was overcharged by \$4,000.00 and would like her money back; that she had been victim of a faulty water meter. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster thanked the Mayor and her Administration for responding to Ms. Ashmore; that he visited with her and also with the Public Works Department and was looking into details and hoped to have a detailed conversation with members of her office on the matter;

that he was concerned how average citizens could demonstrate how they were not using water, etc., and he looked forward to finding a satisfactory answer for all citizens in such situations; and Mayor Parker stated that they were looking at this through the Legal Department; that he was aware they had to navigate state law. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2800) appeared and stated that again he was demanding emergency protection; etc.; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Ms. Whitney Leday, 12415 Chalmette, Houston, Texas 77015 (281-455-8163) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Cirilo Hernandez, 10550 Valley Forge #127, Houston, Texas 77042 (832-755-7013) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

At 2:57 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Council Members Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and 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, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

At 8:24 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 stated that today they had the presentation of the Monthly Operation and Financial Report, but they had a public hearing that would precede that, and asked that the presenters introduce themselves. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Noriega and Burks absent.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** for the second amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-ONE (HARDY/NEAR NORTHSIDE ZONE) - DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mr. Ralph De Leon, Mayor's Office of Economic Development and Ms. Donna Capps, City Attorney's Office introduced themselves, and Mr. De Leon stated that on July 9, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Hardy/Near Northside TIRZ approved amendments to the TIRZ's Project Plan and Financing Plan and forwarded them to the City for consideration, that in accordance with Section 311.003 and 311.007 of the Texas Tax Code, a municipality must hold a public hearing and proposed amendments to a project plan included changes that amended the stated cost in a project plan and/or extends the term of a portion or all of a zone, that the public hearing today was regarding a proposed amendment to the Hardy/Near Northside Zone Project Plan and Financing Plan, that each Council office had been given a copy of the proposed amended plan and an official City statement had been distributed, that in brief the proposed amendment to the

zone plan would increase the project costs by approximately \$36 million from previous plans, that in addition, due to the magnitude of planned development, within and adjacent to the zone, and the anticipated increased demand on already distressed infrastructure, the proposed amendment also includes provisions to extend the term of the zone by seven years, from December 31, 2033 to December 31, 2040, that the goals and objectives included in the amended plan remain unchanged from previous plans and included provisions for the design and construction of public streets and utility systems, plans, mobility improvements and affordable housing, that in closing City staff had worked with the Hardy/Near North Redevelopment Authority on the proposed second amended plan and would later bring forth a recommendation to City Council to approve the plan amendment. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that no one had signed up for the public hearing and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to address the issue of the Hardy/Near Northside Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, hearing none requested a motion to close the hearing. Council Members Adams, Hoang, and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0612 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the Monthly Operations and Financial Report and recognized Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller, and Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller – was presented. Council Members Sullivan, Adams and Hoang absent.

Mr. Green and Mr. Dowe reviewed the Monthly Operations and Finance Report, and Mr. Green reviewed the Quarterly Investment and SWAP Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Green and Mr. Dowe were questioned by Members of Council, and Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Green, for the record, when and how did he reconcile his numbers at some point with the Finance Office, and Mr. Green stated that the Monthly Operations and Financial Report was really an internal piece that the City of Houston did for the benefit of the Council Members and the City, that these were not their official verified numbers where their accountants had signed off on, that the official document that reconciled all of their numbers was the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, CAFR, which would not be out until mid November, and would be out on time, that they had a couple of months where they still had closings going on under their accrued method of accounting, that although the fiscal year was closed out they were still getting in receipts that were about 30 to 60 days behind and that was when they started to adjust their numbers and the numbers became much tighter, that although this was the last report for the last fiscal year there were still behind the scenes a lot of closings going on and a lot of reconciling going on, that the official numbers would be in the CAFR. Council Members Adams and Noriega absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Costello moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report and the Quarterly Investment Report, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on

personal business. Council Member absent. MOTION 2012-0613 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Noriega for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that they had some guests in the audience, that she wanted to recognize Boy Scouts from Troop 355, Spring, Texas and their leader Karen Dupont, that they appreciated their being present to work on their Citizen Badges. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 30

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 and 3

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **LAKE HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, (REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN) BOARD OF DIRECTORS** and **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LAKE HOUSTON ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Position Two - **MR. JEFFREY NIELSEN**, for a term to expire December 31, 2012

Position Six - **MS. DEBORAH A. YOCHAM, (Humble Independent School District Representative)**, for a term to expire December 31, 2013

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0614 ADOPTED.

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department for approval of supplemental Budgets submitted by the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE, MILLER THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD, INC, HOUSTON MUSEUM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, and THEATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT, INC** to promote the Arts - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0615 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 4 and 5

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$479,163.84 and acceptance of work on contract with **ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation - 0.33% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount (4277-42) - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0616 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$234,630.04 and acceptance of work on contract with **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Neighborhood Back Lot Wastewater Substitute Service Program-Eastwood - 1.0% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0617 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they confirmed the appointment of individuals to the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority, that Mr. Jeff Nielson was present and she invited him to the podium to be recognized.

Mr. Nielson stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City Council, that he wanted to recognize Council Member Sullivan for thinking of him when the spot on the TIRZ became open, that he would do the best that he could to represent the Kingwood Community to help improve it.

Mayor Parker and Members of Council congratulated Mr. Nielson on his appointment and thanked him for his service to the City of Houston.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 17 through 30

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **THE GREATER HOUSTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU** for Professional Protocol Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$685,000.00 - General Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Houston Downtown Underground Pedestrian Walkways Distributed Antenna System License Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, **GTE MOBILNET OF SOUTH TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS, T-MOBILE WEST CORPORATION, SPRINTCOM, INC** and **NEXTEL OF TEXAS, INC**, and **NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0686 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HALL-MARK FIRE APPARATUS TEXAS, LLC** for E-One Fire Trucks Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$999,000.00 - Fleet Management Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0687 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Sole Source Contract between the City and **APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS, LLC** for Repair and Preventive Maintenance of the Crime Lab Analytical Instruments for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years \$175,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0688 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **INFOSOL, INC** for Enterprise Environmental Operations Support System Software Maintenance for the Public Works and Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$243,075.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0689 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to an agreement between the City of Houston and **PRECISION PNEUMATIC, INC** for Maintenance and Repair of Air Compressors for the Various Departments (Ordinance 2007-962) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0690 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **KOETTER FIRE PROTECTION OF HOUSTON, LLC** for Fire and Security Alarm System Maintenance, Inspections, Testing and Monitoring Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$6,175,400.00 - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0691 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 74.1056 acres of land to **NORTHAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0692 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BROWN & GAY ENGINEERS, INC** for Pre-Engineering of Storm Water Drainage Improvements (Approved by Ordinance 2011-0505) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0693 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS** for Verizon Data (Air Card) Plan through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for Houston Police Department - \$1,367,340.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0618 ADOPTED.
7. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$829,230.00 for Chemical, Inorganic Metal Salt Coagulant (Ferric Sulfate) for Department of Public Works & Engineering, on award to **KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0619 ADOPTED.
8. **APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Industrial Maintenance, Repair, and Operating Commodities and related services through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with U.S. Commodities for the Department of Public Works & Engineering \$770,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0620 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

9. RESOLUTION designating the **MELDRUM HOUSE located at 2411 Stanmore Drive** within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2012-0025 ADOPTED.
10. RESOLUTION supporting and approving the proposed rehabilitation of Willow Green Apartments, a Multi-Family Affordable Housing Development, located at 8301 Willow

Place North in the City of Houston, Texas, by Dalcor Willow Green, Ltd. and authorizing the allocation of 2012 Housing Tax Credits to such development by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs **DISTRICT A - BROWN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2012-0026 ADOPTED.

11. ORDINANCE ordering an election to be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, certain propositions for the issuance of Public Improvement Bonds for various purposes; designating the location of each polling place and the hours that the polls shall be open – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Green and Sullivan.
12. ORDINANCE ordering a Special Election to be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, a proposition to update the City Charter by amending Articles I, II, and IX of the Charter to repeal various sections that are obsolete or have been superseded by State and/or Federal Law – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0694 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE ordering a Special Election to be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, a proposition to update the City Charter by amending Articles V, VIIa, and VIIb of the Charter to remove obsolete references to party primaries and partisan elections, to address the impact of current election laws and procedures, and to recognize the existence of council districts in initiative, referendum, and recall processes – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0695 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **OMB HOUSTON, LP** for the development, construction and operation of a Mixed-Use Residential, Retail and Commercial Development - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0696 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **CENTERPOINTE HOTEL PARTNERS, LLC** for the development and operation of a complex of hotels - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0697 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE amending the City of Houston Citizen Participation Plan for the Consolidated Plan authorized pursuant to Ordinance No. 2010-372 passed May 12, 2010, to add information relating to the Economic Development Initiative/Section 108 Program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0698 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Houston to submit a request to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** to amend the City's Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Grant Agreement and its Section 108 Program to add certain program activities and permitted uses of funds, and to extend, through August 31, 2015, the deadline to disburse the balance of EDI Grant Funds and Section 108 Guaranteed Loan Funds – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance

voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0699 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON** to provide a grant of \$675,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for construction of the St. Monica Food Pantry located at 8421 W. Montgomery Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0700 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City and **CARRIER CORPORATION**, to settle a lawsuit - \$130,966.43 - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0701 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **SECLICKFIX, INC** for Design, Development, and Maintenance of Smartphone Applications for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department's 311 Help & Information Center (Approved by Ordinance No. 2010-1007); providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Gonzalez, a vote was called on Item No. 22. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0702 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-185 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **PHONOSCOPE, INC** (Contract No. 4600010423) for High-Capacity, Fiber Circuit Services for the Information Technology Department - \$615,933.08 - Central Service Revolving Fund – was presented. Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2012-0703 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 31 and 32

MISCELLANEOUS

31. RECEIVE nominations for appointments from each Council Member for the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for staggered terms from the date of appointment - was before Council.

Members of the City Council made the following nominations:

Dist A - CM Brown nominated Ross Dos Santos;
Dist B - CM Davis nominated Ramona Toliver;
Dist C - CM Cohen nominated Pat Nicholls;
Dist D - CM Adams nominated Pastor Manson Johnson;
Dist E - CM Sullivan nominated Nick A. Crnkovic, Sr.;
Dist F - CM Hoang nominated Sandy Reyes;
Dist G - CM Pennington nominated Frank Jones;
Dist H - CM Gonzalez nominated Blake Masters;
Dist I - CM Rodriguez nominated Johnny Sessums;
Dist J - CM Laster nominated Samuel Burton;
Dist K - CM Green nominated Lovella Hayes Dickson;
Pos. 1 - CM Costello nominated Terri LaRosa;
Pos. 2 - CM Burks nominated Vivian King;

Pos. 3 - CM Noriega nominated Beverly Jo Cage;
Pos. 4 - CM Bradford nominated Robert L. Crane
Pos. 5 - CM Christie nominated Art Pronin.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the nominations, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2012-0621 ADOPTED.

32. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** on the re-adoption with changes of Article XII Chapter 32, Code of Ordinances, City of Houston, regarding Standards of Care for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Youth Recreation Programs - **SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 15, 2012 - 9:00 A.M.** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set a public for the re-adoption with changes of Article XII Chapter 32, Code of Ordinances, City of Houston, regarding Standards of Care for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Youth Recreation Programs for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 15, 2012, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2012-0622 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Brown stated that last Wednesday she joined the Mayor and other Council Members to welcome the A380 at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, that it was a flight that was 86% or 95% capacity filled connecting Houston to the world; that Thursday she joined the Houston Community College at a welcome reception for the Port of Houston Colonel Waterworth; that on Sunday they had the Sixteenth Annual Vietnamese American Youth Recognition Luncheon and joined Council Members Christi, Laster, Sullivan and Hoang at the event; that on Sunday was Target's Free Day at the Children's Museum of Houston and was District A's turn to sponsor the event; that on Monday evening she visited with the Langwood Two Community Civic Club, in the heart of Spring Branch, they had a very involved community. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that last Saturday was White Linen Night in the Heights, that she wanted to thank the people involved; that on Thursday there was going to be a volunteer opportunity to landscape the HPD Station at 4503 Beechnut, that Keep Houston Beautiful received a grant for this and was sponsored by Disney's "The Odd Life of Timothy Green"; that she was a judge at the Rice Design Alliance Charrette, that it was exciting to see what different organizations had come up in terms of how could they improve the quality of life, the drivability, opportunity for parks and bicycling in and around the Museum District, the things that people could produce with only 8 hours of challenge. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to make a comment on the Charter revisions, that to update the City Charter and amendments was great, that he was hoping that it was an ongoing process to get the Charter into the 21st Century, that these were good riddance of dead wood that did not belong, that he encouraged updating the Charter this way. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that clearly there was a lot of stuff in the Charter, that the Charter was very old and she would liken it to just pruning it a little bit, that in order to make substantive changes they had to have a Charter Commission and a long and full formal process, that they felt that taking out language that was no longer legally appropriate was the safe thing to do

without convening the entire formal Charter process, but she agreed with him that there needed to be some effort to do that, that it was not going to be a short effort and was going to take some thought, that she wanted to thank Council Member Christi for raising the issue. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to concur with Council Member Christi, they needed to change the Charter amendments and he liked and commended the Mayor for it, that he hoped that the voters understood what they were trying to change; that the Library System had released a small phone application, the application allowed them to access the Library's catalog and place holds on books for pickup and get information about upcoming Library events and hours, as well as access on E-Books, that the application was free to download; that on Wednesday, August 15, 2015, the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce would be hosting it's 2012 International Trade Forum between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., that the annual event allowed business owners to learn more about international trade opportunities and procedures; that he had a gift for the Mayor from Nigeria, that it was in his office and at the appropriate time he would present the gift to the Mayor, that it was from the Governor of Nigeria; that he was at the meeting visiting the Vice President of Ghana recently and he was now the President of Ghana just two weeks later; that they were sitting on a powder keg of doing things for the people of Houston that could take them internationally, that Nigeria had 21% unemployment, that all they had to do was go in with lighting and power, that the basic things that they had and took for granted Nigeria needed, that they should bring a delegation to those countries and help them improve upon their quality of life. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that as to the Charter Commission, he thought it was certainly needed, that as Mayor Parker stated it was a long term undertaking, that it was clearly true that their Charter was in dire need of modification and he thought that the changes that were being proposed were for the most part non substantive changes and if those one of those were to pass it meant that they did not have an opportunity to make additional Charter Amendments for another two year period so that may give them a window to look at a commission and commence the work, that he thought it was work that was past due, that as an example one of the substantive changes that he thought was really needed was one that Mr. Feldman identified, the ability to have executive sessions, that he did not know a single attorney that did not understand and appreciate the ability to have in camera discussions with his or her clients, and he thought it really handicapped the client and attorney not having the ability to have those type of discussions with his or her client, that he knew it was resources, time and commitment to do the commission, but again they had moved forward with the vote today to put two items before the voters. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was very interested in doing that, that while there was no urgency she would appreciate Council Member Bradford Ethics and Governance Committee maybe exploring what a Charter Commission would look like. Council Members Davis, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Item received during meeting.

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **THE GREATER HOUSTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU** for Professional Protocol Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$685,000.00 - General Fund – was before Council.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Sullivan stated that he would tag Item No. 14. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster announced the following events: this evening the Sharpstown

Super Neighborhood Council would meet at Plaza Americas Reception Hall, 2nd Floor, 7500 Bellaire; that he wanted to commend Veronica Hernandez, Citizens Assistance Office and all of the multitude of volunteers that had been working for months to prepare for the upcoming Back to School Fest which would happen on Saturday at Reliant Park; that India House, located in District J, would have a Houston Youth Explosion on Saturday at 8888 West Bellfort, that he wanted to thank them for their hard work and community activism and community service; that Health Comes First, a 2012 Back to School Community Health Fair, would be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at Baker Ripley Neighborhood Centers, 6500 Rookin Street, one block west of Hillcroft, that he wanted to thank Neighborhood Centers Inc. for all of the good work they did across the City. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan announced the following events; August 2, 2012 they had the closing ceremonies for the Junior Olympics that were held at Turner Stadium, Humble ISDs home for all athletics, that he wanted to compliment all of the volunteers involved, as well as Houston Harris County Sports Authority for leading the efforts; that on August 2, 2012 there was a groundbreaking for Kingwood Medical Center's three story women's tower, that construction would begin in the fall with completion estimated to be first quarter FY14, that would be their first major boost with the TIRZ in the Kingwood area; that Houston Fire Department District Chief 102, Randy Hartman, retired after almost 30 years of service and had a great going away party at the station last Saturday; that the Solar Station Trailer that they designed and built in cooperation with the University of Houston, some had been deployed, one was at Station No. 72 at Clear Lake and last week NASA came over and toured it, that the grant project that they pursued had paid off not only for Houston but was at a high enough caliber that NASA was now paying attention to it as well; that he had not planned on talking about the City Charter, but wanted to go on record as being opposed to kind of what he called a sort of knee jerk reaction to wanting to study and create a commission to look at the Charter, that he thought that the City Attorney had done great work at picking up things that truly were not necessary in the Charter, that they should go ahead and clean those up, but most importantly they were giving the public a chance to vote on it and he thought that was important, that they were Texans and proud of the State Constitution, they were Houstonians and proud of their Charter, they should not monkey with it, that if something needed to be fixed, pull it out, but to think that they just needed to sit down and go through it and fix it, he thought, was ill advised, in his opinion. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this past week their Nation witnessed another senseless tragedy, that his condolences went out to the families and friends of the victims of the Wisconsin Sikh shootings, that this type of violence was not welcome or accepted in their society, that he wanted to encourage everyone to attend this Thursday's Candlelight Vigil at the steps of City Hall to honor the victims; that Go Neighborhoods would be hosting their quarterly community meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2012, at Marshall Middle School; that last week the Houston Police Department announced a new partnership between TAPS, Teens and Police Service Academy) and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Houston, that the new partnership would insure that at risk teens continued a mentorship relationship after their 15 week program with HPD concluded, that this proactive approach to working with their youth was a great example of tackling public safety through an innovative and creative approach; that the Aurora, Colorado incident was also fresh on their minds and he wanted to let citizens know and refer them to a link for a video called "Run, Hide and Fight", that it provided very critical information that he thought was essential for all to know and what to consider during an active shooter incident, that it could be found at www.ReadyHoustonTX.gov, that many people around the Country were showing a lot of interest in the video because it provided such important information, that it was a Department of Homeland Security Funded Project of the Regional Catastrophic Planning Initiative produced by the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the vigil tomorrow would start at 6:45 p.m., they moved the time back, it was Ramadan and they wanted to make sure that there was time before sunset. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that the Sikh Community in Houston had 5,000 members, it was a very vibrant part of their very multi cultural City, that she wanted to applaud the Mayor for taking the time to do the community vigil and solidarity, that Sikh's were an interesting group, that she had the opportunity to learn more about the Sikh Religion and community through Raji Kar, who worked in her office, that her family had welcomed her into their home and taught her about things, that their religious authority was in Houston a few months ago to give the prayer before the pledge, that one of the things that Sikh's embraced was the idea that they had a duty to help those who suffered unjustly, they had a symbol, a knife they carried as a baptized Sikh, that it was a symbol of bravery and protecting the weak and innocent, that they were not turn a blind eye to such evil thinking that those were someone else's concern, that it was the duty of a true Sikh to help those who suffered unjustly by whatever means available, that as a community she thought it was particularly appropriate that they circle around this group, that she wanted to thank Raji of her office for the time and effort and information that she had brought to her office and the Mayor's office, that it had enriched her to have a better understanding of this community. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams announced the following events; that she wanted to wish the Texans well as they went into a new football season; that on Saturday, August 5, 2012, Controller Ronald Green and the National Forum of Black Public Administrators, Houston Chapter, would host their annual Golf Classic at the Wildcat Golf Club, 1200 Almeda Road; that the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 450 Apprenticeship and Training Fund was conducting interviews September 15, 2012, that the deadline for accepting applications was August 31, 2012, at 8441 Gulf Freeway, Suite 302, Houston, Texas, for more information they could call her office at 832-393-3001; that on Saturday she and Controller Ronald Green kicked off the Kappa Alpha Psi Conclave Kickoff for 2013, they would be hosting the 81st Conclave in Houston next year; that she wanted to say Happy Birthday to Emancipation Park, 140 years old, that she wanted to thank Doris Ellis for what she continued to do being the President of Friends of Emancipation Park; that Perry Street Apartments, a new development coming into District D for New Hope Housing, were now taking applications for those individuals who needed affordable housing; that she wanted to say Happy Birthday to Donald Perkins, that he was the Chief of Staff to Council Member Green; that Saturday the Sunnyside Community, 3205 Bellfort, would have a Back to School Health Fair and she wanted to thank all of the sponsors and all those who participated and her staff. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green announced the following events: the Episina Health Clinic was now accepting applications for their new health care facility in Ft. Bend, if interested they could call their office at 832-393-3016 and they would accept the applications and forward it to the appropriate folks; that last Thursday he attended a community meeting at Townwood Park Community Center; that yesterday he attended the Woodside Neighborhood Street Reconstruction meeting, Project 446 at Linkwood Park; that he wanted to thank George Greanias, Metro, who attended the Braeswood Super Neighborhood meeting yesterday; that on Saturday the India would hold a Youth Explosion at their location off of West Bellfort; that next Thursday the Raindrop Turkish House would have their Annual Friendship and Engagement Dinner at their location on West Bellfort; that on Saturday, August 11, 2012, the District K office was hosting a Waterline Replacement Information meeting at the West Orem Y.M.C.A., that the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department was replacing the existing 42 inch water line running through the southwest crossing sub division; that next week he would be hosting a delegation from Belize, they would be touring the Port of Houston, as well as having several meetings within the City; that he looked forward to receiving them and the Mayor's

Office of Protocol in dealing with that delegation, as well as the Tri County International Chamber of Commerce; that on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., Steve Hubb, Water Quality Director with the Bayou Preservation Association would be discussing the water quality in the Braes Water Shed, that the event would be held at the Gathering Place, 5310 South Willow; that today was Donald Perkins birthday and he wanted to wish him a Happy Birthday. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis announced the following events; that this weekend at the Hester House there would be a back to school event; that at Hobart Taylor a back to school event with school supplies; that this weekend he went to UTI Campus, off of I-45, that they offered about 14 different programs, that they needed to figure out the new jobs coming to the City and get people prepared to go to some type of trade schools; that crime was going on in District B, no jobs, people needed money to live therefore they resorted to crime, that it was not only District B but everywhere, that they needed help from the City and the citizens; that he appreciated the Mayor and Council Members for supporting them with their Task Force for Illegal Dumping; that he was very supportive of the bonds for the parks, their kids needed a place to play; that Pleasantville was very happy with the Mayor's Report. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thanks Gary Reardor and Tyron Osene, Solid Waste Department, they had been getting a complaint in their office for the last four days about a dead horse, that in Sunnyside they had a lot acreage where people had agriculture on their property and sometimes the animals pass away, that the City of Houston does not go onto private property to remove any type of dead animal, but this week the stench was so loud and Solid Waste went out and spoke to the owner and tried to encourage them about the rules and regulations of the City of Houston and met with the citizens of the community about this particular problem, that the issue was being resolved this morning about the animal to be removed, that she wanted to thank them for going the extra mile; that she wanted to compliment Laura Spanjian and the Health Department, that they had two different food trucks, the ones they supported in City Hall, but also the grocery food trucks, there was an article in the newspaper about these food trucks who go into the lower income communities with food commodities, bread, eggs, butter, sugar, whatever they needed, that it was part of the Lone Star Program and approved by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services for the grocery trucks, but when they went into the communities they may charge constituents \$3.00 for a loaf of bread or \$5.00 for a gallon of milk, that they needed to make sure they were not going out there soliciting the grocers, that some were going into apartments and setting up as grocers and taking the Lone Star Cards on hold, if they did not have enough money on the Lone Star Card they would write the card number down, their ID and the next month charge them enormous fees and penalties for the next month, that they needed to look at this and she wanted to thank Laura for bringing in the information and working with the District about it, that there were good trucks who did it the right way. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:34 a.m. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary