

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, January 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2013, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, 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 Ellen R. Cohen and Mike Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Al Hoang absent on city business.

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

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they were not going to immediately go into the Council meeting, there was an item of business to dispense of prior to the meeting. Council Members Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that as everyone knew they had a Council Member elect who would be filling an unexpired term and asked Council Member elect Dave Martin to join her at the microphone, and Mayor Parker administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Martin. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was traditional at the very first Council meeting, immediately after the Mayor and Council were sworn in, for them to go around the horseshoe and Council Members introduce their family members and special guests, and recognized Council Member Martin for his welcoming remarks. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he wanted to introduce his family, his wife, Judy, his daughter, Jen, who was a 17 year old junior at Kingwood High School, who officially would start high school soccer practice today, his son David, a senior at The University of Texas, who was studying biomedical engineering and would be going to medical school next year and his son Michael, a sophomore at The University of Texas and was studying petroleum engineering; that he was honored and blessed to be at Council and it was going to be a great opportunity and he very much looked forward to working with each and everyone present; that he wanted to recognize all of his friends and co-workers present; that it warmed his heart to see so many people coming to see this momentous occasion.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew Council Member Martin had been in public service already as a school board member and understood the workings of a governmental body and knew he was going to fit in quickly and smoothly.

Council Members Noriega, Adams, Gonzalez, Pennington, Christi and Bradford welcomed Council Member Martin.

At 9:18 a.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Adams for the innovation and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 1 at this time, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0001 ADOPTED.

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTH POST OAK ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Position Three - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2013, and as Chair, for a term ending 12/31/2013
- Position Four - **EZEKIEL MOORE, JR.**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2013
- Position Five - **TANDELYN ATKINSON WEAVER**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2013
- Position Six - **GEORGE E. JOHNSON, III**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2014
- Position Seven - **WILLIE BELLE BOONE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2014

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0002 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 1 was Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, South Post Oak Zone, Board of Directors, that they had one of the new appointees present, Ms. Tandelyn Atkinson Weaver and asked that she step forward, and Mayor Parker and Council Member Green thanked her for her service to the City of Houston.

MAYOR'S REPORT - CenterPoint Gas Rate Filing

Mayor Parker stated that they would move into the Mayor's Report, a quick update on the CenterPoint Gas Rate Filing, and recognized City Attorney Dave Feldman.

Mr. Feldman stated that they may recall that the item to approve the gas rate filing was tagged at the last Council meeting, they took the opportunity in the interim to meet with CenterPoint's representatives on the issue, the City had the role of regulator with respect to gas and it was all together fitting to sit down and see if they could negotiate a peaceful resolution to this prior to a formal filing, that they met for a couple of hours with CenterPoint last Thursday, it was a cordial and fruitful discussion, it became obvious that the primary bone of contention was their concern that the City's projections with respect to their over earnings, which would dictate that the City would file for a reduction of rates, did not include all of their projected costs, that the City pointed out to them that they had been asking for all of their projected costs for two months and that they had not been forthcoming with that information, that as a result of their meeting last Thursday they agreed to provide that information, the schedule was that they were to provide that information to the City by the close of business on January 9, 2013, they had another meeting and negotiation setup for January 11, 2013, and in order to do that they were asking that Council would make a motion to delay the item for two weeks, until January 16, 2013 in order to give the parties a full opportunity to negotiate, recognizing that January 16, 2013 would really be their drop dead date for the filing, that he would also tell them that in the spirit of cooperation going forward he and General Counsel, Mr. Rozzell, also agreed to meet starting January 4, 2013 to ascertain whether or not they could come up with a process by agreement, or if necessary, a Legislative action, which would dictate that in the future they would not have to go through this type of procedure with respect to the rate filings, to try to

come up with a process that was more user friendly, unless adversarial, that was his report and they would ask for a two week delay. Council Members Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Feldman if it would be fair to say that absent this item being on the Council agenda that information would not have been forthcoming and that they would not be at the point they were at today, and Mr. Feldman stated that it was kind of like the “fiscal cliff”. Council Members Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Adams stated that the “ERM Report” was going to be due in March and the request had been made as to why could not the City wait until March instead of making it mandatory right now, and asked Mr. Feldman to clarify their position on that question. Council Members Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mr. Feldman stated that as regulators they had to balance the interest of the customer, the consumer, with the utility, if they waited until March they expose the customer to additional increases that would not otherwise necessarily occur, so in protecting the customer they had to move, that they may recall that in July 2012, Council approved a Notice of Inquiry, which enabled the City to establish a “test year” for reviewing earnings of September 2011 to September 2012, that if they waited then the test year and the time and effort expended in analyzing the test year would go out the window, so take advantage of what they had already done and to protect the consumer it was necessary for them to move forward. Council Members Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the short version was that they could wait until March but the rates for ratepayers across the City would be raised prior to March, and Mr. Feldman stated that yes, they could be. Council Members Rodriguez and Green absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to be clear, CenterPoint had to go to the State, regardless of their position, was that correct, and Mr. Feldman stated yes, and Mayor Parker stated that they would have to prepare the document and move forward, and Mr. Feldman stated that there was a degree of preparation, there was a difference in the proceedings, but yes, they would, at some point and time, have to put all of the information together to go forward, and Mayor Parker stated that it was a smoother process for them if they concurred with their request for a rate increase and they also had to request similar information from the multitude of smaller jurisdictions, and Mr. Feldman stated that was correct, about 80 jurisdictions, that for the City, at this point and time, what they had to ascertain was whether or not there needed to be a rate reduction, that was what this issue was about.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the agenda and recognized Council Member Gonzalez.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 22 at this time, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0003 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE relating to the Retail Gas Utility Rates of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and as CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas; requiring a rate filing; maintaining current rates in effect until changed – **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of December 19, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to postpone Item No. 22 for two weeks, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city

business. MOTION 2013-0004 ADOPTED.

At 9:36 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the public session.

Ms. Kerrie Patterson Brown, 4301 Roseneath Drive, Houston, Texas 77021 (512-203-3747) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

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

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

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.

Ms. Silvia Osorio, 4203 Hirsch #6, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-670-3174) appeared and spoke on personal problems which included denial of insurance since 1996, but was accepted last month, and she still needed help.

Mr. Esmael Tijernia, 2505 Broadway #64, Houston, Texas 77012 (832-755-1399) appeared and stated that he had been present six months ago with trouble finding a job as he was an ex-con, he had taken a 90 day program and worked five to six months when he was taken to jail on something he did not do and now was again without a job.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not know of his circumstances of arrest; and upon questions, Mr. Tijernia stated that he had worked for Air Team and was never officially charged; and Mayor Parker stated that the city was an equal opportunity employer; and someone in Citizens Assistance would speak with him at this time.

At 9:45 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda, and recognized Council Member Pennington for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to recognize some Boy Scouts from St Anne Catholic School, Kristoph Sayagara, Leo Sayagara, Blake Arrington and they were accompanied by Sabrina Hubbard, that they were taking their time off to see City Council and they congratulate them.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 19

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 4 and 5

4. **MACAULAY CONTROLS COMPANY** for Replacement Parts for Metering Pumps and Analyzers for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$650,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0005 ADOPTED.
5. **PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, dba PHILPOTT FORD** for Pickup Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with BuyBoard for the Department of

Public Works & Engineering - \$171,030.70 - Enterprise Fund – moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0006 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 19

9. ORDINANCE authorizing the granting by the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, to Targa Downstream LLC, Purchaser, of a 50-foot-wide subsurface pipeline easement at the East Water Purification Plant, Harris and Wilson Survey, A-31, Harris County, Texas, for a purchase price of \$105,166.00 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0001 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 6.2652 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 2**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0002 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,013,505.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4235-63) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0003 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

2. **DIGITAL SANDBOX, INC** for purchase of additional modules for the Digital Sandbox Risk Management Software System for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security \$278,547.79 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0007 ADOPTED.
3. **INTEX FLOORING, LLC** for Porcelain Tile and Installation Services from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Fire Department \$75,647.31 - In-House Renovation Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington.

Council Member Brown stated that she was voting in support of Item No. 3, that it looked like they got a good deal, but did want to encourage them that just because a procurement was exempt from the City's Hire First Policy that they make a good effort to try to hire first even if they were exempt in any of these procurements.

A vote was called on Item No. 3. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0008 ADOPTED.

6. ORDINANCE appropriating \$915,102.99 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Light Duty Vehicles for Various Departments – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0004 ADOPTED.
- 6a. **CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET** - \$360,542.00, **SAM PACK'S FIVE STAR FORD, LTD.** - \$846,544.85, **CHASTANG ENTERPRISES, INC d/b/a CHASTANG FORD** - \$101,256.00, **PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD d/b/a PHILPOTT FORD** - \$158,868.15 and **CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET** - \$32,388.00 for Light Duty Vehicles through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council and BuyBoard for Various Departments - \$1,499,599.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Other Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0009 ADOPTED.
7. **VWR INTERNATIONAL, LLC** for Scientific Products for Various Departments - \$4,294,287.00 General, Enterprise and Other Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford, and tagged by Council Member Brown.

ORDINANCES

8. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 110 OF THE VOLUME OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CONSTRUCTION CODE known as the CITY OF HOUSTON RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE** regarding increased standards; containing findings; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0005 ADOPTED.
10. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use as a public street right-of-way of an 18.5-foot-wide portion of excess Dahlia Street, Harrisburg Addition, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the right-of-way to Houston Gateway Academy, Inc. and Broadway Baptist Church of Houston, abutting owners, in consideration of their payment of \$17,580.00 to the City and other consideration - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Rodriguez.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,000,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing the purchase of easements and other interests in real property and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations, with associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies and Services, expenses associated with removing improvements from the right-of-way, relocation expenses, Recording Fees and other services, in connection with negotiations to settle purchases, Court Costs and Expert Witness Fees for and in connection with construction

of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0006 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$54,783.00 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Four, City of Houston, Texas (Village Enclaves Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone) for affordable housing, payments to Houston Independent School District, and payments to certain Redevelopment Authorities as provided herein – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0007 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **DEAN'S NUTRITIONAL FOOD SERVICE INC** for the Houston Parks & Recreation Department's After-School Meal Program; subject to the receipt of sufficient grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program; providing a maximum contract amount 6 Months with 4 one-year options - \$3,350,160.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - MARTIN; F - HOANG; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ; J - LASTER and K - GREEN** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Christi, Gonzalez, Green and Burks, Council Member Burks stated that he would tag Item No. 13 and would like some more information.

14. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2010-446, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing second amendment to an agreement between the City of Houston and **MORRIS & MCDANIEL, INC** for Promotional Testing Services for the Houston Fire Department - \$410,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0008 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,500,000.00 out of Dangerous Building Consolidated Fund for Demolition – was presented. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Green stated that he would tag Item No. 15, but would release his tag pending discussion. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Adams stated that since they put together DAP (Damage Assessment Panel) she wanted to suggest to them to provide all Council Members a list of those inspected buildings that could be put on the list for demolition, that Council Members should have the list by the end of the day, that it was not by district but a list of all properties that had cleared DAP that could be demolished, that one thing about the list was that it included swimming pools as well. Council Member Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that information went out on Monday and recognized that a lot of Council Members took that day off, but the City was working and it should be in everybody's inboxes, that it was not a prioritized list, it was the list of properties that would be addressed so they did not know which properties or in what order, that this was a general appropriation for the money to be available for the Department of Neighborhoods to use as they determined the critical needs, that the next DAP meeting would be in February 2013. Council Member Costello absent. Council Member Costello absent.

Council Member Green stated that he to was very supportive of the item, that the tag was really for clarity on the issue, that he had spoken with Mr. Landon on the issue and they were working through a couple of questions that were outstanding; that he wanted to tag Item No. 15. Council Member Costello absent.

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the **GULF COAST RAIL DISTRICT** and the City of Houston for the West Belt Grade Crossing Safety Improvements within the boundaries of the City of Houston - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0009 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$230,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATHELYNE A. KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES, L.P.** for Work Order Bridge Rehabilitation Design / Replacement; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0010 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 20

MISCELLANEOUS

20. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from January 2, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions One, Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for one year terms to expire December 31, 2013 – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, January 9, 2013, to receive nominations for Positions One, Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0010 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 21 through 23

21. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for purchase of Parcel LY10-045, located at the 7400 block of Northline Drive, owned by Turning Point Center, Inc., a Texas corporation f/k/a Rehab Mission, Inc., a Texas corporation, Isha Desselle, President, for the **NORHLINE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT from Parker to Canino - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – **(This was Item 12 on Agenda of December 19, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SULLIVAN)** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. MOTION 2013-0011 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SOGETI USA, LLC** for Software Design and Development Services (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-863) – **(This was Item 30 on Agenda of December 19, 2012, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADFORD)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council

Member Hoang absent on city business. ORDINANCE 2013-0011 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Christi stated that there was national news coverage on the diversity of Houston, Texas and it followed the Asian Community and the tripling of Asian residents and how the City of Houston was a great place to be for the diversity they had; that for the last 24 hours he hoped that it would help them make a New Year's resolution to avoid, maybe, their "fiscal cliff". Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he wanted to wish everybody a Happy New Year and good luck this year. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he wanted to thank everybody for the welcoming comments, specific to his family, they meant a lot to him, that he looked forward to having a very successful year. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to welcome the Mayor and all his colleagues back, that he looked forward to a busy and successful year for the City of Houston, that it was nice to see so many economic indicators that continued to trend up for them, that he looked forward to working hard for the great constituents of District H. Council Members Brown, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to wish a Happy New Year to everyone, that she wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of the City of Houston staff that made everything run, that she appreciated the staff in her office in particular. Council Members Brown, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for showing her support for their sorority, that this January marked the beginning of the 100th year of their sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and yesterday in the Rose Bowl Parade one of their floats was featured; that many of them paid respect to the family of Bethel E. Nathan on Saturday, that he passed away on December 22, 2012, that he was a native Houstonian, that he was the senior accountant for Motown Records, that she wanted to give his family her condolences; that she wanted to thank her staff for a wonderful 2012 and wanted to thank them for what they had done, to all the community leaders, department directors and City staff. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to wish a Happy New Year to all Houstonians, and Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he looked forward to a Houston Texans victory against the Bengals, Go Texans this coming weekend. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that since they were out over the last two weeks she thought it was appropriate to mention the death of Sergeant Jimmy Norman, a 24 year veteran of the Bellaire Police Department, that it was the first death in the line of duty suffered in the Bellaire Police Department, that he was laid to rest this past weekend, and Mr. Terry Taylor, a bystander and owner of Maaco Body Shop who tried to come to the assistance of the officer, that she

appreciated the Houston Police Department members who participated in the memorial service for Sergeant Norman, their thoughts were with his family; that her wish for this year was that their first responders were safe, and all of the City employees who had hot, wet, cold, dirty and dangerous jobs, that they had in addition Public Works employees who had lost their lives in the line of duty in her tenure as Mayor, that she wanted to wish a good year to all of their employees but a safe year to everyone who worked for the City of Houston. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:17 a.m. Council Members Cohen and Laster absent on personal business. Council Member Hoang absent on city business. Council Members Brown, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Costello, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary