

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 23, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Ms. Lynette Fons, First Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Melissa Noriega absent on personal business.

At 1:46 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would now begin presentations and called on Council Member Adams who invited Firefighter Richard Mackert to the podium and stated that she was recognizing Firefighter Mackert but kudos went to all at Fire Station 55 and all units who came to assist on July 25th; that a call went out children were trapped in a fire and Firefighter Mackert found one of two twin girls and the crew found the other; but for their teamwork it could have been tragic; and Mayor Parker presented Firefighter Mackert a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Firefighter Richard Mackert Day" in Houston, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Firefighter Mackert stated that he thanked his crew and all support around him; and thanked all for the recognition. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Burks thanked Firefighter Mackert and all of the Houston Fire Department for what they did. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Green invited those with his presentation to the podium and stated that members of the Navy were assisting with the refurbishing and revitalizing of memorials and monuments around Houston; that the Navy was America's front line in war and peace operating below and above the sea and were critical to America's safety; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and proclaimed this week as "Houston Navy Week" in Houston, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Juan Garcia, Assistant Secretary of the Navy stated that 40,000 Texans served in the United States Navy; that it was great to be home; and thanked all for the recognition and for support of all Sailors and Marines. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Orlando Sanchez, Harris County Treasurer, stated that the world depended on the Navy for many things and Navy Week was designed to educate Americans on the importance of their service, etc., and presented a Proclamation on behalf of Judge Emmet, to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy which proclaimed this week "2012 Houston Navy Week". Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford, Council Members Burks and Christie expressed thanks and appreciation to all in the Navy. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Davis, Sullivan and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

At 2:01 p.m. Mayor Parker called on Council Member Burks who led all in the invocation and pledge. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Sullivan and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:04 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Noriega absent on personal 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 Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Pennington moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Ann Givens after Mr. Robert Tucker, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0753 ADOPTED.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing five speakers relating to Houston Fire Department issues at the top of the three minute Non-Agenda Speakers, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2012-0754 ADOPTED.

At 2:06 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers.

Mr. Mark Mabry, 7414 Flowerdale, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-621-7273) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with appreciation of new board members and concerns that those new board members would not have time to review the budget if the item was passed; and urged the item be delayed. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the budget approval process had not been moved forward, it was on track as it was previously approved by the outgoing board and coming in due course to Council; and believed new members were briefed. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Cyd Dillahunty, 1120 Springrock Lane, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-303-9846) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with appreciation of new board members and concerns of drainage issues; and urged all projects be looked at and the impact they would have on their neighborhood. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. David Caddy, 166 Stoney Creek, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-857-3804) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with appreciation of new board members and concerns that those new board members would not have time to review the budget if the item was passed; and urged the item be delayed. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Virginia Gregory, 9806 Westview Drive, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-465-5814) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with appreciation of new board members and concerns of new development and mobility projects and that those new board members would not have time to review the budget if the item was passed. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Ms. Gregory stated that her concerns were with the capital improvements, the mobility and the Barryknoll Project. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Roberta Prazak, 606 Arlington Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-461-2860) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with appreciation of new board members and concerns

that those new board members would not have time to review the budget if the item was passed; and requested clarification of their representation. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that to clarify it was not that there was a specific person named to represent a community organization, it was that there be at least one representative from each side of the freeway which did not represent the commercial interests; and Ms. Prazak stated that the person from the south was to be nominated by the Memorial City TIRZ and she was president of the ADHOCK Committee for the Memorial City TIRZ and never received information a new board member space was available. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Pennington stated he discussed the matter with Ms. Prazak and had brought it up with the Mayor's appointment person and it was his understanding they believed it was applicable to the first appointments, but not subsequent persons; and upon questions, Ms. Prazak stated that she had commented, but did not feel she had been heard; and did want to participate and have input. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Ed Browne, 41 Rollingwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-365-9902) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with concerns of flooding and upstream detention being needed; that those new board members would not have time to review the budget if the item was passed and they would have no say where the money went; and urged the item be delayed. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he spoke to citizens who attended the District A Convention held Saturday and he was trying to determine what the harm would be to delay that budget so new board members could get up to speed; and upon questions, Mr. Browne stated that he looked at the TIRZ Board as more of a corporation and if 42% of a corporation was replaced including the chairman and CEO the new CEO would want to review projects before approving the budget; that if the city passed the item they were tying their hands; and Council Member Bradford stated that it seemed prudent to delay the item and allow new members to review unless there was harm he was not aware of. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Lois Myers, 9701 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-775-2443) appeared, displayed pictures and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, and urged a commitment to redo the ordinance written years ago and require all commercial development to put in detention ponds if over an acre. Council Member Davis absent.

Mr. Robert Tucker, 9787 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-468-5607) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, with concerns as he was one of the new board members and felt they should have opportunity to look at the past policies and perhaps review and revise; and requested the item be delayed. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Parker stated that her understanding was he had conversations with Mr. Deleon and met with Ms. Givens and walked through the budget and had some orientation on the work of the TIRZ; and Mr. Tucker stated that he met with Ms. Givens but on issues, not budget. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Brown stated that the key was budget and all needed an opportunity to review and start on a positive note; that they did have her support; and thanked all for coming. Council Member Davis absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Mr. Tucker stated that he had not talked to other board members about the issue. Council Member Davis absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Tucker stated that he had not seen or

reviewed the budget. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Ms. Ann Givens, 1813 Wycliffe, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-465-1744) appeared and spoke on Agenda Item 19, TIRZ 17, stating that she was the new chair; had heard previous speakers, but was urging serious consideration to passing the budget as for TIRZ 17 to go forward as they needed a budget or all projects were just words on paper; and if the Barryknoll project did not go in the ground in January it would be postponed until 2014 and money already spent on it would be wasted. Council Members Davis, Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that when she was confirmed as chair several of them said it would be a tough job with many challenges in TIRZ 17, but to be clear it was what she indicated, if no new budget was passed they operated off the previous budget. Council Members Davis, Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that credibility and projects were the two factors of a TIRZ; that speakers raised the issue of credibility if the budget was approved tomorrow; and upon questions, Ms. Givens stated that the Barryknoll project would be delayed because of Christmas traffic, etc., and urged the budget be passed. Council Members Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Costello absent.

Ms. Heather Arnold, 1406 Heights Drive, Katy, Texas (832-444-0137) appeared as others stood in support and stated that she was a single mother and an 18 year veteran of the Houston Fire Department and spoke on her accomplishments and positions in the HFD, her dedication and concerns of issues on benefit time being charged incorrectly; and urged the Mayor and Council see that benefit time was corrected. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Pennington and Costello absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Ms. Fons stated that this was subject to contract; that it had been discussed between the union and negotiating team; that they had not come to an agreement on the item as yet, the matter was set by the collective bargaining agreement and changes by current ordinance and it would need to be ratified by the union. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Costello absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Rodriguez, Ms. Arnold stated that in June she took about eight days and was overcharged about 48 hours. Council Members Brown, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Parker stated that there needed to be a confirmation with the union; that once an agreement was made on a contract it was ratified by both entities and if they were unsatisfied with the agreement they made then they need to go back to the bargaining table, there was a formal process and until they were satisfied with the deal they made she would not bring it forward. Council Members Brown, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Ms. Fons stated that she did need to make confirmations, there was an inequality in accruals as they related to holidays, but the current ordinance established what they were allowed to do and without further negotiation or modification, based on the collective bargaining they worked in perimeters of what had been agreed to; that she did not believe this particular matter was in litigation. Council Members Brown, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Council Member Hoang moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Heather Arnold, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Brown,

Sullivan and Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0755 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Arnold stated that she was a communications captain currently with 18 years in HFD; that she had not personally filed a grievance with the city, some others had. Council Members Brown, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mayor Parker stated that they had not requested collective bargaining be opened in relation to this issue to her knowledge; that her understanding was they had come to an agreement through the collective bargaining process and were beginning to move forward, but then second thoughts and she was waiting until that was resolved at the bargaining table and if they were completely happy with the agreement made she would be happy to post it. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that Council Members were not privy to discussions between firefighters and the city and it was a disadvantage, but it seemed time off was impacted and his concern was the firefighters; and thanked all for their service. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan and Pennington absent.

Mr. David Keller, 901 College, Montgomery, Texas 77356 (713-443-7703) appeared as others stood in support and stated that he was a 19 year veteran of the Houston Fire Department and spoke of his position in the HFD, and concerns of issues on benefit time being charged incorrectly without a formula they were being charged more time off in a pay cycle than what they would have even been paid for; that he had filed grievances and thought it was being taken care of; and urged the Mayor and Council see that the item be placed on the Agenda and time be converted with retro activity. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mayor Parker stated that she could not answer how many dollars were saved, but it was included in negotiations; and upon further questions, Mr. Keller stated that they were talking about owed hours being placed back for time off; that the 42 hour workweek was only their division at this time; and Mayor Parker stated that it was not dollars to the individual firefighters, but shifts had to be covered and it did have a financial impact to the City. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Keller stated that they were talking about all hours, now time was still being taken 24 hours at a time so they were concerned with going forward and going back to the date of shift change; that his time was close to 120 hours; and Council Member Bradford stated that he agreed this was in fact dollars, but they earned the hours and should be allowed to take the time. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. David Keller, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent. MOTION 2012-0756 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Rodriguez, Mr. Keller stated that they filed grievances and were told it would be done by ordinance and he understood the ordinance reached the Agenda and was pulled; and Council Member Rodriguez stated that they were quick to put firefighter pensions on their legislative priorities, but can't get this done and he was tired of taking things out on firefighters and his word was they would work with them and get this done. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that to Council Members they had a clear communication chain indicating they had given notice to the union this would be a problem and they tried to work through it and were happy to continue at the negotiating table if they so chose; that she would be having to leave the Chamber because of a doctor's appointment and it was no disrespect to all those present. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that if they were secure in that the issue was resolved it could go to the Agenda, they had pulled it as an agreement was negotiated and then firefighter union members indicated they were unhappy with it. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mayor Parker stated that she removed it from the Agenda and was waiting for the union to say they were completely comfortable with what was in the agreement and negotiations were done with. Council Members Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mr. Keller stated that his response to his letter was from Chief Galvan and the letter indicated Chief Garrison was going to put the ordinance forward including retro activity being resolved. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Mr. Jeff Canyon, 1907 Freeman, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-223-9166) appeared as others stood in support and stated that Fire Department management and labor began to work on solving the discrepancy in hours calculated shortly after the collective bargaining agreement was ratified and a resolution was offered to be retroactive and time reinstated and discussed interim amendments and Legal insisting on pushing it back. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that Mr. Canyon should continue; and Mr. Canyon stated that they believed the correct place for the issue was the bargaining table, but Legal refused to do that and the ordinance was brought to Council and was subsequently pulled and today they were present as the city bargained in bad faith, this was not a bargaining issue, it was a misrepresentation of facts; that the fact was they were told it would be brought to Council for them to decide and now had taken it out of the hands of the decision makers; and they were asking Council to put the item on the Agenda. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Caynon stated that this was not an issue in the initial rounds of collective bargaining; and Mayor Parker stated that they clearly informed them this would be an issue, one issue was fixing it and going forward and the retroactivity issue needed to be addressed and she took great exception to the idea...; and Mr. Caynon stated she should check the record; and Mayor Parker suggested the same to Mr. Caynon. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Pennington and Christie absent.

Council Member Adams stated that there was about 8,500 hours back being looked into as Council Member Bradford had questioned the amount of hours. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Pennington and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Mundo Olford, 10102 Erin Glen Way, Pearland, Texas 77584 (713-703-7678) appeared as others stood in support and stated that he was in HFD 22 years and it did not matter who dropped the ball, it was dropped; that his dollar amount taken was around \$2,000 and they were asking to get back what they earned; that he was one of seven on a lawsuit and the city was trying to make this one, but it was separate; and urged the Mayor and Council see that benefit

time was corrected. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mr. Olford stated that from what he was told they were waiting on a judge to rule on the lawsuit he was a part of, which was very untrue, it had nothing to do with it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Ms. Fons stated that this had to be resolved in or through collective bargaining or change in ordinance; that they could not change terms unilaterally because it was subject to collective bargaining, but they could enact a different ordinance. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Pennington and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Rodriguez, Council Member Bradford stated that the firefighters were asking for an item to be placed back on the Agenda which was on prior Agenda and the Mayor had authority to place things on the Agenda or Council could call a special meeting with three Council Members posting and with a 72 hour notice and nine Council Members showing up for the meeting to have a quorum; and Council Member Rodriguez stated to Legal he would like this solved before it came to that. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Fons stated that this was a matter they bargained with the union and came to an understanding the matter would go to Council for approval; and Council Member Adams stated that they pulled the item because the retro part needed to be added; and Ms. Fons stated that retro activity was not a part of the bargained agreement. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Robin Allen, 13918 Catina Lane, Houston, Texas 77045 (713-443-0958) as others stood in support and stated that she has 19 years with HFD and what was really confusing was the Dispatch Division worked the shift before and didn't see what was confusing, but she took off two days and used 96 hours and when at work was only paid for 84 hours and that did not add up; and urged it be corrected. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Allen stated that they worked 24 hour shifts and when off two days they took 96 hours, if she had been at work she would have been paid for 84 hours, they were taking more time than they were getting paid for. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Ms. Fons stated that as for reopening negotiations it was her appreciation they had not been asked to do that, unless today would equate to that, there were posting requirements for an open meeting with 72 hours notice. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Green stated that he hoped for the opportunity to resolve the issue and if the union had requested a meeting he would like a copy of the letter and if not he hoped by the end of the day a request was made and he get a copy. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown,

Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Bradford stated that this was not an issue where the contract needed to be renegotiated; that he heard there was a promise to reinstate the time and they worked and earned the time and they should be paid for it and it needs to be done and he would do what he could. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he remembered all working closely together to try and prevent any layoffs and firefighters helped to achieve savings, he thought the issue was resolved and the 24 hours was to save money; and the back pay issue was at hand; that the Mayor heard most of the discussion and they would pause and see what came from the discussions today. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Charles Rubio, 3 E. Summer Storm Circle, Spring, Texas 77381 (713-252-8132) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present representing the Institute for Responsible Technology regarding genetically modified organisms (GMOs) which were introduced into the food supply in the 1990's with now dramatic increase in diseases and illnesses on food allergies, autism, birth defects, etc., that 19 states were now in the process of legislating GMOs with California leading with the Proposition 37 and if it passed they would put into law all foods containing GMOs would have to label their food as such; and urged the Mayor and Council for their support. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Christie stated that America had better listen to the scientists, they were being driven in the food supply by the chemical industry; that you should not mess with perfect production, with Mother Nature, there would always be side effects; and urged Mr. Rubio to continue educating. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jeffrey Hillard, 3030 Holly Hall, Houston, Texas 77054 (713-371-8445) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Yvonne Silva, 2502 Mona Lee, Houston, Texas 77080 (no phone) appeared and stated that she was complaining on the lawlessness of the homeowner associations which was being reinforced by the City of Houston; that she was a survivor of two foreclosures as HOA's were taking first lien position and foreclosing on properties; and why would the City Legal Department be used to reinforce deed restrictions she was not even aware of. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Ms. Fons stated that there were attorneys within the Legal Department which worked to help Houston be a city of neighborhoods and did work with Homeowner Associations to inform citizenry of deed restrictions. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood, Houston, Texas 77016 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P. O. Box 263252, Houston, Texas 77207-3252 (713-264-0127) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Saba Nassif, 10252 Almeda Genoa, Houston, Texas 77075 (713-320-0945) appeared, displayed pictures and stated that he owned a small neighborhood strip center and next to him was a detention pond; that for three years they had weeds over ten feet high and he called the city and county and TxDOT and could not find the responsible party; and tenants were experiencing infestation of snakes, rats, etc.; and he needed assistance. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that apparently TxDOT had taken responsibility and Mr. Gary Norman was present and could speak with him at this time. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that his information said there were three detention ponds with two near I-45, but there was still discussion regarding the third on who was responsible, but he could visit with Mr. Norman at this time. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2800) appeared and stated that he was the U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682) appeared, presented information and stated that she was present as people were coming in her home and doing things; and she needed a meeting with the Police Chief, etc. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, P. O. Box 53993, Houston, Texas 77052 (713-987-3854) appeared and stated that the Mayor had responded to her complaint, but she had left the meeting and she would return to speak with her. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:55 p. m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Council Member Noriega absent on personal business.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Wanda Adams absent on city business.

At 8:28 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:09 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order. Council Members Brown, Burks and Noriega absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 17

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$445,570.48 and acceptance of work on contract with **RESICOM, INC** for Chemical Feed Station Repairs and Containment Walls at Dollywright, Garden Villas, and Eddington Lift Stations - 4.79% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Members Brown, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0757 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 2

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mary Lou Henry, TBG, on behalf of Campanile South, L.P., (John Andell, Vice President), for abandonment and sale of a ±10-foot-wide prescriptive sanitary sewer easement within Block 2, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 12-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement within Lots 1B and 2B, Block 2, both located in the Rossmoyne Addition, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, Parcels SY13-006 and DY13-001 **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. MOTION 2012-0758 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 4 through 6A

4. **CON-SPACE COMMUNICATIONS, LTD** for Sole Source Purchase of Equipment, E-Z Radiocom II Replacement Parts for Information Technology Department - 3 Years with two one-year options \$402,086.74 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. MOTION 2012-0759 ADOPTED.

6. ORDINANCE appropriating \$53,101.42 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund and \$134,423.27 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund to Fabricate and Install Hurricane Shutters for the General Services Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0914 ADOPTED.
- 6a. **ROLLTEX SHUTTERS, LLC** to Fabricate and Install Hurricane Shutters for the General Services Department - \$178,594.94 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$187,524.69 **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; I - RODRIGUEZ and K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. MOTION 2012-0760 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 8 through 17

8. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use as a public street right-of-way of Chapman Street, from Nance Street to its terminus; vacating and abandoning the right-of-way to Dawn Fudge and JL&P Property Trust, owners, in consideration of their conveyance to the City of Houston, Texas, of a full-width utility easement, payment to the City of \$19,305.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0915 ADOPTED.
10. ORDINANCE appropriating and transferring \$400,000.00 out of Contractor's Responsibility Fund into the Health Special Revenue Fund for the provision of services under the **CARE HOUSTON PROGRAM** for the Houston Department of Health and Human Services – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Member Brown absent.
11. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **PRONTO MUFFLER CENTER, INC** for Exhaust Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department; providing maximum contract amount - 3 years with two one-year options - \$298,000.00 - Fleet Management Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0916 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 127.44 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 58**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0917 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,247,197.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Large Diameter Waterline Valve Replacement Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Member Brown absent. ORDINANCE 2012-0918 ADOPTED.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

PROPERTY

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Brian Nawara, Texas Engineering and Mapping, on behalf of Alliance Enclave Reflections Limited Partnership (Alliance Enclave Reflections GP, Inc [Steven Ivankovich, President], General Partner), for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement and a 10-foot-wide by 35-foot-wide water main (flushing valve) easement, located within the Enclave at Reflections Apartments Addition, Section One, out of the Joel Wheaton Survey, A-80, Parcels SY13-017A and SY13-017B - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Pennington.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

5. **AMEND MOTION 2007-259, 3/7/07, as previously amended, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$27,563,500.00 to \$38,588,900.00 for Chemicals, Inorganic Metal Salt Coagulants (Aluminum Sulfates and Aluminum Chlorohydrate) for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **ALTIVIA CORPORATION** - \$11,025,400.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello, and tagged by Council Member Green.

ORDINANCES

7. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System Revenue Obligations and authorizing issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds in one or more series designations, 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 and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the Bonds; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of Certain Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds and/or Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Escrow Agreement; authorizing the purchase of and subscription for Certain Escrowed Securities; authorizing Bond Insurance, Escrow Verification and Engagement of an Escrow Agent, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Special Disclosure Co-Counsel Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. (Note: Council Member Green released his tag later in the meeting.)
9. ORDINANCE approving first amendment to Real Estate Sales Contract with the **BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP** related to the sale and conveyance of 9.8163 acres of land, located at 723 North Drennan Street in exchange for the sale and conveyance of the abandoned Northside Wastewater Treatment Plant Site for the Expansion of Tony Marron Park, Houston, Texas as approved by Ordinance No. 2012-142 - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the Houston Chronicle ran a story this weekend about Mike Garver, one of the volunteer that worked tirelessly on Buffalo Bayou projects and other great work that he had done for the City, that he wanted to recognize him for his continued service to Houston and Buffalo Bayou, and Mayor Parker stated that she agreed.

A vote was called on Item No. 9. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2009-0919 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation for contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON AIRPORTS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TEAM** approved by Ordinance No. 2011-783 for Professional Program Management Consulting Services for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 697) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Sullivan.
14. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **WILLIAMS OLEFINS FEEDSTOCK PIPELINES, L.L.C.** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one existing pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

Upon discussion by Council Members Noriega and Sullivan, Mayor Parker stated that they were not, to the best of her knowledge, trying to go down a regulatory path, it was what information were they already entitled to and where were they properly capturing it, and Mr. Feldman stated that the City had no substantive authority with respect to the regulation of pipelines, they were preempted, that he could visit with Council Member Sullivan later.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 14. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0920 ADOPTED.

15. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **WILLIAMS FIELD SERVICES - GULF COAST COMPANY, L.P.** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace three existing pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I – RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0921 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$246,100.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TRW ENGINEERS, INC dba TSC ENGINEERING** for Braesmont Dr. Area Drainage and Paving Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0506); providing funding for CIP Salary Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 18 through 20

18. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2009-1343 (Passed by City Council December 16, 2009) to increase the maximum contract amount for Professional Services Agreement with **CRAIG T. MASON** for pension related consulting services for the Finance Department - \$100,900.96 General Fund – (**This was Item 18 on Agenda of October 17, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURKS**) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0922 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **MEMORIAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL CITY ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2013-2017 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and G – PENNINGTON – (This was Item 20 on Agenda of October 17, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN)** – was presented.

Council Member Pennington moved to postpone Item No. 19 for two weeks, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

After discussion by Council Members Pennington and Brown a vote was called on the motion to postpone Item No. 19. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. MOTION 2012-0761 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,744,400.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract for Professional Architecture/Engineering Services between the City of Houston and **WALKER PARKING CONSULTANTS/ENGINEERS, INC** for New Parking Garage at William P. Hobby Airport (Project No. 597A); providing funding for the Civic Art Program **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ – (This was Item 24 on Agenda of October 17, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 20. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0923 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green stated that he would release his tag on Item No. 7.

7. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System Revenue Obligations and authorizing issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds in one or more series designations, 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 and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the Bonds; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of Certain Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds and/or Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Escrow Agreement; authorizing the purchase of and subscription for Certain Escrowed Securities; authorizing Bond Insurance, Escrow Verification and Engagement of an Escrow Agent, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Special Disclosure Co-Counsel Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency – was again before the City Council.

Council Member Sullivan stated that with respect to the \$220 million, that was a reissue, just for existing debt and not reissue for any new debt at this point, and Mayor Parker stated correct, it was a refinancing.

A vote was called on Item No. 7. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2012-0924 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Noriega stated that this last few weeks they had lost both public and private figures, that she went to Austin on Friday for the memorial service for Senator Mario Gallegos and they were at the funeral Monday morning, that they had a chance all weekend to tell Mario stories, that it was an honor and a pleasure to be there, that they also lost some folks that nobody would necessarily know, last Thursday they lost her uncle by marriage, Isidrio Ibarra, that he had been married to Aunt Josephine for 77 years, that a few years ago they had a fire and Uncle Isidrio had a wooden leg and during the fire he could not find it, that they were groping around in the dark and the fire fighters trying to find his leg and they got his leg and got

him out, that they buried him yesterday at Forest Park and she wanted to send her condolences to all of the Ibarra's and to Aunt Josephine, that in May he would have been 100 years old; that two days later, when she found out about the passing of her brother they lost his sister, Francis Ibarra-Rodriguez, who had been married to Uncle Pete, that Uncle Pete worked at Texas A&M and his son was one of the first Latinos to go to A&M and was now a university professor, that all of these families came from the Brazos River Bottom and started out sharecropping and picking cotton and working the land and became university professors, food server folks, ended up with food commissaries and restaurants and all kinds of things, that the Ibarra Family owned "Gringos" and an "El Toro" in Baytown that was an Ibarra cousin, so they realized that these stores, the firefighter stories, about Magnolia, Bryan and the Brazos River Bottom and all of those things were everyone's stores and it reminded them what was important in life, it was very easy to get about their day and get on their phone and text and talk and email and do all the things they all did and forget what was important, that what was important were their children, parents, neighbors and friends and their siblings, and she would remind all of them to pay attention to them. Council Members Brown and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that they were experiencing a growth in the City and certainly in District G, but he would just like to call attention to something that he thought they needed to pay attention to, that he tagged Item No. 3 today because it was a proposed release of easement so an apartment unit could be constructed in the Enclave area, and in addition to that they had changing lane uses in the areas that he was aware of at Lake Thicket, the Vargas property, West Alabama and Wesleyan, that last night Mark Lathan, Deputy Director of Public Works and he listened to townhome dwellers at Barryknoll and Bunkerhill talk about the fact that they did not feel that the City had properly protected them from the traffic impacts and the drainage impacts and flooding impacts from the substantial development that had occurred around them, that he would just like to say that he thought they needed to do all they could do to protect the single family neighborhoods and that they ought to look at the land plan for this particular item before they approved a release of easement, that they ought to take all legal means that they had to assure that the neighborhoods that were already there were not degraded and were not reduced in value for a new project, that he was all for a new project, but he thought their mantra ought to be that they needed to do all they could do to protect the existing property owners, that the whole area had terrific traffic problems with traffic coming from Highway 6 downtown to Enclave and the other way so they needed to be very careful before they proceeded and he would urge their support in doing what ever could be done, that he had talked to Council Member Cohen about supporting an improvement of the Wesleyan and West Alabama intersection because she was going to have a big high rise that was going to be constructed right across the street from the apartment unit, that he would ask for the Mayor's support on those issues. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she agreed, but as they knew, and as they became painfully aware with a certain high rise project in Council Member Cohen's district, that there were very few tools in an un-zoned City, absent the one they found dealing with traffic impact, that they would continue to try to protect neighborhoods. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Scott Minnix, General Service Real Estate Division, for approving the sale of the land to the Chinese Church in District K; that he wanted to acknowledge Ms. Bessie Mansfield, from District K, for being recognized as a member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute at their Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 21, 2012, for continued fight for social, political and economic justice for all working Americans; and Council Member Green announced the following meetings he attended in his district or would attend in the coming week ; Tuesday, Fondren Civic Club; Thursday, South Houston Concerned Citizens and the grand opening of the Lone Star Recycling and Disposal Facility; and November 1, 2012, a Public Safety Meeting in the Hiram Clarke area at

the Townwood Park Community Center. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis announced the following events he attended in his district or would attend in the coming week, last week, at Finnegan Park with the Legends of Basketball, a press conference to announce how they were going to help kids get fit for the upcoming all star game; that Saint Monica's Catholic Church wanted him to tell all Council Members thank you for approving the funds from the Housing Department for the future site of their food bank; last week, the Transportation Committee allowing them to meet with the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee to work together and another meeting on October 30, 2012; that Saturday the Walk Towards Literacy at Tidwell Park at 8:00 a.m., and he wanted to thank all Council Members who came out and read to the kids. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she agreed with Council Member Pennington that they needed to take a look at the corner of West Alabama and Wesleyan; and Council Member Cohen announced the following meetings she attended in her district or would attend in the coming week; tonight District C Townhall Meeting at the West End Multi Service Center to discuss the proposed Washington Corridor Parking Benefit District from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, a recycling event at the HEB in Montrose at West Alabama; on Saturday night the Sixth Annual Montrose Pub Crawl, organized by the Montrose Management District and a percentage of the money from the Pub Crawl would go to the Houston Area Women's Center; that on Monday evening a townhall meeting to discuss the City's bond matters at the West Gray Metropolitan Service Center; that she wanted to remind everyone that the polls were open to do their civic duty and go out and vote. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he attended numerous activities this week, but the ones that were his favorite were dealing with the schools and children; that he wanted to bring people's attention to the newspaper article where Houston Independent School District placed in the top four in the Nation for Urban Advancement, which dealt with the dropout rate and the graduation rate; and announced the following meetings he attended in his district or would attend in the coming week; United Nations Day and they gave them a proclamation, that thinking back Woodrow Wilson tried to do the League of Nations after World War I, but it was not until after World War II that it was established, that a unique thing that brought the City of Houston into it was that in 1955 the City of Houston was the first large City to have the United Nations Association come to the City and Eleanor Roosevelt brought the United Nations Flag, which supposedly they still had in the Protocol Office and she had one requirement, she wanted all races represented, that she would not come down unless all races were represented; that tonight he would talk with President Bush. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks announced the following meetings he attended in his district or would attend in the coming week; last week he read to Third Graders at Isaac Elementary School; tonight the Houston Police Department Commencement Exercise for Police Cadet Class 213; the Chinese Community Center's 33rd Anniversary Gala on Friday evening at the Omni Hotel; on Monday, the Mayor's Proud Partners Awards Luncheon, the annual event bolsters Keep Houston Beautiful at the Houston Post Oak Hotel; this weekend the Wings of Houston Air Show, featuring the U. S. Navy Blue Angels. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to commend the family of Lee LeClear, this past weekend Mr. LeClear was inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame, that many may remember that Mr. LeClear was one of the first tennis pros in Houston and for nearly 30 years

worked for the Houston Parks Department and served as the pro at MacGregor Park Tennis Center; that he wanted to invite the stakeholders of the Gulfton Super Neighborhood to a meeting on October 29, 2012 at Burnett Bayland Park; that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for coming out to District J, it was a great day for demolition, that the Windfield One Community Condominiums were demolished that day after multiple years of work by the Metropolitan Organization and other neighborhood groups and all who played integral roles in moving that project along. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to talk briefly about the bond issue initiative that they had on the ballot, that he trusted that they were all experiencing that same thing that he had over the last couple of weeks, that at every group or meetings they were asking about the bond issue and their opinions on the significance of the bond issue and the impact, that he wanted to highlight the Metro Initiative, that he had a lot of people ask about Metro, that fortunately since he as heavily involved in Rebuild Houston he was well acquainted with the impact of the loss of the General Mobility Plan, that he wanted to thank the Mayor for the memo that she sent out last week that sort of highlighted more of the details of the Metro Initiative, that he was taking from the campaign from Metro and just says three things to everybody, "good streets, better buses, better financing" and that was why the passage of the Metro Referendum was important to their residents, that he was encouraging everybody to continue to advocate for that as well as their own bond issues, that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for the memo, it was very helpful, that people had asked him "where are all the ads", and for the first time, Friday evening, he saw some campaign advertising on some of these issues, that it was good to see that they were finally getting the message out. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Costello, that she knew that a number of Council Members attended the Rebuild Committee's meeting to talk about some of these issues, that she would point out that if the Metro item failed it was \$100 million a year less that they would have to spend on streets in the City of Houston. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan announced the following meetings he attended in his district or would attend in the coming week; Monday, he hosted his last townhall meeting at the Kingwood Community Center and wanted to thank all departments who attended; last Thursday he gave a tour to Cub Scout Pack #938, Weebelos Den #4; last Friday, 50th Anniversary of the Chairman's Ball at Space Center Houston, they paid tribute to outgoing Chairman Joe Mayer and incoming Chairman Mark Furen; and Council Member Sullivan recognized BAHEPs President Bob Mitchell, was in the audience today; HPD Foundation Gala at Hobby Airport last weekend, that he wanted to thank Tillman Fertitta for sponsoring and underwriting the venue; that they had a few people pass away the last couple of weeks and paid tribute and attention to, that they did not catch the passing of C. C. Smitherman, a lifetime Vice President of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, that he was a former Port Commissioner of the Port of Houston Authority for 8 years, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for 37 years. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced the following meetings he attended in his district or would attend in the coming week; Saturday at Moody Park beginning at 11:00 a.m., Fall Fiesta and groundbreaking celebration, the Moody Park Community Center would be undergoing a much needed renovation and expansion; Friday, M. D. Anderson Y.M.C.A. at 705 Cavalcade a family Halloween Carnival, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, Can Do Houston was building a community garden at Betsy Ross Elementary School at 2819 Bay Street; this weekend he was looking forward to celebrating Lee High School's 50th Jubilee Celebration. Council Members Brown, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:11 a.m. Council Member Adams absent on city business. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary