

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, December 4, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2012, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would now begin presentations and called on Council Member Green who invited those present for his presentation to the podium and stated that the Ibn Sina Foundation opened a new health clinic in Houston and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. the foundation would host a grand opening and encouraged all to go out and celebrate; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation to Dr. Khowaja and proclaimed today "Sina Foundation Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Burks absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Dr. Aijaz Ali Khowaja, CEO of the foundation, thanked all for their support and commitment and stated that the clinic allowed many to be seen with or without healthcare services. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez expressed his thanks and gratitude for their leadership in helping so many. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker invited those present for her presentation to the podium and stated that this year would be the 43rd Lombardi Award by Rotary which went to the outstanding college lineman and all awards were presented in Houston; that proceeds would benefit the American Cancer Society as Mr. Vince Lombardi died of Cancer and then the Lombardi Award was set up; that it was an honor to be associated with the Lombardi Award which was nationally known and to have it based here in Houston; that the lineman had to hold the frontline of contact and the Rotary Club stood just as strong; and called on Mr. Angel Jimenez, Centennial President of the Rotary Club of Houston; and Mr. Jimenez stated that it was a pleasure and honor to serve as Centennial President and tonight they would welcome the 43rd honorary Lombardy Award finalists and raise funds to fight Cancer, the disease which took Coach Lombardi's life. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Christie stated that the Rotary Lombardi Club's motto was "service above self"; that they worked on many different projects without pay and made the world a better place. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that this was a signature award in college football and there was a much greater story behind the award itself; and thanked all for what they did. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 1:57 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called on Council Member Noriega who called on Pastor Rudy Razmos with St. John's United Methodist Church to lead all in the invocation and Council Member Noriega led all in the pledge. Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent.

At 2:02 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent.

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

Council Member Cohen moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Jane Cahill West at the top of the three minute Agenda List and hear from Mr. Mike Vandusen after Ms. Lauren Barrash and add to the speakers list Mr. Bobby Huegel and Mr. Selena Fernandez after Mr. Vandusen, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2012-0820 ADOPTED.

At 2:02 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers.

Mr. John Dairy, 115 Alma, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-530-5484) appeared in favor of the designation of the Germantown Area as a historic district, Agenda Item 45, and stated the properties should be protected; and urged Council vote in favor of the item. Council Member Adams absent.

Mr. Timmy Donahue, 5307 Briar Bend, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-894-9664) appeared in favor of the designation of the Germantown Area as a historic district, Agenda Item 45, and stated that the home he grew up in was in the area; and urged a Council vote in favor of the item.

Ms. Jane Cahill West, 2114 Lubbock, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-721-9080) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that she was president of the Washington Avenue Coalition Super Neighborhood 22; that they were seeking help with parking since 2009 and the residential permit parking gave little relief; that money generated from the Parking Benefit District would make a safer walking area; and urged a Council vote in favor of the item.

Council Members Pennington, Cohen and Green thanked Ms. West for her work and being open to suggestions; Council Member Green stated that he would support the item; and upon questions of Council Member Pennington, Ms. West stated that parking was critical and HPD had encouraged solutions other than the residential permit program. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Hoang moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Jane Cahill West, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2012-0821 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green suggested the program be looked at on a month to month basis to make sure businesses were not be adversely impacted and make sure it was a win/win for all.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. West for her work and stated that a more walkable corridor was important and he hoped the money would go into that; and Council Member Noriega stated that she would like to see a report back more often than discussed. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Mr. Benjamin Leivt, 5922 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-504-4160) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he was a business owner and the Parking Benefit District could balance the businesses and community; and hopefully later Rice Village could be looked at; and urged a yes vote on the item. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Noriega absent.

Ms. Phyllis Thompson, 611 Knox, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-553-1611) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that she was a member of the Super Neighborhood 22 Council and president of Washington on Westcott Roundabout Initiative; that their board voted to support the present proposal, it would benefit all and improve the quality of life; and urged a yes vote on the item. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Green and Noriega absent.

Mr. Bill Carey, 5615 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-956-2920) appeared in opposition to the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he was with the Centerra Real Estate Group and represented the owner of a three story building and parking garage; that they did not entirely agree with the proposal, primarily meters on Washington; that they understood the Parking Benefits District was primarily to mitigate late night parking in three or four blocks south and north of Washington and the most simple step they saw would be to modify the residential parking permit plan and felt the proposal may hurt the area, etc Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Green, Noriega and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Carey stated that they asked the city for a traffic study, had they considered traffic going from congestion on four lanes to two lanes; and Mayor Parker stated that other areas in the city where it had happened had been fairly effectively transitioned, Westheimer being one of those. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Noriega and Christie absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that if this passed it was important to look carefully at parking, etc., for the next 18 months; and upon questions, Mr. Carey stated that once meters were installed and people could park in the right lane congestion times would worsen. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christie absent.

Ms. Monica Savino, 1302 Knox, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-231-7871) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that her home and business were in the area and they needed a more walkable corridor with more safety features; and urged Council's support of the item. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Laster, Mayor Parker stated that after the pilot period Council Members would engage in a series of presentations and based on that it would be a sense of Council whether they needed to bring it back; that it had to operate long enough to generate funds to see the benefit and she heard several Council Members say they would like a monthly presentation on revenue and impact and she thought that appropriate; that she would not expect to wait until the 18 months if they saw a significant problem or something they could do to improve it; that they would make regular reports and in 18 months it would go to the appropriate Council Committee for evaluation; that they would not just have a vote up or down. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mayor Parker stated that she heard Council Members wanting to see a monthly update and that was appropriate, it was immaterial to the Administration, but some changes would take time which was why it did need a 28 month period. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he supported business and property rights and had the same line of inquiry. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Monica Savino, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting

aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent. MOTION 2012-0822 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford stated that if it was a pilot period then language in the ordinance currently did not make it that, it expressly exceeded it on beyond the pilot period and he would like language requiring an affirmative act on the part of Council after 18 months to go forward. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she felt strongly about the system and there was history on pilot programs, she would support strongly monthly reports, any kind of reporting system to know whether it was working. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang and Pennington absent.

Mr. Bryan White, 2409 Westcreek Lane #D124, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-864-0642) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he was manager of the Kung Fu Saloon and they believed in supporting the community; and urged a yes vote on the proposal. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Member Green thanked Mr. White for speaking to the group Saturday and all they did in support. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Laster absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Cohen, Mr. White stated that he was manager of their business which was located on Washington Avenue. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Laster absent.

Ms. Margaret Poissant, 5102 Center, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-880-5553) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that she was owner of a Poissant Gallery in the area and also lived there; that the parking around Washington Avenue caused hardships; and urged a yes vote on the item. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that under the relaxed standards of the residential permit parking owners of non residential property would still be allowed to have a permit to park, they just would not be able to buy up multiple permits for employees, but as a business owner along the residential parking area, as an owner of property would be able to have the same number of permits as the resident next door. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mr. Tom Dornbusch, 6110 Tyne, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-869-1185) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he lived and owned a business in the area; that he was active in the area with organizations; and thanked all for bringing the parking district forward as it would be a relief to all; and urged a yes vote on the item. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Noriega absent.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that she was vice chair of Super Neighborhood Alliance and asking for support of Super Neighborhood 22 and the Parking Benefit District; that meters did create spaces because they created turnover. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Selena Fernandez after Mr. Mike Shine, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0823 ADOPTED.

Mr. Mike Shine, 1800 W. Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-627-2223) appeared in opposition to the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he was with the Restaurant Association and speaking on one segment of the proposal; that according to the city the plan was to bring meters to Washington Avenue as the start of a broader plan to place meters throughout the city; that they were not opposing a better corridor or quality of life, but about unanswered questions and they were afraid of the approach which said meters solved problems and that would be the answer to all 600 miles across the city. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that there was much support for the parking district; and upon questions, Mr. Shine stated that as an entrepreneur he decided to not invest on Washington as a restaurateur because he had concerns of direction it may take; and the association did not believe the plan would solve the situation in 18 months; that his restaurant was on Westheimer and Wesleyan. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mr. Shine stated that they were putting meters on traffic lanes and they believed it would drive people further into the neighborhoods, the plan was too open ended and meters were only a part of the solution; and Mayor Parker stated that there was no poison pill in this that meters would sprout up across the city by voting on this item. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that there were too sides to the equation and he was pro business and defender of property rights; that on the record the city did tend to over regulate in his view, but there was a serious problem which had lingered years in the Washington Corridor and people worked hard to try and deal with this and a pilot program was offered; that he would insist language in it to ensure it was a pilot and they could go back and act as a Council, but there was a clear majority of citizens and businesses there wanting to do this; and if this was just a pilot program and coming back to Council what was the harm; and Mr. Shine stated all had the right to do this. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Laster absent.

Council Member Adams moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Mike Shine, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. MOTION 2012-0824 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Shine stated that their questions had to do with Council and ARA in terms of the proposal; that several years ago they said if they could get answers and clarity they would go get support from the restaurant and bar community for a workable proposal, but they still had unanswered questions and would not support the proposal. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Selena Fernandez, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he currently owned two bars on Washington Avenue and lived there; that he felt the proposal was the best for the area, the wording could be addressed differently but it was the right step; and he looked forward to it. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Fernandez stated that his employees paid to park and also parked on the street. . Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Ricardo Molina, 550 Westcott, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-1200) appeared in opposition to the Washington Avenue Parking District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he

continued to oppose the ordinance and creation of the Washington Avenue Parking Benefits District as they were concerned with employee parking being pushed further away into the neighborhood, there were security issues and revenue from the district they did not think would be enough for suggested improvements, etc.; and instead of meters the city should consider how parking lots in the area could serve patrons during peak hours and the residential parking program should be extended; and urged Council vote no on the proposal. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that there was much support; and upon questions, Mr. Molina stated that a big concern was the turns in the neighborhoods, it was a hot pocket area having the problems and that was what they should go after and not the entire length of the street. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Molina stated that he did not know how many GHRA members were in the corridor, but could get her the information. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he did not believe meters promoted business or encouraged development, but there was a real problem; and upon questions, Mr. Molina stated that he was not sure who the committee was comprised of or what they had control over; and Council Member Bradford stated that the proposed ordinance laid out how the committee would be comprised and gave the majority of the membership to residents and business owners in the impacted area, but he would offer language to insure it come back to Council for action. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Adams, Mayor Parker stated that there was no opt out for businesses along Washington, it was the City's decision as to where to place meters and based on a lot of other things besides the need for turns in a benefit district. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Lauren Barrash, 155 silver, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-863-9283) appeared and stated that she was a resident of the area and founder and president of the jitney shuttle service serving the Washington Corridor for over three years; that they served other areas in Houston and would like the city to spend more on securing lots they currently had and do outreach to train businesses and citizens to use them. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Mike Vandusen, 6022 Rose, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-864-0221) appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Benefit District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he was president of the Crestwood Civic Club and urging all approve the district and hopefully revenue could be put to providing additional security in that area. Council Members Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the committee would be tasked with deciding which projects were more appropriate and she assumed security issues would be strongly considered. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Bobby Huegel, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared in favor of the Washington Avenue Benefit District, Agenda Item 17, and stated that he owned and operated 9 businesses in Houston which were in the restaurant and bar industry and felt the proposal adequately addressed concerns found on Washington Avenue; that they supported the process which led to this proposal and this dialogue should be used in the future. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that his attitude was refreshing and he took a different position than some traditional stakeholders such as the Greater Houston Restaurant Association; and she was glad to hear he wanted to work on more micro solutions. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that he had a unique perspective and upon questions, Mr. Huegel stated that if there were changes he would change how it was discussed because they talked about how this was a blueprint for other city areas and it should be spoken of as a unique solution to Washington Avenue. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that this was a pilot for Washington and pieces of it may apply to other areas, but they were now looking at what was specific to Washington Avenue. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that they did want people moving into the city and growing tax base and creating more parking without strategy was limiting, but they did need to learn to create more pedestrian friendly districts. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

Ms. Laura Bard, 114 Alma, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-471-9740) appeared and stated that she was a homeowner in the proposed Germantown Historic District; that they lived in the Heights before and she spoke on that historic ordinance and the percentage of votes for Germantown and perhaps removing Alma Street from the designation. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for a point of reference there was no provision in the ordinance for a retraction; that people voted and the process was managed by the city and a vote was a vote just as on Election Day. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Ms. Bard presented retraction letters to Council Members and stated that the area was rebounded and she felt the people's will should be considered and at this time it was not 67% any longer. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that technically there was no process to take retractions, but as elected officials she thought they had a responsibility to take that into consideration as they voted as they had the knowledge it was not 67%. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mr. Shawn Esmi, 3140 Almeda Genoa Road, Houston, Texas 77047 (713-413-4333) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mr. Leo Wilson, 1912 King, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-697-2706) appeared and stated that he was a former employee in Building Inspection and was injured in 1989 and went on disability; that he had six back surgeries and in 2009 he was on disability and made an error on his statement of income activity earning; that he was trying to get his pension as he was 62, but was told he was less than two months short of his 10 years for his pension, but the city terminated his employment while he was still on injured sick leave and why would they terminate him while he was on injured leave. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang,

Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Roland Bienvenue with HR was present and could speak with him; that in her documents the issue was with the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System and it appeared from their correspondence they denied his disability pension due to misrepresenting; that he filed a material false and misleading report of employment activity and earnings for 2008, etc., and Mr. Bienvenue could sit and speak with him. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Mayor Parker stated that he had in his packet a letter from Mr. Bienvenue, but would ask his questions be answered. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega 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 Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Barry Rosette, 3618 Libenfield, Katy, Texas 77449 (832-483-3231) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Diedre Green, 8026 Comal, Houston, Texas 77051 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

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

Mr. Samuel Smith, 16803 Imperial Valley Drive, Houston, Texas 77060 (281-447-3944) appeared, presented information for Mayor Parker; and stated that he had an idea for city revenue and hopefully the Mayor would read his proposal. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joel Saldana, 1620 Austin, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-302-4688) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Coach Dan Hart, 71 Hibury, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-781-2867) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mrs. Betty Lee Hart, 71 Hibury, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-781-2867) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Barry Klein, 1504 Everett, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-224-4144) appeared in opposition to the designation of the Germantown Area as a historic district, Agenda Item 45, presented information and stated that he was opposed to historic district; that also Germantown was an inappropriate name as it was platted as Grotta Homestead in 1910; and discussed his

information presented. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Mary Hayslip, 118 Alma, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-862-3436) appeared in opposition to the designation of the Germantown Area as a historic district, Agenda Item 45, presented information; and stated that new research showed the appropriate name for the district was Grotta Homestead as that was what it was named in 1910; and the majority on Alma Street wanted out; and urged they look at the map presented and see it would be easy to remove; and send back to Planning the proposal to correct the name and revisit borders. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Ms. Hayslip stated that if Alma was taken out there would still be enough votes to make it a district; and Mayor Parker stated that she did not think it would impact the overall percentage, but the ordinance only provided for an affirmative or negative vote, it did not allow lines to be redrawn at the table and a negative vote would send it back to the Planning Director. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. David Harberg, 2505 Brentwood, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-752-2200) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Kay E. Donahue, 126 Payne, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-410-6622) appeared in favor of the designation of the Germantown Area as a historic district, Agenda Item 45, presented information and stated that she had historic records showing the area called Germantown was the northeast quadrant of the John Austin Survey retained by Elizabeth Parrott and she called it Germantown and it was eventually divided into other areas and Grotta Homestead was one. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Ms. Donahue stated that originally the Allen Brothers bought the John Austin Survey from his widow Ms. Elizabeth Parrott, it was divided into farms after being called Germantown and Grotta Homestead was just one of those farms; that she was definitely in favor of the historic district. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Vicky Bettis, 504 Woodland, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-397-9336) appeared in favor of the designation of the Germantown Area as a historic district, Agenda Item 45, and stated that she spoke last week on how a designation of historic district benefited their community; addressed concerns heard from Germantown opponents such as affordability, etc. Council Members Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Ms. Bettis for sharing experiences of her district; and upon questions, Ms. Bettis stated that under the new ordinance the city got signatures and this was just about finding support and this area of Germantown had the correct percentage of support; that her experience was in some respects this was a little more complicated process as under the old ordinance applicants secured signed petitions from homeowners and they knew for sure their percentages, etc., but under the new ordinance the applicant could only get verbal confirmation and the city got secured execution so it was more complicated; and Mayor Parker stated that the reason the new ordinance did that was because it was designed to prevent neighborhood intimidation and helped to control misinformation from being spread. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Ms. Bettis stated that she was opposed to Alma Street opting out, if there was sufficient support the boundary should stay as proposed.

Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Ms. Bettis stated that she thought ballots as submitted to the city should be honored; that she believed today it did have 67% support. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2800) appeared and stated that he was forwarding charges on the City Secretary as she sabotaged his case address; that he was the U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

At 3:57 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2012, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:23 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 and stated that they would begin with the consent agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 44

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 18 through 44

18. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a storm sewer easement in the H. Tierwester Survey, Harris County, Texas; abandoning the easement to Yuri A. Perez, abutting owner, in consideration of his dedication to the City of a storm sewer easement, payment to the City of \$2,100.00 and other consideration; approving an easement conveyance - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1022 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Automobile Rental Concession Agreements at William P. Hobby Airport by and between the City of Houston and **AVIS RENT A CAR SYSTEM, LLC; BUDGET RENT A CAR SYSTEM, LLC; DTG OPERATIONS, INC, dba DOLLAR RENT A CAR; EAN HOLDINGS, LLC, dba ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR; THE HERTZ CORPORATION; EAN HOLDINGS, LLC, dba NATIONAL CAR RENTAL; EAN HOLDINGS, LLC dba ALAMO RENT A CAR; DTG OPERATIONS, INC dba THRIFTY CAR RENTAL and SIMPLY WHEELZ, LLC dba ADVANTAGE RENT A CAR - DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1023 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,019.20 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Capital Equipment for the Fleet Management Department - was

presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1024 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,048,300.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for the Construction Management At Risk Contract between the City of Houston and **BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION, LLC fka SPAWMAXWELL COMPANY, L.P.** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-1471) for Electrical Switchgear in the Julia Ideson Building - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1025 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 1.455 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 50**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1026 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 4.6824 acres of land to **KLEINWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1027 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 17.430 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 60 OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1028 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 99.5466 acres of land to the **WOODLANDS ROAD UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1029 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 42.647 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 110**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1030 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 4.7210 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 110**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1031 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 3.2840 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 110**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1032 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to an agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0285) for the Installation of Traffic Signal System - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1033 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$52,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$78,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm and Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **IDS ENGINEERING GROUP (Formerly PATE ENGINEERS)** for Pre-Engineering of Street and Paving Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0508) - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,660,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Oak Estate II Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1034 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,415,425.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AMANI ENGINEERING, INC** for Design of Water Line Replacements in Sharpstown II Area and Bellaire-Beltway 8 Area; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - HOANG and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1035 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE No. 2012-1019, passed first reading November 28, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **SEWER AND STORM MAINTENANCE, L.L.C., A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1019 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
42. ORDINANCE No. 2012-1008, passed first reading November 28, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **RDA JUNK, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1008 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
43. ORDINANCE No. 2012-1009, passed first reading November 28, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **SORTO'S TRUCKING, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1009 PASSED SECOND

READING IN FULL.

44. ORDINANCE No. 2012-1010, passed first reading November 28, 2012
ORDINANCE granting to **S & S PORTABLE SERVICES INC dba CAIN RENTALS, A Delaware Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1010 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 2 through 4

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Airport System for the approval of final contract amount of \$468,000.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **R & B GROUP, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Upgrade at Gate C-45 at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, Project 638 - 4.37% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0825 ADOPTED.
3. ORDINANCE appropriating \$67,783.11 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation for a Work Order Contract between the City of Houston and **TIKON GROUP, INC** for the Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project (Approved by Ordinance No. 2010-0360) - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and K – GREEN** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.
- 3a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$693,785.24 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project - 16.37% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and K – GREEN** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,388,725.04 and acceptance of work on contract with **UNDERGROUND TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 8.35% over the original contract amount and within the approved contingency (4257-98) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; F - HOANG and K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0826 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 9

9. **AMEND MOTION #2012-272, 4/4/12, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$2,338,999.29 to \$2,609,484.36 for Retail Maintenance, Repair, and Operating Supplies and related services through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with U. S. Communities for Various Departments, awarded to **HOME DEPOT**

U.S.A., INC - General and Grant Funds - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for Annual Water System Fees for 2013 - \$2,298,356.25 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. Council Members Hoang, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi asked if this was the same fee for last year and what would they get for this, and Mayor Parker stated that she did not think they got a choice, that there was a slight increase over last year, \$30,000 from the previous year and they were required under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, but went to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 1. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0827 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to **AMEND ITEM #8 OF MOTION #2012-571, 7/3/12**, which authorized abandonment and sale of the northern portion of Haynesworth Lane, from Old Genoa-Red Bluff Road south to its terminus, ±8,475 square feet of the southern portion of Haynesworth Lane, two cul-de-sacs, and a 55-foot-wide drainage easement, in exchange for conveyance to the City of right-of-way for and construction of a cul-de-sac, all located in the J. O. Ross Subdivision, out of the H. C. Burnett Survey, A-1063, and/or Genoa Gardens Subdivision, out of the H.C.M.R., H.T. & B. R.R. Company Survey, A-387, Parcels SY12-040A through SY12-040E, SY12-089 and AY12-092; **TO REPLACE** Robert Stanley with Tom N. Edmonds, Jr. as a replacement independent appraiser **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent. MOTION 2012-0828 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **AMEND MOTION #2009-311, 6/3/09, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$1,006,100.00 to \$1,231,100.00 for Rapid Diagnostic HIV Test Kits for the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, on award to **ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES, INC** - \$225,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Hoang and Burks absent. MOTION 2012-0829 ADOPTED.
7. **APPROVE** spending authority to Address Emergency Dewatered Sludge Transportation and Landfill Disposal Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering to **SPRINT WASTE SERVICES, LP** - \$4,500,000.00, **SYNAGRO OF TEXAS-CDR, INC** - \$4,500,000.00 and **MAGNA FLOW ENVIRONMENTAL** - \$2,700,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$11,700,000.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council

Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. MOTION 2012-0830 ADOPTED.

8. **BASF CORPORATION** on its best value bid in an amount not to exceed \$11,497,617.12 for Chemical, Liquid Polymer Flocculent (Part II) for the Department of Public Works & Engineering and authorize payment of emergency purchase in an amount not to exceed \$1,149,880.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. MOTION 2012-0831 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

10. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination and submission of six projects for funding consideration in the 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program Call for projects administered by the Texas Department of Transportation – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0036 ADOPTED.
11. RESOLUTION designating the **R. L. JOLLEY HOUSE** at 2527 Pelham Drive within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0037 ADOPTED.
12. RESOLUTION designating the **JAMES W. and LELLA D. CAIN HOUSE** located at 3015 Del Monte Drive within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

After discussion by Council Members Christi and Pennington, a vote was called on Item No. 12. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0038 ADOPTED.

13. RESOLUTION designating the **DOW and HELEN HAMM HOUSE** located at 3412 Piping Rock Lane within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0039 ADOPTED.
14. RESOLUTION designating the **TOMLINSON-BLUNDELL HOUSE** located at 2187 Troon Road within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0040 ADOPTED.
15. RESOLUTION designating the **WILLIAM and HAZEL KNIGHT HOUSE** located at 3405 Piping Rock Lane within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0041 ADOPTED.
16. RESOLUTION designating the **SALVATORE and LILY ANN MUSCANERE HOUSE** located at 7843 Santa Elena Street within the City of Houston as a historic landmark - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Sullivan voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent. RESOLUTION 2012-0041 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to create a Parking Benefit District within the Washington Avenue Corridor as a

Pilot Program - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that earlier she handed out an amendment that she would like to propose to the Ordinance for the Parking Benefit District, that she had maintained all along that the goal of the ordinance was to both promote economic growth for the business community and protect the neighborhood residents, that she would certainly welcome the opportunity to evaluate, after the initial 18 month period and moved to amend Item No. 17 as follows:

“I move to amend Item 17 by amending Section 26-711 (a) to add the following language:

City Council hereby designates the Washington Avenue Corridor as a parking benefit district for a period ending on the 180th day following the first anniversary of the effective date of this ordinance, provided that the parking benefit district shall continue after the expiration of this period unless city council takes action to terminate the district. The administration shall present an item for council consideration to affirm, modify, or terminate the district within 60 days following the foregoing period.” Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to say how impressed she was with the work that Council Member Cohen had done in the district, the discussion had been out there for a very long time and had a lot of hands that touched it but she managed to get it to this point, that she knew it took a lot of time, energy, effort and patience. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that it could only happen because of the work done by previous Council Members, particularly Gonzalez and Noriega and others to bring them to where they were today.

Council Member Bradford stated that he also had distributed an amendment in writing amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, the Washington Avenue Corridor Parking Benefit District Pilot Program, that he was offering his amendment simply to insure that Council did in fact get a subsequent review and that the pilot district was confirmed by a majority vote of City Council, if in fact it was extended beyond the 18 month pilot period and “moved to substitute Sec. 26-711, Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

(a) City Council hereby designates the Washington Avenue Corridor as a parking benefit district for a period ending on the 180th day following the first anniversary of the effective date of this ordinance, provided that the parking benefit district shall terminate on the 180th day following the first anniversary of the effective date of this Ordinance, unless City Council passes by a majority vote an Ordinance to continue said parking benefit district.” Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Member Bradford further stated that Council Member Cohen’s ordinance did pretty much the same thing, that he brought the amendment into the record because yesterday he made a commitment that he would offer an amendment into the record, assuring that Council would get a review, that having done that he would gentlemanly stand down to the District Council Member and move forward and fully support the ordinance that she had on the table. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he to had intended to offer a similar amendment, but they received word that Council Member Cohen was proceeding, so he would support her amendment, that he intended to tag the matter for a vote next week because he thought there

was no question that the residential areas needed relief out there and thought that this ordinance would offer the possibility of some relief, that he was still concerned that this was a "work in process" and thought all of them realized that; that he had passed out a memo raising additional questions, which he hoped to talk to the administration and the other interested parties about to help to assure the success of this area. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Green and Burks absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she heard clearly yesterday that Council Members wanted to see a monthly report and they could easily include that, through Fiscal Affairs and through the MOFAR, because once it was up and running what they were going to see were really revenue reports and then she would leave it to the Chair of the committee if they wanted a more complete report on either a quarterly basis or an every six month basis. Council Member Adams absent.

A vote was called on the motion, offered by Council Member Cohen, to amend Item No. 17. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2012-0832 ADOPTED.

Council Members Pennington and Sullivan stated that they would tag Item No. 17 as amended.

19. ORDINANCE relating to the development of the Midtown "Superblock" located between Travis Street, McGowen Avenue, Main Street and Anita Street; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; repealing Ordinance No. 73-617 - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-1036 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving an agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** accepting a FY 2010 Port Security Grant for the Public Safety Video Initiative's Helicopter Downlink and Video Sharing Project in accordance with the FY 2010 Security Grant Program Investment Justification; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to execute any subsequent documents necessary to secure the City's allocations throughout the life of this grant program - \$793,000.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-1037 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving an agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** accepting a FY 2011 Port Security Grant for Protective Commercial Vehicle Screening in accordance with the FY 2011 Security Grant Program Investment Justification; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to execute any subsequent documents necessary to secure the City's allocations throughout the life of this grant program \$1,019,642.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-1038 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2012-353 passed April 25, 2012, which approved and authorized submission of the 2012 Annual Action Plan to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2012-1039 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement to reimburse **HOUSTON GATEWAY ACADEMY** for payment of School Crossing Guards from the Child Safety Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-1040 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contracts to **TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC, JEFFERSON MOWING, LLC, GEORGE MEEKS LANDPRO, INC, FAS INDUSTRIES, LLC, and THR ENTERPRISES, INC** for Weed Mowing and Debris Removal Services for the Department of Neighborhoods; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$5,000,000.00 - General Fund - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Green stated that he to had talked with Director Tipton, and the equity in the cutting of lots that they had across the City and how the dollars were being appropriated he thought begged a lot of attention, that they had assured him that they would go back and look at the process.

Council Member Pennington stated that this may be a little bit off of the subject, but it was a public health issue, that they had heard the Charnwood people testify last week that water collected in their streets and they thought it might be unsanitary and another group came into his office after that and complained about the same kind of thing, basically as a result of the asphalt overlays that messed up the grade, they had very gentle grade for drainage, that he wondered if they could talk to Public Works or the Department of Neighborhoods to consult with the neighborhoods to get services to get some street cleaning to remove the water when it looked like it may be hazardous, that he would love to have a discussion about whether the City was able to do that and thought it would be very beneficial and make a number of residents very happy and hopefully would not be very expensive.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Pennington had gone rather a field from a mowing contract, that he had referenced two different issues, one, street ponding and the issue in Charmwood was whether there was actually sewage outfall from broken pipes and Public Works was addressing that, they always made that a priority under any circumstances in any neighborhood when there was a potential contamination, but ponding was a different issue and required a different discussion.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Burks stated that at a civic club meeting last night he was told by a resident that one of the citizens had a tractor and they were trying to clean up and move some tires in a ditch, as well as cut a weeded lot across the street from his home, that as he pulled out of the driveway on his tractor, which he used on his farm, a police officer stopped him and told him that the next time he saw him on the streets with a tractor and without a license and proper registration he would give him a ticket, that he told him that as a citizen he was trying to keep his neighborhood clean, that he was trying to do something good for his neighborhood in cleaning up and was stopped by one of their officers, was that the correct thing to do. Council Member Adams absent.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Burks if they could have a conversation off line since it was not germane to this mowing contract, but they never advised a police officer not to enforce the law, that her suggestion to that citizen was to work with the neighborhood association and their local patrol on a neighborhood consensus about how to address those and perhaps they could work through it.

A vote was called on Item No. 27. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-01041 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE calling a public hearing at which interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard on a proposal for the City of Houston to adopt Land Use Assumptions and a Capital Improvement Plan for the possible adoption of Impact Fees for drainage in accordance with Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 16, 2013** - was presented, and tagged by

Council Member Brown. (Note: Council Member Brown released her tag later in the meeting.)

38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,339,352.00 out of the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION CO.** for City Wide Overlay / Rehabilitation Project Package #18 (Work Order Contract) setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2012-1042 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 45 through 47A

45. RESOLUTION designating the **GERMANTOWN AREA** of the City of Houston as a historic district **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ – (This was Item 20 on Agenda of November 28, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURKS)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that as to the City initiating the creation of a historic district without the petition from the local residents, under the ordinance, was a general comment, that the ordinance did not provide for Council to initiate historic districts, it was not the vote of the citizen that created the district, it was the vote of Council that created the district; that it did not matter what the Planning Director decided, it was the vote of Council that ultimately determined the boundaries of the district; that it was correct, as drafted in the ordinance, once a resident or property owner signed then he or she was bound by that and there was no way to retract.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Christi moved to refer Item No. 45 back to the administration, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that a no vote on the ordinance would have the same affect as what Council Member Christi had proposed, under the ordinance a no vote would send it back to the drawing board, that it would restart the process again at the Planning Director's level, there was not a revote or no vote, there was nothing in the ordinance that allowed a revote or a retraction. Council Members Sullivan and Hoang absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Christi stated that he would withdraw his motion to refer Item No. 45 back to the administration, and a roll call vote was called on Item No. 45.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Parker voting aye	Council Member Rodriguez voting aye
Council Member Brown voting no	Council Member Laster voting aye
Council Member Davis voting aye	Council Member Green voting aye
Council Member Cohen voting aye	Council Member Costello voting aye
Council Member Adams voting aye	Council Member Burks voting no
Council Member Sullivan voting no	Council Member Noriega voting aye
Council Member Hoang absent	Council Member Bradford voting no
Council Member Pennington voting aye	Council Member Christi voting no
Council Member Gonzalez voting aye	RESOLUTION 2012-0043 ADOPTED.

46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the Mayor to accept Federal Aviation Administration Grant offers up to \$65,000,000.00 for projects at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, William P. Hobby Airport and Ellington Airport; declaring this City's eligibility for such grants **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of November 28, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1043 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE disannexing approximately 71 acres of undeveloped land in East Houston in the vicinity of the intersection of Industrial Road and Federal Road located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Houston in Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT E – SULLIVAN** – **(This was Item 31 on Agenda of November 28, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that whenever he read the RCA it said that the owner had agreed to pay the City \$106,000 and some odd dollars in consideration upon dis-annexation, but he asked what did it do for his Council District and the area which was around Federal and I-10 and Market Street, probably the lowest income and disenfranchised area in his Council District and maybe in East Harris County, that the administration never communicated anything to him about what they were willing to do, no proactive communication whatsoever, he had no idea where the \$106,000 would go, that he reached out, through Planning, to Watco, who was the owner and asked them what they could do for their community, that Council Members could do this to, they could go to Planning and the owner, they were not asking for anything to influence their vote, and he did not and wanted to be clear about that, but he had a community that was low income, they had a park that was decrepit and was in the park system, they had an elementary school with all low income kids and had fallen off of the radar and chart, and little did he know how willing Watco was to come forward and help the community, that Tim Holan, who was sitting in the audience, had it in his heart to do this, he went to the school and met with the principle, their 30 minute meeting turned into 2 hours and they had agreed to adopt the school and help the kids, that he was proud about what Tim Holan and Watco had done, that they were going to have an annual golf tournament starting in the first quarter 2013, they were going to work on cleaning up industrial road of the dumping and debris, which was an ongoing problem, but the real message was what they could do as Council Members going forward. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to be clear to Council that the money coming into the City was actually coming to the General Fund of the City, that all of the items described by the Council Member were things that the company was doing of their own volition. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Laster asked that for the benefit of the public and some around the Council table, could she briefly speak to the issue of how, why and when an area might be dis-annexed by the City of Houston. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would have Mr. Andy Icken, Director of Economic Development, come and address the issue. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mr. Icken stated that they looked at this on a case by case basis, that in this case the property was in the Ship Channel, it wanted to do some investment and had property adjacent to it that was out of the City right now and in order to run it as an integrated whole they agreed to this, that it turned out that there were three separate tracts in this and under State law a tract that had improvements on it already could not be de-annexed, so only two of the three tracts had been de-annexed, but they believed it was in the long term interest and the deal that they had negotiated with the owner actually in fact would still have them pay as it became part of an industrial district, which the Council passed that had them pay 72% of the ad valorem tax, but their commitment had always been to look at these on a case by case basis and what made the most sense for the community at large and the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that they had negotiated an amount and were in essence forgiving future tax revenue, that they had negotiated a payment to the General Fund, there were no other requirements or restrictions, and Mr. Icken stated that as Council Member Sullivan stated the other decisions were decisions made by the company itself on how best they could relate to the community for their own basis, and Mayor Parker stated that it did not in any way predicate the vote. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Noriega asked if this dis-annexation only the industrial property or was there a community attached to this, and Mr. Icken stated that it was only the industrial property, only the very specific meets and bounds on these two tracts, and Mayor Parker stated that it had no improvements on the land or they would not be able to dis-annex, and Mr. Icken stated that was correct. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that the other example of large dollars going to the General Fund, and he asked for some consideration, was when the City sold 150 acres of land near Ellington Airport to Enterprise Pipelines, it was a \$6 million deal and the whole transaction only took about 2 months to do because Enterprise had an ambitious project that was generating about \$150 million in investment that would throw off a lot of taxable revenue to the City going forward, that he missed the boat on that to ask the administration or property owners to ask what could they do for them in that area. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 47. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-01044 ADOPTED.

47a. ORDINANCE authorizing the creation and execution of a first amended and restated Industrial District Agreement by and between the City of Houston, Texas, and **GREENSPORT SHIP CHANNEL PARTNERS, LP, WATCO DOCK AND RAIL, LLC** and **WATCO DOCK AND RAIL II, LLC** for area in and around the Ship Channel Navigation District within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City – **(This was Item 31A on Agenda of November 28, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-01045 ADOPTED.

Items received during meeting.

3. ORDINANCE appropriating \$67,783.11 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation for a Work Order Contract between the City of Houston and **TIKON GROUP, INC** for the Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project (Approved by Ordinance No. 2010-0360) - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C -**

COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and K - GREEN – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1046 ADOPTED.

- 3a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$693,785.24 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project - 16.37% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and K - GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Hoang absent. MOTION 2012-0833 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Brown, and Council Member Brown stated that she would withdraw her tag on Item No. 35. Council Member Hoang absent.

35. ORDINANCE calling a public hearing at which interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard on a proposal for the City of Houston to adopt Land Use Assumptions and a Capital Improvement Plan for the possible adoption of Impact Fees for drainage in accordance with Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 16, 2013** – was again before Council. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2012-1047 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending; that they had the Association of Minorities Aviation Council in this week, that he wanted to give hats off to the Houston Airport System for including the minorities and allowing them to feel welcome and be part of business in the City of Houston; that Item No. 46 last week he tagged it, that they were talking about Precinct 14 area, which was around the airport and he wanted to understand what plan they had for the people in District B that were complaining about the noise from the airport, that Director Diaz came out and gave a great description of what was going on. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Brown announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending; that she wanted to congratulate Waltrip High School, their award winning marching band had been invited to perform in the 2013 Presidential Inauguration festivities in Washington, D.C., they were one of only two Texas schools to be chosen to do so, that Traci Elsner, who worked for her, graduated from Waltrip, that the expected cost of attendance and participation in this great honor was slated at \$150,000, the band had already raised \$85,000, meaning that they needed to raise an additional \$65,000, so please consider helping the worthy musicians, for information on how to donate please contact the Band Director Mr. Jesse Espinoza at 713-957-7743; that she wanted to congratulate the Houston Symphony League on their 75th Anniversary. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christi announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Burks absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to commend the bi-partisan efforts in Congress and their announcement of their bi-participant effort to deal with the 400,000 plus

untested rape kits across America, that there was an announcement that the SAFER Act, Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, the Congress was going to reallocate some additional dollars to various cities across America, including Houston, to move forward on testing the various rape kits that were holding across America in various law enforcement agencies. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would agree with him that it had been a particular brainchild of Senator Cornyn, that it had Texas leadership pushing it. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster stated that on the evening of November 28, 2012, KHOU Channel 11 aired a story featuring a reporter's perception of crime in Sharpstown, that he and many of the Sharpstown residents were deeply disappointed that the report did not quote any HPD Crime Data, nor for that matter did it include any interviews with Houston Police Department leaders, any elected officials, any representatives of the Greater Sharpstown Management District or the Braes Oaks Management District or for that matter the Security Representative Detail of the Sharpstown Civic Association itself, that more importantly no crime statistics for that area were shared with the viewers, additionally many of the locations shown on the film footage were not physically in Sharpstown but were in some part of a neighborhood, in other communities that were distinct in their own right, that for far to long southwest Houston, Sharpstown in particular, had been painted with to far a brush when crime was reported, that he strongly encouraged all media outlets to responsibly and accurately identify not only the neighborhoods for which they were reporting, but the context of the communities for which they were reporting, that to also consult real time police data and to access a multitude of resources available to them to not only put the story in context, but to put the communities in context, that yesterday he provided a letter to Ms. Susan McEldoon, General Manger of KHOU, outlining his concerns and that letter had been provided to the Sharpstown Community and any one who would like to look at it, that he wanted to thank Ms. McEldoon and her staff for so positively responding to the letter and reaching back not only to his office, but for seeking an opportunity to engage in this discussion, that he looked forward to not only meeting with KHOU, but any media outlet that would like to know the whole truth about Sharpstown, District J, because he believed that as they tell the story of Houston they needed to get the numbers right so they could make it a better City. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Costello stated that yesterday was the first meeting of the Health Benefits Sub Committee, 10 members of City Council attended to hear Director Reid's presentation, which provided a very good foundation for the work that the sub committee was planning to do, that this was why the subcommittee was originally formed and would be working to find other mechanisms and strategies to save money, specifically he would ask the director to prepare scenarios on how cost could be reduced, that he would also ask for a comparison between the City's plan and those offered by other public and private entities; that he wanted to remind everybody that there was a special called meeting tomorrow on Houston First matters at 10:00 a.m. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Sullivan announced events he attended or would be attending; that he wanted to talk about implementing the Sign Ordinance and special purpose annexation areas, that Mayor Parker, the City Attorney and he and Council Member Costello had talked offline about it, the initial response from everyone in the administration was that the County implemented and enforced the Sign Ordinance, that he had done some research and what the County had was called the Harris County Regulation of On Premise Signs in the area of Municipal Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in Harris County, ETJ, that frankly they did not have a Sign Ordinance in that area, what they had to do was create scenic districts, and within the packet

that they received from the County was a list of all of the scenic districts and they had very defined boundaries and it was his layman's interpretation that was how they enforced the "Sign Ordinance", that he would give them a copy of the scenic districts, that he thought they had to take another look at this going forward as to how they could enforce it. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that yesterday in the Houston Chronicle there was a story that spoke about how the U.S. Census Bureau had affirmed the City's decision, or confirmed that they had indeed committed an under count in Houston, that he thought that was very significant and he was very proud of the Council because he thought they made the right decision at the right time to move forward proactively and include those two additional Council Members; and announced events he attended or would be attending Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were glad that the Census Bureau recognized their protest, but she wanted to say that they believed there was an under count, that it was an issue that they actually counted the areas but did not list them in the City of Houston, they were actually in the corporate limits, but they were not allowed to protest an under count, they were only allowed to protest that they drew the boundaries wrong, but the impact was the same, they knew they had crossed the threshold of 2.1 million, it would have caused them to wait another 10 years to have greater representation and they were glad they moved forward and that decision was affirmed. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to remind everyone that there was a special called meeting about the Sprint Contract in the Transportation Technology and Infrastructure Committee at 2:00 p.m.; that Item No. 26 talked about the Julia Ideson Library and what the action that they took did was to provide for changing out some electrical switch gears, that meant that the servers for the libraries were going to be down and the libraries were going to be closed from December 21, 2012 thru December 26, 2012, for people who used them for the computers; that she had some information that her staff printed off of the Planning Department Website, that it was the census information that they were just talking about, that it was by Council district, that there were several things that jumped out, she looked at medium income and Bachelor Degree attainment and the differences by districts were quite dramatic, that the pages also had things like landmarks and special districts and TIRZs, that it really spoke to was economics and education and each of the districts had very different medium incomes and very different Bachelor attainments, that when they talked about jurisdictions in the City they did not directly affect the schools and educational process, but they were going into a Legislative Session coming up, and the Legislature did, and she was concerned that they as elected officials at all levels were not paying enough attention to the really crucial issues with education and the disparities that were exhibited in this information, that the economics of it were huge and their schools were really one of the most important things that government provided and she did not think they were doing enough. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams announced events he attended or would be attending; that she wanted to give her condolences to the family of U. S. Representative Jack Brooks, who died yesterday at the age of 89, that many knew that he was in the motorcade when JF Kennedy was assassinated, that he served for 52 years in the Beaumont area; that she wanted to thank all of the constituents, Members of City Council and her staff for their prayers and condolences for the loss of her Grandmother, that she wanted to thank Council Member Laster who would be Chairing the committee meeting for her today. Council Members Brown, Davis, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; that as a

friendly reminder the Solid Waste Department had rerouted its heavy trash schedule for junk and tree waste effective November 1, 2012, that because of this transition their office had posted information about this initiative and its rerouted schedule on the District K webpage, that he wanted to thank Director Harry Hayes for working with their office in the rerouting trash schedule; and stated that District K celebrated the rich life and legacy of Mr. Otis Herald King and read from Mr. King's obituary, that Mr. King had made a lasting impact on the City of Houston and all those he touched, and served as City Attorney, and his memory would forever be remembered. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to extend his condolences to Council Member Adams and her family for the loss of her Grandmother; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:17 a.m. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez 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