

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 5, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.. Council Members Wanda Adams and Andrew C. Burks, Jr. absent on personal business.

At 1:43 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would begin the presentations and recognized Council Member Costello. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he was present to acknowledge a program called Veg Out, which was a month long program for eating 30 different vegetables in 30 days, that it was created by Recipe for Success and he was honored to present a proclamation to Recipe for Success for honoring and acknowledging March as Veg Out Month and stated that the foundation was established in 2005 to address the pandemic of childhood obesity, that it also empowered adults to make lifetime of healthy eating decisions and provided healthy diet options for their children, which included advocating for initiatives such as the Rolling Green Market, Hope Farms, as well as Veg Out, that Recipe for Success had created measurable change in more than 20,000 elementary students with a Seed to Plant Nutrition Program; that last week Ms. Gracie Cavnar presented Veg Out Month during public session and they had a form that they would fill out and have a different vegetable every day, and Mayor Parker stated that she signed up for the Veg Out competition and had already hit 13 veggies, and stated that in support of the effort she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed March 2013 as Veg Out with Recipe for Success Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang and Laster absent.

Ms. Cavnar stated that she wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council Members for the recognition and support that they had given their work through the years in their efforts to combat childhood obesity by changing the way children ate, and also by their leadership in helping their vision of making Houston a healthier place to live with equal and equitable access to healthy decisions to all of their neighbors throughout the City, not only affordable food, but easy access for great places to exercise and play with their children and grow their own vegetables. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang and Laster absent.

Council Members Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi commended and thanked Ms. Cavnar for all of the work they were doing. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the farmers market had fresh vegetables each week. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Rodriguez for the next presentation. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he had the pleasure of making another presentation that he had been doing for the last five years, that he had the pleasure of working with Dress for Success Houston for the last 10 years and recognized Ms. Nancy Levicki, President and Co-Founder of Dress for Success Houston, Ms. Wendy Daboval, Chevron, this year's presenting sponsor, their staff and his staff and the ladies of Council, who would be joining them today, that he appreciated Chevron's efforts in Dress for Success, that he wanted to thank Nancy and staff for giving them the opportunity to participate with Dress for Success SOS

Drive, which stood for Send One Suit for someone special, that for them it was all the same because those suits were used by many special women in their area to get back on their feet, that now more than ever women in their City needed their help to get back to the job market, so from March 4 through March 8, 2013 more than 100 Houston companies would host suit drives across the City, including their presenting sponsor Chevron, and Mayor Parker stated that therefore she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed March 4 through March 8, 2013 as Dress for Success Houston, Send One Suit Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Ms. Levicki stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Council Member Rodriguez, that this tradition was started by Carol Alvarado and she appreciated the fact that Council Member Rodriguez picked up after Ms. Alvarado and that they all continued to support this, that they had very humble beginnings almost 15 years ago and served 117 women that first year, that this last year they served over 6,000 women for the first time and since opening their doors in 1998, with the help of those who donated during Send One Suit Week, they had served over 40,000 Houston women, so on behalf of those over 40,000 women she wanted to thank them for their support the efforts they made to help them be a success. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Council Members Cohen, Brown and Noriega thanked Ms. Levicki and all at Dress for Success. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Ms. Wendy Daboval, Chevron, stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Council Members for the recognition, that they were proud at Chevron to partner with Dress for Success Houston and particularly to be the presenting sponsor for the Send One Suit Week and wanted to recognized the members of the Women Employees Network who had staffed their efforts at Chevron this week and made it so successful. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Ms. Levicki stated that she wanted to recognize the staff of Dress for Success who made the whole operation happen each year. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Rodriguez for his leadership and Mayor Parker for her leadership and Council Members Noriega, Brown and Cohen and to everyone who made it possible from the sponsors like Chevron and the staff at Dress for Success; and to point out that the big check was for \$35,000 from Chevron to Dress for Success. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Bradford for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, and Council Member Bradford invited Reverend Michael Smith, Pastor of South Union Missionary Baptist Church, to lead all in the innovation and Council Member Bradford led all in the pledge.

At 2:03 Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Adams and Burks absent on personal business.

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

At 2:05 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150), had reserved time to appear, but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Raul Edwards, 1302 Waugh Dr., No. 553, Houston, Texas 77019 (832-880-4065) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was present to present two health projects, one a physical health and one emotional health, that he had passed out a yellow hand out "Muevete Houston" which was a health initiative that they were looking for the possibility of the City being a part of and would like to offer Houstonians a series of events based on dance, that they had great success in the last two years with the health initiative, that they did an event in 2011 and had approximately 2,100 people and last year around 4,300; that the second event would be a premier concert series, that they would like to use music and the arts to help young people that were considered at risk and offer them opportunities, that it was started in New York but would have it's world premier in Houston.

Council Members Rodriguez, Noriega and Cohen thanked Mr. Edwards for his willingness to help out and volunteer his services in the community, that they would work with him to see how they could collaborate.

Ms. Diana Schulte, (713-494-6863) appeared and stated that she had been put in a series of incidents regarding the Police Department, that she had made certain observations, the City had been gung-ho about pet owners cleaning up after their pets, but yet the Police Department never cleans up after their pets, whether they were individually or City owned; that she had been put into a lawsuit and there had not been one police complaint that she had filed and charged with harassment, discrimination and everything else connected with the lawsuit, that she ended up going to Internal Affairs and those police officers, at certain point, had all been reprimanded and she had won her Internal Affairs complaint, but yet they never turned it over to the Police Department to investigate any of the harassment and stuff, that she had a police officer call her regarding her speaking to the Council and he had the audacity to tell her that she had to give him the names of the people harassing her, that it was tied in a lawsuit and as the attorney's explained to her the harassment went on in the same manner that gangs harassed people in neighborhoods, they did not knock on doors and say their name was so and so; that it was against the law for an individual to act as a police officer and she could not believe that the police officer had the audacity to tell her that she would have to present names in order for the police to do anything, that a police officer on horseback said that he did not know enough about this, that she had to go talk to somebody else, but yet if the police came up to her and gave her a ticket for speeding and she did not know she was speeding they would say that ignorance of the law was no excuse and still give her a ticket, but yet the police could not give her the help or guidance; that as a result of the lawsuit she was now homeless. Council Members Davis and Gonzalez absent.

Minister Gilda Black, 4219 Kelling St., Houston, Texas 77045 (713-434-7602) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Albert McNeal, 3317 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-632-6275) appeared and stated that his complaint revolved around an incident that occurred in December 2008 when his residence was shot up by gang members, that as a result he did four years in prison because he was trying to defend his elderly mother, himself and his property, that during the time of his incarceration his sister misappropriated his VA benefits and other property, mainly his vehicle, that he had gotten a call from the District Attorney on Monday who said that he could not file any charges against his sister because he did not have enough information concerning fraudulent transfer of motor vehicle, that he needed more information such as how she misappropriated his vehicle, that it was his plea that maybe they could help him ascertain that information should charges could go forward. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford asked if Mr. McNeal had signed any document signing authority to his sister to act in his behalf, and Mr. McNeal stated no, and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that it sounded like a civil matter and asked if he had pursued it from a civil standpoint because he would note that the Houston Police Department had investigated and it had been presented to the District Attorney's Office and they had decided not to file criminal charges at this time and recommended that due to some of the evidence that was gathered during the investigation that it may be better suited for Civil Court, that it was up to the Harris County District Attorney's Office whether charges were going to go forward or not. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Green stated that he thought civil action would be the best way to go at this point, that in a civil action there was something called "discover" and he would have the opportunity to request documents and get information, and he could turn that information to the DA, so a civil proceeding would be the way to get the information that he was trying to get. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

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. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Thomas Hadnott, 8004 Homestead Rd., Houston, Texas 77028 (281-236-9265) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 7065 Bellford, Houston, Texas 77087 (832-276-6470) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Angela Velasquez, 101 Crawford, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-478-2306) appeared and stated that she was considered an urban dweller and lived a few blocks from the Council Chamber; that she knew that the City had probably spent about \$4 billion, which was what she read online, in improvements to try to attract people to their urban environment, including residents and workers, that she lived by the ballpark and the issue she was having was parking, that she understood that people in the Montrose District were able to apply for parking permits but they did not have that privilege because they were not considered a residential district, yet with 2.55 square miles and over 3,000 residential living units, it was a pretty congested area and she thought they should be able to make the case to be able to apply for permits because most places where they were buying or renting only gave them one space, that there were over 100,000 parking spaces, 95 lots and only 15 actually offered 24 hour parking and of those 15, six had waiting lists, the remaining 9 charged anywhere from \$120 to \$450 a month if she wanted to buy a parking spot there because she could not get a parking spot in her historic building, which she heard last week that there were some measures approved by the Council to reduce by 40% the amount of parking spaces a historic building was obligated to provide it's residents, that one of the things she had been doing was parking just on the outskirts of downtown where they could park on the street and HPD towed her illegally, the violations were dropped and now she had to go to court again to get her \$250 back from the tow impound, that she would encourage the City to consider this if they really were trying to attract people to live downtown. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Davis absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he was the Council Member for downtown and he would like to explore some ways to try to help her with her issues and would be happy to work with her. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Davis absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Levy Calderon, 4805 South Acres, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-454-4885) appeared and stated through a translator that he had been to Council to talk about a notice that he received but had it resolved by someone from the City of Houston contacting him and telling him what he needed to do, that he was going to utilize his time to let them know that South Acres Street needed a lot of attention, the ditches were not being maintained for a long time and the street was broken. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Michael Griffin, 5327 Winding Way, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-503-8064) appeared and stated that he had passed out a green corsage for Saint Patrick's Day, that the parade was coming up and was the oldest parade in the City, going back to the 1800's; that he was present for a more serious reason, that two years ago he tried to work with Metro to open up the HOV lanes on weekends, free for anybody, and they said the problem was that not all of the gates were electric, that he went on Thursday and talked to Metro and they said every gate was electronic and he said that nine out of ten people got nothing from Metro, why did they think that people were mad at them all of the time, that he said this was an opportunity to extend the hours from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. downtown, that this would affect anyone going to Rockets or Astros games, that this gave people a chance and it was not that difficult, that he realized it was a Metro deal, but the City Council had power, that twelve years ago he came down and introduced them to the 3-1-1 pot hole hot line, that people laughed at it, but Mayor Brown and the 2001 City Council took that and nine months later they came up with the 3-1-1 self help line and now according to the director 8,500 people a day called 3-1-1; that if Metro could try it for six months starting in the summer going to Galveston, that the City Council and the Mayor had the power to do something that had not been done in the City, that now the traffic was the number one concern of every citizen in the City. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Green stated that if there was a letter of support that Mr. Griffin wanted Council Members to sign off on he would be willing to sign off on it, that he thought it made great sense. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Pennington stated that Mr. Griffin had a lot of great ideas and he agreed with Council Member Green, that if he could send an email to his office he would be glad to follow up on it, if he could describe specifically what he would want to happen. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Christi asked if they could get a City response to that he bet that everyone would support that, and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that he thought it was fair to say that City Council appointed and confirmed four members of the Metro Board, but beyond that Metro kind of ran their business, and at the same time he thought that it was fair for Mr. Griffin to come down and ask the Council to look at this issues and sign on to correspondence asking the Metro Board to take actions that were responsive to citizens request, that he was on board if that was what he thought, and Council Member Christi stated that if they could not give them any downside then he bet that the vast majority would sign on to that sentiment and they should move on it. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Martin stated that he was holding a Citizens Net that came from the Mayor on March 4, 2013 and it was curious that there was a master traffic plan for Spring Break Houston, that residents and visitors were urged to use suggested routes and parking plans which helped provide a continuous flow of vehicles coming and going throughout the weekend, what a great opportunity they had to implement what Mr. Griffin was talking about for Spring Break and alleviate some of the problems that the Mayor addressed in her Monday article. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford asked Mr. Griffin if he could get an email to them that Council Member Pennington requested he thought they would all look at it and as he and other Council Members had indicated they would happily sign it and get it to Metro; that he wanted to thank Mr. Griffin for 3-1-1. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Joanne Sorrentino, 3030 Shadow Briar Dr., Houston, Texas 77082 (281-809-8402) appeared and stated that she was present again about Metro, that she had an MSP liaison in west Houston and would like that number again; that she had a handout for the Council Members and wanted to know why they needed 30 cabs in the Galleria for MSP or Metro Lift, that only 3 in west Houston, could they explain that to her, that she called MSP on February 22, 2013 and never received any rides, that on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. she was zeroed out again, that she viewed a Fiesta Cab on that same day at Richmond and Shadowbriar, which was her area, and he took off and went northbound to Richmond, that he could have picked her up at the same time and brought her to where she needed to go, that Yellow Cab called her on February 26, 2013 at 6:67 a.m. to wake her up for a ride that she had not placed that a.m. and they verified the ride at 7:01 a.m., was this the ride for the 22nd later, this was City inefficiency at it's best, she did not understand this. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that they had received several complaints about Metro Lift service and it was going to take more inquiry than they could get into at the Council table, the Yellow Cab issue as well, if she would talk to the Mayor's Citizens Assistance present in the Chamber they could get her contact information and get back with her when they did, that it was primarily a Metro issue. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. George Perez III, 7002 Mobud, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-771-2099) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Bridget A. McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, Houston, Texas 77052 (713-987-3854) appeared and stated that there was only one GOD and the Lord said that the Houston Police Department needed to stop their evil and repent, that for Rodeo Season of 2009 she was working at Staffing Employment Service, that she worked 32 hours and there was a Mexican woman who accused her of hitting her, that this had happened with several companies she worked for, and continued to voice her opinions and stated thank you. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Ms. Margott Williams, 5625 Antonie Dr., Houston, Texas 77091 (713-682-3338) appeared and stated that she had some concerns regarding the neighborhoods surrounding the

5700 block of Antoine and Tidwell, that there was a Charter School coming to the old Kroger building at 5620 West Tidwell, that several businesses just started moving out and being relocated, one owner said they had to relocate because the Charter School was coming to the site, that she thought the name of the school was YES, how many of the businesses would be affected by the school moving in, that they had three elementary schools in the area, two private and one HISD school, two middle schools and two high schools, how would their enrollment be affected, what would be the age group and the school hours, there was a concern because there was a probation office across the street from where the school would be built, would the school bring students, faculty and staff from other locations, how would the school create a sense of community, would there be an open enrollment or recruitment of children in the surrounding community or recruitment of residents in the community for jobs at the school, that foot and automobile traffic was already high volume on Antonie and Tidwell, how would students be transported to the school; that her other concern was that "no train horn" sign had appeared in the last two months at major railroad crossings at 5817 Antoine and 5675 Tidwell, how did that happen, no one in the neighborhood knew, the signs just appeared, when would it take effect, that she had a concern with the young children who traveled back and forth across the tracks, how would the community stay safe if the horns were not going to blow; that she had been seeking a civic club in the neighborhood, where was their civic club. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that as it related to traffic management problems, Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works, was present and he could assist her; that Mr. Larry Payne of his office could help her determine the proper representative organization in her area. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Council Member Green stated that the school was probably YES Prep, and Council Member Cohen asked for the precise location of the school, and Ms. Williams stated that it was 5620 West Tidwell. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Derek Broze, 218 Grace, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-909-0382) appeared and stated that he wanted to talk about unmanned aerial vehicles, more commonly known as drones, that in 2011 Congress passed a law saying that the FFA had to clear air space in the next 10 years for about 20,000 drones in American skies, the same drones that were flying over Iraq and Afghanistan, in the past year there had been 88 agencies around the Country who had applied for drones, in Texas the Texas State University in San Marcos, A&M in Corpus Christi, also the Department of Public Safety had drones, he believed their contract had expired, that as they saw drones continue to expand, most recently the incident of Christopher Dorner, the former LA Police Department office who was the first American to be surveyed and tracked using drone technology, that he knew that the Mayor in 2007 spoke and stood against HPDs Drone Program, that his and citizens concern was that as the law was already on the books, that Congress was clearing air space for drones, what would the City Council do to protect the citizens of Houston against surveillance, that recently Washington State citizens stood up against the Seattle Police Departments Drone Program and within days Seattle closed their Drone Program and were returning their drones to their vendors, that Charlottesville, Virginia ordered a two year moratorium on drones until they could have further discussion, that he was interested in what the City Council wanted to offer the people of the City as far as protection, passing an ordinance requiring that drones would not have the ability to survey citizens without a warrant and things like that; that drones were now part of the free market and drones were available for children as toys, they could fly a helicopter and look into their neighbors window, that if the City chose to do nothing most likely the people were going to create their own drones to counter survey the Police Department, the City Council and the drones that were attacking

their freedoms and privacy; that he saw on the agenda about disaster relief camps for City employees specifically and his question was if it was going to be funded by taxpayer dollars. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that as it related to drones he believed that with Texas and Houston continuing to grow they had to utilize as much technology as they could because the service demands on HPD were continuing to grow, but the issues that Mr. Broze raised were being raised across America concerning the use of drones and drone technology, those were valid questions and he thought they needed to establish in Houston, and across America, what was going to be the proper protocol for drone usage and thought the City Council and the citizens of Houston needed to know what that protocol was going to be, that he would make a request to the Chair of the Public Safety Committee if they could get some presentation before the Committee from the Police Department to have a discussion about what was going to be the protocol if drones were going to be utilized in their City. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that in regard to camps for emergencies, etc., it was his understanding that those would be tax dollars and would be post disaster, so as the City launched their outreach to stabilize the City after any kind of disaster they would need to make sure that there was a location where public safety and others could re-establish the City, that it was for City service deployment. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Benjamin Calhoun, 8510 N. Main, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-694-6899) appeared and stated that in 2010 he was present about cyber stalking, that the prosecutor put out criminal records claiming that he had been arrested for child molestation and rape, they had given him one form of criminal record and given everybody else another form of criminal record and continued to do that, that it was three years later and was still going on, and continued to voice his opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. Peter Brown, 10 Waverly Court, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-521-2811) appeared and stated that he had handed out an article by Michael Skelly, "Let business decide parking", that it was a good interim step but was not really a streamline, sophisticated, modern, smart parking ordinance, which the fourth largest City of America needed very badly, that they were the most over parked City in America, there was over 100 square miles of surface parking within the City limits of Houston, that was 64,000 acres of surface parking that yielded very little tax revenue, that he thought Council Member Noriega's amendments were good and they should all support those, the ordinance needed to be incentive driven, so they would get reductions if they did good stuff in the City of Houston, that he thought the missing ingredient, which maybe they could look at later, was the fact that it was not really contact sensitive, it was too much of a one size fits all ordinance and there were many areas of the City which could be identified by the Planning Department, for example, as sharing parking areas, park once areas, where they automatically, if they developed there, they would get a reduction, that it was too cumbersome, it ought to be City driven, that it was quite easy to analyze where those shared parking areas were and should be. Mayor Parker and Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker and Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

At 2:52 p. m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Council Members Wanda Adams and Andrew C. Burks, Jr. absent on personal business. Mayor Parker and Council Members Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2013, with Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, 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 Andrew C. Burks, Jr. absent on personal business.

At 8:25 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 had both a public hearing and the presentation of the Monthly Operations and Financial Report today, that unless there was an objection from Council she was going to call the City Controller prior to the public hearing. Council Members Martin, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

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

Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller, and Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance, reviewed the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office for review; and Mr. Green stated that they had the Quarterly Investment Report, which they did not present last month, and were yielding about 1.1% in their investment pool, and if there were any questions he would go over it with them individually. Rodriguez, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello moved to accept the Monthly Operations and Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. Council Members Noriega and Bradford absent. MOTION 2013-0155 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the next item was a public hearing. Council Members Pennington, Noriega and Bradford absent.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the possible adoption of Impact Fees for drainage, in accordance with Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code – was called. Council Members Pennington, Noriega and Bradford absent.

The City Secretary stated that no one had signed up to speak at the public hearing. Council Members Pennington, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Mark Loethen, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works and Engineering would make remarks on the hearing. Council Members Pennington, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mr. Loethen reviewed a slide presentation titled "Drainage Impact Fees", a copy of which is in the City Secretary's Office for review, and Mr. Loethen was questioned at length by Council Members.

Mayor Parker stated that no one had signed up to speak at the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the public who wished to speak on the item, and seeing none requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0156 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 32

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 through 6

2. REQUEST from Mayor for the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON AMATEUR SPORTS PARK LGC, INC**, for terms to expire January 1, 2016:
Position Four - **LAWRENCE E. CHAMBERLAIN**
Position Five - **LES HAULBROOK**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0157 ADOPTED.
3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MARK E. WORSCHEH, representing Houston Independent School District**, to Position Three of the **SAINT GEORGE PLACE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2014 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0158 ADOPTED.
4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **HOMER L. CLARK, representing Houston Independent School District**, to Position Eight of the **SOUTH POST OAK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2014 - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0159 ADOPTED.
5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **KEITH EDWARD HAMM, representing Houston Independent School District**, to Position Six of the **DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (a/k/a MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)**, for a term to expire December 31, 2014 -

was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0160 ADOPTED.

6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**, for terms to expire January 2, 2015:

Position One - **LANA KAY COBLE**
Position Five - **ALICIA B. JIMERSON**, and to serve as Chair
Position Seven - **SAMUEL K. EATON, SR.**
Position Eleven - **MARIA RIOS**
Position Thirteen - **MARLON MITCHELL**
Position Fifteen - **CHERYL COLSON**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0161 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had made a number of appointments and believed the only board for which there were representatives present was the Office of Business Opportunity Advisory Board, and asked that they come forward to be recognized; that they appreciated the time that they were devoting to the City of Houston.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 13 through 32

13. ORDINANCE making findings concerning the use of 2.1748 acres of land near Richmond Avenue and Eastside Street being a portion of Levy Park - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0187 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amended restated and amended Hermann Park Golf Course Concession Agreement between the City of Houston and the **BSL GOLF CORP.** for operation and management of the Hermann Park Golf Course - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0188 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,610,795.00 out of HAS FAA Grants Fund and approving and authorizing a Letter Agreement by and between the City of Houston and **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.** in connection with the Baggage Screening Equipment Replacement Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 689A) - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0189 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,999,342.70 out of Transportation Security Administration Other Transaction Agreement Funds and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Construction Management-At-Risk Agreement between the City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Advanced Surveillance Program at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and William P. Hobby Airport (Project No. 612V) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0190 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$219,207.71 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase or Capital Equipment for the Fleet Management Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0191 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **AT&T CORP.** for Telecommunication Circuit Services for the Houston Public Library; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$869,467.00 - General Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
25. ORDINANCE granting to **CONROE CHEM CAN, INC dba TANKS A LOT, 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 - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0192 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
26. ORDINANCE granting to **BAYOU CITY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, L.P., A Texas Limited Partnership**, 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 **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0193 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
27. ORDINANCE granting to **SPRINT WASTE SERVICES, L.P., A Texas Limited Partnership**, 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 - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0194 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
28. ORDINANCE granting to **BAYOU CITY WASTE SYSTEMS, L.P., A Texas Limited Partnership**, 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 - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0195 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
29. ORDINANCE granting to **PUBLIC SANITARY WORKS, 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 - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0196 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
30. ORDINANCE granting to **TEXAS OUTHOUSE, 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 - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0197 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

31. ORDINANCE granting to **V. F. WASTE SERVICES, INC dba V.F. TRASH SERVICE, 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 **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0198 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
32. ORDINANCE granting to **NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION RENTALS, INC, A California 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 **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0199 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department to authorize and grant a waiver of certain requirements under the City of Houston Ordinance No. 97-416 with respect to the terms and conditions of certain refunding bonds to be issued by **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 342** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2013-0162 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$2,470,248.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **THE GONZALEZ GROUP, LP** for the Stanaker Neighborhood Library Renovation - 1.60% over the original contract amount and under the 10% contingency - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0163 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

9. RESOLUTION with respect to the issuance of Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A and Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2014B - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2013-0007 ADOPTED.

10. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299, supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Ordinance No. 2004-300, Ordinance No. 2008-052, and Ordinance No. 2010-215; authorizing the substitution of credit facilities, the execution and delivery of the Reimbursement Agreements, Bank Fee Letters, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Reoffering Circular for the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B-2, Series 2004B-4 and Series 2004B-5; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0200 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HELP, INC**, providing up to \$311,067.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a community residence, along with the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Adams a vote was taken on Item No. 11. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0201 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC**, providing up to \$2,361,658.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing administration of a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, along with the provision of supportive services - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0202 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the Houston Police Department to apply for and accept a National Institute of Justice Grant for the third and final phase of a research project entitled Strategic Approaches to Sexual Assault Kit Evidence and approving and authorizing second amendments to contracts between the City of Houston and **SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY** and the **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN** for Research Services pertaining to a National Institute of Justice Grant Award for a project titled Action Research to Enhance Investigations and Prosecutions of Sexual Assaults - \$515,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0203 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** for the Police Storefront Crisis Team Program FY 2014; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0204 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC** for Base Camp Services (Post Disaster) for the City of Houston - 5 Years – was presented.

Council Member Christi asked if they had an emergency was this reimbursable by FEMA, and Mayor Parker stated yes, that it was strictly designed to have someone on call so they could get out of the door and get it done and then FEMA would reimburse, that it was a company that had worked this before and they knew how to categorize and catalog everything.

Council Member Brown stated that she would tag Item No. 21.

22. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing an aggregate of 3.6088 acres commonly known as 502 West 25th Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0205 ADOPTED.
23. MUNICIPAL Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 5.2296 acres commonly known as 5858 South Gessner Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0206 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$119,515.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **MILLIS DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Sunnyside Park Trail; 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 services, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Brown and Adams, a vote was called on Item no. 24. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0207 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 33 through 35

33. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Noriega to amend Item 33A below as follows:

I move to amend Item 33A by replacing Section 26-497 with the following:

Sec. 26-497. Reduced parking space requirement for additional bicycle spaces or proximity to a Metro Rail Station

- (a) Additional Bicycle Space
 - a. An applicant who provides bicycle spaces in addition to the minimum number of bicycles paces required by section 26-496 of this Code shall receive a reduction of one parking space for every four additional bicycle spaces to the number of parking spaces required by section 26-492 of this Code.
 - b. The maximum reduction in the number of parking spaces under this section shall be 10 percent of the number of parking spaces required by section 26-492 of this Code.

- c. A reduction of parking spaces under this section is available for all use classifications except single-family residential.
- d. Each additional bicycle space shall conform to the standards of section 26-583 of this Code.
- (b) Proximity to a Metro Rail Station
 - a. An applicant who is located within ¼ of a mile of a Metro Rail station shall receive a reduction of 20 percent of the number of parking spaces required by section 26-492 of this Code.
 - b. A reduction of parking spaces under this section is available for all use classifications except single-family residential.
- (c) The reduced parking space requirement is not cumulative. An applicant may utilize the reduction for only section (a) or section (b) not both". Council Member Rodriguez absent. **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD, NORIEGA, ADAMS AND PENNINGTON)** – was presented.

Council Member Noriega offered the following written motion as a substitute for Item No. 33:

"I move to amend Item 33a by:

- (1) Removing Section 4 of the Ordinance and renumbering the subsequent Sections accordingly;
- (2) Amending Exhibit "A" to the Ordinance by adding a new Section 26-503 to read as follows;

Sec. 26-503. Reduced parking space requirement for transit oriented developments.

The total number of parking spaces required by this article for a use classification shall be reduced by 20 percent if:

- (1) The building complies with the optional performance standards provided in article IV of chapter 42 of this Code;
- (2) In addition to the minimum number of bicycle spaces required by section 26-496 of this Code, the applicant provides enough bicycle parking spaces to qualify for a five percent reduction in the number of required parking spaces under section 26-497 of this Code;
- (3) The reduction in the number of required parking spaces is not for a class 2 use classification under section 26-492 of this Code, except for a hotel or motel; and
- (4) The applicant does not receive an additional reduction in the total number of required parking spaces as provided for by section 26-497 or 26-498 of this Code."

and

- (3) Amending Exhibit "A" to the Ordinance by adding the information for the new Section 26-503 to the Table of Contents at the beginning of the Exhibit.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration supported the substitute amendment.

After discussion by Council Members Christi and Pennington, a vote was called on Council Member Noriega's substitute motion to Item No. 22. All voting aye. Nays none.

Council Member Burks absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0164 ADOPTED.

- 33a. ORDINANCE **AMENDING ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to off street parking and loading facilities in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; containing a savings clause – **(This was Item 13 on Agenda of February 27, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD, NORIEGA, ADAMS and PENNINGTON)** - was presented as amended.

After discussion by Council Members Davis, Gonzalez, Pennington, Adams, Costello and Laster, Mayor Parker stated that there was nothing in the ordinance that prohibited placement of obstructions, they could put a tent or farmers market, but they still had to meet their minimum parking requirements; that the new ordinance allowed for special parking districts and the Dynamo area would be ripe for something like that, that today with their current ordinances they could not do anything for the residential areas that had developed around the Dynamo Stadium but with a Special Parking Districts it was possible for them to come with a plan and working with the stake holders over there that might be able to accommodate them; that if there were complaints that came in post the ordinance she would work with Council Member Adams and promptly schedule something for discussion, that she was not going to come back if it was working great, that if there were any problems that came up they would work with Council Member Adams to have a committee meeting.

A vote was called on Item No. 33a as amended. Council Members Brown and Davis voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0208 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$202,500.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$17,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC** for Pleasantville and Glendale Area Drainage and Paving (Sub-Project 1) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0596); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – **(This was Item 27 on Agenda of February 27, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0209 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$14,453,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC** for Services associated with the Surface Water Transmission Program; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – **(This was Item 36 on Agenda of February 27, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0210 ADOPTED.

Item received during meeting

20. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **AT&T CORP.** for Telecommunication Circuit Services for the Houston Public Library; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$869,467.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0211

ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that they had just come off of Black History Month and 1913 was significant with their history, that it celebrated 100 years from the birth of Rosa Parks, the mother of civil rights, who refused to get off of the bus, that she had the opportunity to view the statue of Rosa Parks this weekend; that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Green for being honored at the Texas Legislature as an Outstanding Texan. Council Members Brown, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Hoang announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to voice his support to the Alief Community who really needed a library and multi service center, that hopefully the Mayor would work with him on this issue so the Alief Community would have their fair share that they had requested for 13 years. Council Members Brown, Martin, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that they were blessed with an expanding economy and construction activities to accommodate that growth, that during public session and in their offices they all heard concerns about the negative impact about certain proposed developments near residences, that many developers were very anxious to be LEED certified and he believed it would be valuable to most developers and their neighbors if they were "neighborhood friendly" and implement certain construction studies beyond what was required by City Code, and by that he meant there should be a checklist or guidelines that developers would follow that would make a project neighborhood friendly or as minimally intrusive as possible to a neighborhood, which was what he told developers when they came to his office and he hoped they would shoot for that, that he believed they should ask the trade association to help implement a checklist and hopefully compliance, that he looked forward to discussing these ideas with the administration. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Laster and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Gonzalez and Laster absent.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang and Laster absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she agreed with Council Member Pennington's remarks and thought that the balance between development and neighborhood sensitivity was key, and although she did not have data, thought that District C had some of the greatest number of developments going on than almost any other area, and consequently they wanted to see development, but they wanted to be very sensitive to neighborhoods so she also spent time talking to developers and it was wonderful when they stepped forward and voluntarily included neighborhoods, so she certainly supported everything that Council Member Pennington was trying to do; and announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to beat the horn again for the citizens of Alief, Texas, that the branch library there was in fact the second most utilized library in the City of Houston, that the residents in Alief, for 13 years, had requested and produced objective data supporting their need for additional library space, that the library was the community's main meeting place and in addition to that they hosted the largest section of After School Programs, that they clearly needed additional After School Programs because those were effective crime

prevention strategies, that it was time the City did something, that children were having to sit on the floor to conduct regular library business and parents were having to wait outside in some instances, that Alief deserved better and they needed to do better by the citizens of Alief, that Alief also had no public meeting place and the only place they tried to utilize was the small branch library, which had a meeting capacity of just 75 people, so there was no place to meet in the Alief area, that a multi service center needed to be put on the agenda also, that the City owned the property adjacent to the library, but so far they had not been able to get a project proposed to do a library expansion, much less design and construct one, that the voters approved last November a \$28 million bonding capacity for library utilization and they were in the process now of revising the CIP Plan, that the Alief Community deserved much better. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that last week he failed to mention that his good friend Giovanni Garibay's sister, Angelica, was found murdered in the Northside, that it was a tragic ordeal, that he knew that the Mayor and Council Member Gonzalez had been very helpful to the family, and asked for a moment of silence for Angelica Garibay, and wanted to thank Council Member Noriega and Colonel Noriega for the wonderful reception they had the other night in honor of Angelica. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that an email went out for the Thursday, March 7, 2013, ribbon cutting for the Sobering Center and hoped that all of his colleagues could attend; and announced events he attended or would be attending; that he wanted to offer a special thank you to two City employees who had gone above and beyond for the residents of District H, HPD Sergeant Frank Escobedo, that recently he helped secure a dangerous building and make an arrest of a reported squatter in the Independence Heights area; and Ms. Andrea Jackson, of the Department of Neighborhoods, had been a committed and determined liaison and had already participated in a number of community cleanups and had partnered with the District H team to identify troubled spots in the neighborhood in order to address them, that thanks to Sergeant Escobedo and Ms. Jackson the constituents of District H were able to enjoy an improved quality of life. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Gonzalez on his CIP meeting, that he conducted his a little bit different than the traditional CIP format, that instead of the having everybody listen to all of the questions he split the groups up and while it was a little bit more challenging she thought that it made for a more vibrant CIP meeting. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that Mayor Parker kicked up Make Safe Saturday in Sunnyside and boarded up 100 homes, that 100 employees showed up, that the properties that were boarded up did not qualify for demolition; and announced additional events she attended or would be attending; that she wanted to say congratulations to Yates, they were going to State. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she started out Make Safe Saturday in Sunnyside, that they did 96 homes or properties across the City, that she was involved in 8 homes in Sunnyside because she could not get to all 96, that she had discovered that power tools were almost as fun as a backhoe. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to congratulate their new State Senator, Ms. Silvia Garcia. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez,

Laster, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind everyone that there was no Council meeting next week, they were on Spring Break, that they would be back on March 19 and 20, 2013. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:33 a.m. Council Member Burks absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Costello and Noriega 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