

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 14, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with 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, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., 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.

At 1:44 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they had three proclamations this morning and recognized Council Member Brown for the first proclamation. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Brown invited Mr. Richard Hill, Executive Director of Mission of Yahweh, to the podium and presented a proclamation to the Mission of Yahweh, and stated they were a non profit homeless shelter founded in 1961 through the vision of the late Helen Gay, better known as Sister Gay, with a mission to help shelter homeless women and children within the Houston community, and Mayor Parker stated that the City of Houston sincerely appreciated the work of the Mission of Yahweh, and therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed May 17, 2013 as Mission of Yahweh Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mr. Hill thanked Mayor Parker and Council Member Brown for giving them this opportunity and for recognizing them, they really did try to make a difference helping homeless women and children in the Houston area, that he wished the problem would go away, but so many people needed their help and they were excited to continue the wonderful work and be able to try to help more people. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Noriega, Pennington and Costello thanked Mr. Hill and the Mission of Yahweh for all they did for women and children and for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Rodriguez for the next presentation. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Green absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that it was exciting to make a presentation to a truly admirable organization, the Rod Ryan Show, 95.4 The Buzz, and invited Mr. Ryan and his support staff to join him at the podium and recognized some of the former staff members of the Rod Ryan Show, that since 2004 the show had been on the air and they had also been radio personalities working in the community but committed to raising funds for some incredible organizations, they had raised over \$1.4 million, for many organizations such as M.D. Anderson, The Aids Foundation Houston, The Houston Food Bank and a District I non profit, The Houston Furniture Bank, and presented a proclamation to the Rod Ryan Show, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as the Rod Ryan Show in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for what they did for their community. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Green absent.

Mr. Ryan stated that they were incredibly humbled to be at Council today, this was a really amazing thing, that it was called the Rod Ryan Show but was a huge team effort, that it meant a lot and he wanted to thank all of his co-workers and the great listeners who had come to join them, that the City took him in in 2004 and they hit the ground running and wanted to do some things for the City, that it had been a great run, that he had never come across more generous

people anywhere he had lived in the Country, that it was truly an honor and thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council. Council Members Adams and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Noriega thanked Mr. Ryan for all that he did and for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Cohen, Adams and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Costello for the next proclamation.

Council Member Costello invited Father T. J. Martinez to join him at the podium and stated that Cristo Rey Jesuit was a non profit high school, like a charter school, and was run by the Jesuits and Father Martinez, that he visited the high school, which was the converted Mount Carmel High School, in Council Member Rodriguez District I, that they were joined by the partial class of sophomores, that it was an interesting school where the tuition was free to the students, however they had to work for a living, they had corporations that hired the students annually and paid the school for their services, and Mayor Parker stated that they had to have options for their students and the most important thing they could give their young people was an education and the tools to succeed in their adult lives and Cristo Rey certainly did that, and therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Cristo Rey Jesuit Day in Houston, Texas.

Father Martinez thanked Council Member Costello on behalf of Cristo Rey Jesuit, that Council Member Rodriguez was present when he landed in Houston four years ago to start the school, and Council Member Gonzalez had been at different functions that they had, that it had been good to start a school for children that could never afford necessarily a college preparatory school, that really engaged their life and family, and the City, in terms of education reform and following in the footsteps of what KIP and YES Prep had done ten years ago, that he always thought that Texans were a can do type of people and thought outside of the box and Cristo Rey Jesuit was definitely think outside of the box, that they started out four years ago with 60 kids and three years later the school had 400 children at Cristo Rey Jesuit and all of them on a 100% scholarship, they started with a few jobs that would help pay for their education and had jumped to 111 corporate sponsors and now he could tell them that all 400 children had a job and work their way through the school, that he was happy to report to the Mayor and City Council that as of last week, in an area that sometimes showed the statistic for Latin American and African American brothers and sisters of a 60% drop out rate, on June 1, 2013, their first graduating class a 100% of their children would graduate and 100% had been accepted into college.

Council Members Noriega, Rodriguez, Christi, Burks and Adams congratulated Father Martinez and thanked him and Cristo Rey Jesuit for all they did, and Council Member Adams asked to hear from one of the students. Council Member Martin absent.

Ms. Selena Dunbar, a sophomore at Cristo Rey Jesuit, stated that she loved the school mostly because of the work program, she had a wonderful job at Freds Construction and they had taught her so much and she had learned so much there, that going into the working world she was not scared at all, that at the school and the small community she had learned so much and it was a wonderful school. Council Member Martin absent

Father Martinez stated that Selena, this summer, had been invited by Stanford to spend the entire summer with them to study and prepare for eventual matriculation at the university. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Members Pennington thanked Father Martinez for all he did for the community and the City of Houston.

At 2:13 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Pennington for the innovation and Pledge of Allegiance, and Council Member Pennington invited Reverend Bill Denham, Associate Rector for Caring and Connecting Ministries at Saint Lukes Methodist Church, for the innovation and Council Member Pennington led all in the pledge.

At 2:19 p.m. Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the roll.

Council Members Gonzalez and Burks moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a point of order.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of hearing Ms. Cynthia Sidney and Ms. Shelia Dotson out of order, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0308 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of hearing Mr. Arnoff Burudgunte out of order, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez absent. MOTION 2013-0309 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to apologize in advance, she had a meeting in her office at 3:00 p.m. and would have to slip away, that she would get as far on the speakers list as she could.

Mr. Barry Klein, 1509 Everett, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-224-4144) appeared and stated that he was with the Houston Property Rights Association and was present to speak against the proposal to approve the BRT line on Post Oak, and asked that they send it back to the Mayor's office and have a first ranked economist, who studied transportation matters, study that proposal, that he suggested that they look at the big picture and not simply looking at a proposal to put, what looked to him, a \$200 million program on Post Oak.

Mayor Parker stated that they always liked to acknowledge the presence of their former colleagues and would note that former Council Member Stardig was present in the Chamber.

Ms. Diane Schenke, 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-928-9916) appeared and stated that she was President of the Greater East End Management District and was present to speak on Item No. 39 on the agenda tomorrow, which was to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Houston and Harris County for the construction of a trails and on road bike lanes, that this construction would be part of an overall effort, under the City of Houston Tiger Grant, to achieve interconnected bike ways throughout the inner core of Houston, more over Harris County would be constructing 10 foot sidewalks connecting all of the East End Rail stops to the existing Harrisburg trail, making it safe and easy to use the trail to access the light rail, and she had distributed maps that showed them the extent of the construction that would be undertaken, that the Interlocal was a great partnership between the County and the City, that the County had bids on the project and was ready to award the contract at next Tuesday's Commissioners Court meeting, if the City did not approve the Interlocal agreement tomorrow there would be at least a three week delay for a project that was ready to go.

Mayor Parker stated that she personally was very exited to see this move forward and was glad to have her present.

Council Members Rodriguez, Pennington and Gonzalez thanked Ms. Schenke for all of her hard work on this project and for working with the County.

Council Member Noriega moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Diane Schenke, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez absent. MOTION 2013-0310 ADOPTED.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members Christi and Noriega, Ms. Schenke stated that what the County was doing would serve as match, that to get the federal grant they had to come up with their own money that they were spending, so they were counting what the County had done as match for the federal grant. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Jaime Brewster, 1712 Kipling, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-594-7596) appeared and stated that she was with TIRZ 19, the Upper Kirby District TIRZ, and was present to speak on behalf of the extension and expansion of the Uptown TIRZ 16 to include the restoration and revitalization of Memorial Park because it was both prudent and essential to Houston sustaining and maximizing one of Houston's greatest quality of life assets, Memorial Park, the proposed extension of TIRZ 16 would fund a master plan for the park, which would serve as a road map for the future park improvements for the years to come; that City of Houston created tax increment reinvestment zones had a proven track record of success in park redevelopment and revitalization. Council Members Davis, Gonzalez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Ms. Brewster for what she did in the Upper Kirby District, that she rightly pointed out that their largest and most productive tax increment reinvestment zones had all taken on park revitalization and they recently approved Levy Park, that they were doing, under absolute control of the Parks Department, approving every step, but through the TIRZ, and Ms. Brewster stated yes, and Mayor Parker stated that this was actually a routine step that they were taking. Council Members Gonzalez and Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she would add that there were few people in the City who knew more about TIRZs and thanked Ms. Brewster, that she understood the problems and concerns that people had, and Levy Park was a perfect example. Council Members Gonzalez and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Rega Richardson Waggett, 228 W. Cowan Dr., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-834 -7741) appeared and stated that Memorial Park was in need of help, there had been discussion about the need to restore the ecology of the park, the reforestation and also proposed that there was a need to restore the recreational activities at the park as well for all people to enjoy the park and it's amenities, and welcomed TIRZs funding, that she was particularly interest in the pool and fitness center at Memorial Park. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker and Council Members Pennington and Burks thanked Ms. Wagget for caring about Memorial Park and the opportunities to swim in Houston. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Hanna Waggett, 228 W. Cowan Dr., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-834-7741) appeared and stated that during her senior year in undergrad she wrote a feasibility report regarding ways to increase the hours of the Memorial Park pool at minimum cost, which she had shared with the City of Houston's Aquatic Division, that she would be happy to share her report via email and had a hard copy with her today if they wished to see it, that she believed that passing the TIRZ 16 could greatly benefit the Memorial Park area. Council Members Adams and Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would be happy to receive her report, and Council Member Christi stated that she was singing the right song, so keep it up. Council Members Adams and

Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Clyde Bryan, 10808 Pepper Ln., Houston, Texas 77079 (713-545-4878) appeared and stated that he had some grave concerns concerning Memorial Park, that the Ima Hogg Family gave that part to the City of Houston, which meant the citizens of Houston, that he thought that Ima Hogg would roll over in her grave if she knew what they were about to do with that gift that was given to the citizens of Houston, that they were going to turn it over to a political subdivision with no elected officials and they were going to have control of the park and when that board changes out in two or three years or whatever they were not going to have any control over it, that he thought there should be public hearings before they do this and a public vote, that he thought if the City was so broke that they could not take care of the park then maybe they ought to ask Harris County to help them with the Park, as they had with other parks in the City of Houston. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that just repeating something that was not true, over and over again, did not make it true, that nothing happens in Memorial Park that was not signed off on by the Parks Director and he in turn was responsive to the City Council, and they had a public hearing on the issue. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that what Mr. Bryan stated was not true, the TIRZ were not elected officials, all of their budget and major improvements had to be submitted to the Council and passed by the Council.

Council Member Laster stated that the park would not be given to anybody, the park would continue to be a City of Houston park owned, operated and managed by the City of Houston, the only thing that was being proposed was that the boundaries of the increment reinvestment zone would extend around the outside of the park so that the monies of the tax increment reinvestment zone could be spent inside the park for the benefit of all of the folks. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that they did need some of the resources that they were talking about and in addition they may need another way to do this, but she was uncomfortable about the level of transparency with the conservancy and would feel better if they had a little tweaking of this mechanism. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Crosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Cynthia Sidney, 5515 Irish Hill, Houston, Texas 77053 (832-969-1140) appeared and stated that she was present because they all wanted safe neighborhoods and good parks and good schools, all the things that helped built strong and vibrant communities, that year after year hundreds of huge office buildings in Houston were not taxed anywhere close to their true market value, that the City and HISD had lost over \$1.5 billion in tax revenue since 2005 due to a broken commercial tax appraisal process, that she would ask the City government to take a closer look at this issue and prioritize it on the City of Houston's agenda. Council Members Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker asked members of the audience not to clap and cheer, that standing was a perfect way of showing their support; that frankly this was an issue that came up right after she became City Controller and one of the first long meetings that she had with Mayor Bill White and they brought the Director of the Harris County Appraisal District in and Mayor White plopped down annual reports of several refineries just outside of Houston and it showed what they were telling their stock holders what their facilities were valued at and then he plopped down the

HCAD appraisal and it was pennies on the dollar, that the problem was that it was a requirement in State law as to how they appraised these properties, they had to attack it through State legislators, that she was happy to stand with HOPE and with TOP, that this was something that put an unequal burden on their residential property owners and for anybody who might be listening, they could only value the bricks and sticks, what was the cost of building this building, they were not allowed, under State Law, to value the commercial value of a building, so she may be \$300 million for it because she was betting on future rent and all sorts of other things, but when she goes to HCAD she forces them to lower that value to maybe \$200 million because that was what would cost her to rebuild the building, that it was a very unfair process and she was so glad that they were taking this up. Council Members Adams, Pennington, Gonzalez and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that through the efforts of the janitors, during their situation, a light was lit on this as well, so he wanted to point out the importance of that effort, so hopefully they could continue to move this forward. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christi asked if there was also a law that when they have it appraised for 5 or 10 years, was there a law that said that at the closing the sellers paid the difference of the appraisals, was there not a catch up of taxes, and Mayor Parker stated that what happens when a building changes hands they actually then had a new starting point, that there would be an announcement in the newspaper, a building changed hands for x amount and the next day they were in with a protest to say this was what the real value was, that it was based on provisions in State law, on what they based their appraisal, that residential property was generally appraised very close to it's market value, commercial property was often very much under valued, there was no mandatory disclosure in Texas either. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Shelia Dotson, 5714 Cebra, Houston, Texas 77091 (832-258-3361) appeared and stated that she lived in the Acres Home area and was a concerned resident, when the owners of the high end office buildings failed to pay their fair share in property taxes, she felt the consequences, that she rode all over Houston and saw the difference in the Acres Home communities and other communities, they were a community that relied on City services, when the budget was cut they felt it, there had been a lot of City budget cuts over the last several years, that she sees it in the illegal dumping and the heavy trash that was not collected, that there was money out there, if the owners of the high rise buildings would pay their fair share there would be enough money not just to solve the problems she mentioned but to encourage the growth and economic opportunities in Acres Home, that was the future that she wanted for her community, so she was asking the Mayor to take the issue of the property tax fairness seriously and prioritize it on the City's agenda. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she agreed 100% and was glad that she was present, that it was the schools that actually suffered the most. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she brought attention to something very important, there were some things that really nobody but government could do, and the idea that taxes were an investment in her community was an idea that needed to be talked about more. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green stated that if there was an issue with regard to the statute maybe in the next session they could make this a part of their Legislative agenda, that they look at the issue, if it was a State issue, maybe that was a way they could attack it. Council Members

Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had to fix it at the State level, that the City Attorney and the Finance Director met with the head of the appraisal district last week and she met earlier this week with their appointee to the appraisal district, Mr. Holtzapple, one way they could help was to provide legal support to the appraisal district, often they were out gunned by tax protest lawyers and they had discussed whether they could provide research and legal assistance and help in other ways while they were trying to get this fixed at the State level. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he would get with State Representative Turner and State Senator Whitmire to get an understanding of what had happened in the past and how they would move forward. Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. David Atwood, 1802 Kipling St., Houston, Texas 77098 (832-693-5710) appeared and stated that there were a lot of people in the City of Houston that were concerned about inequity, that he was on the Executive Committee of the Houston Peace and Justice Center, an organization who promoted human rights and economic justice, that he strongly believed in the concept of the common good, few people discussed the City budget as a vehicle for serving the public good, but that was certainly what it was, that today he felt a moral obligation to comment on the systematic under appraisal and under taxation of high end office buildings in their City, that citizens who relied on a City budget that served the public good needed them, that he would ask that they prioritize the issue of tax inequality on the City's agenda. Mayor Parker, Council Members Adams, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Cheryl Anderson, 918 Heights Blvd., No. 7, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-206-7264) appeared and stated that she was present on the issue of property tax fairness, commercial property owners were not paying their fair share, as they had heard in the past few minutes, that she wanted to reiterate the loss to the schools and children, that she was a retired HISD teacher for over 20 years, that schools were facing serious budget costs, that she was present to stand up for the little guys, every child, wage earner and on a fixed income in Houston, that she was asking that the City put the property tax fairness on their agenda to do something about. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Joe Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook Dr., Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) appeared and stated that he was present about stray dogs at his mother's house, who was 80 years old, that Mr. Chris Newport and ACO did an excellent job and he wanted to thank them. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Member Davis and Council Member Noriega thanked Mr. Ballard for the feedback and for his concern for his community. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Arnoff Burudgunte, 2008 Kirby Dr., Houston, Texas 77019 (713-942-1460) appeared and stated that his friends were Steven Huddenbock and Erin Senuvough, they were fifth grade students at Rive Oaks Elementary, a Vanguard Magnet School in HISD, as they progressed in this government dominated era the need for a voice in government became greater and greater, in these times of crises it became also necessary to acquire money, these two needs were bound to clash, and when they would, only problems would arise, a corporation would pay millions of dollars to elect a congressman, why, because this politician was bound to support

that corporation's interest at the Capital, that no where in the system were the people involved and the idea of representation, that was a rally cry for the American Revolution, and the principles that their fore fathers held dear, would fade into history and the right to enjoy would disappear from their society, that many politicians say that they intend to stop money from commanding government, they receive many votes from small businesses, but when they were elected they forget the promises that put them in office, when they campaign for reelection they take all their money from political action committees, many famous congressmen had been elected this way, the President had an executive organization to support such companies, which included Boeing and Chevron and to give them an advantage in the Federal Government, that he had forgotten the promises that he made four years ago, and a letter from the League of Women Voters, written last month, had not refreshed his memory, the Declaration of Independence, the document that founded this Nation stated that "governments have been instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed", thus he must ask the question, did they consent to the current governments methods, that he had been told that anything could make a difference, perhaps it was not true, but if the American public voiced their opinion, nearly 300 million people demanded to be heard, then the Capital would listen, and this government, of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish from the earth. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions and discussion by Council Members Noriega, Christi and Laster, Mr. Burudgunte stated that they did not have any grudge against the City Council; that all three of them wrote the statement, that they were a delegation from River Oaks Elementary School, that with him at the podium were Steven Huddenbock and Erin Senuvough and their mentor was Ms. Tina Salem, they were in the Fifth Grade and this was part of a project that summed up all of the things they had done in elementary school called "Exhibition", and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated he was sure they would get an "A+" for this. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Dub Wright, 10962 Shadow Wood, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-725-9345) appeared and stated that for the past twenty years Wrenwood had been working on their flooding issue and two weeks ago, he was not watching, all of a sudden it came up, they passed something on Item No. 27, where they approved the funding for their Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage, that he appreciated that, that it was something that was part of the Legacy Program that the previous Council put in and promised they would follow through and they did so, that yesterday he met with Mr. Kevin Coffee, Public Works, who gave him some wonderful information that really helped him on what they were going to be working on and Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works, had been an extremely wonderful resource for them to have, they were very excited in Wrenwood, and thanked them for following through. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members Pennington and Brown stated that it did make a difference, they worked long and hard on a lot of projects, a lot of which they did not get done, but it was nice to know when people appreciated when it did get done. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jose Moreno, 826 Hillock Bluff, Houston, Texas 77073 (314-761-3770) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez 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, Council

Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry Ln, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) appeared and read from a handout he presented regarding that the City prove it had a legal right to block the storm water drainage of he and his neighbors, and continued to voice his opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Alfred Joseph, 9321 Arledge St., Houston, Texas (832-566-4692) appeared and stated he was present because he was trying to get ownership of his judiciary benefits that had been taken away from him, that it was being held because they said he was retarded, he was not retarded, that all of his money was going into different accounts, they changed his name around, that he was a computer graphic designer and was going to school for it, and continued to voice his experiences and opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that it seemed like some of the things he talked about were more related to a civil matter, not handled through this particular Council body, that he might be talking about the court system as well, that maybe the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office could give him some direction. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Anthony Domenech, 6770 Westbranch Dr., Houston, Texas 77072 (832-887-0781) appeared and stated that he was present with a number of members of the Latino Community and they all resided in Alief, in 1977 the City annexed Alief, at the time they only had 8,000 residents and the first 10 years Alief was developed using \$3 billion worth of development money and with the promise from Mayor Hofienz to continue to support Alief and it's growth, that currently the Alief population stood at an estimated 140,000 residents, with about 40,000 students, those students required areas to continue education, have recreational facilities and areas in which to develop economically, being jobs, that jobs creation was something that he believed could be performed by utilizing City, State, County and Federal funds, to also remember Alief when it came to the infrastructure, it was so old and outdated and could not support the current residents who resided in the area, that Alief was projected to grow within the next 10 years by at least 10,000 to 15,000, with that growth in mind they would put it at maybe 150,000 to 160,000 residents in Alief within the next 10 years, that he was present to ask if they would be willing to seek a joint venture with other government agencies. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he knew the Council Members Hoang and Bradford had always been strong advocates for investment in that area and had said so publicly. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members Hoang stated that not everything could be done at one time, unfortunately they did not have the resources, that they would work hard on this. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Bradford stated that they would continue to push for a new library in Alief, they were the most busiest library in the City, second to the Julia Ideson Library, that Alief was the only community in Houston that did not have a multi purpose center. Mayor Parker, Council

Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Shannon Foshee, 13110 Indianapolis, Houston, Texas 77015 (832-892-2047) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Lonn Vasquez, 1704 Weber, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-589-4894) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Annie Vaughn, 270 North Carolina, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-674-1999) appeared and stated that she was present regarding Pleasantville Elementary, two 13 and 14 year olds in the Fifth Grade were bullying her grandchild, who told her about it, and she felt that the City Council needed to know about it, and continued to express her personal opinions regarding Metro and the Bureau of Vital Statistics until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Griff Griffin, 5327 Winding Way Dr., Houston, Texas 77091 (713-503-8064) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present to thank the City Council for getting the word out on the HOV, the letters they sent, that in three months Metro has a pilot project starting at the end of the week, that it was only 15 miles, but it was a start, they should be able to open all of the HOV lanes within a year, that he figured that over 3 million people came to Houston every year and about one third of them used the HOV, so if they could extend the hours from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. they would impact almost 11 million, they could go to the theater and sporting events and spend money downtown, that he had met with a group from Market Square and they thought this could be a great thing, that if it was successful they were going to open up I-45 and Highway 290, that he would like to see I-10, that people were mad at Metro, nine out of ten people got nothing out of Metro, if they could get publicity that six months from now HOVs were going to be open on I-45, it was a gift from Metro, he guaranteed they would change the attitude towards Metro, that he had talked to people in Kingwood and Clear Lake. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Bradford stated that it was true that sometimes the people or officials, entrusted with public authority, would just listen to the citizens more could get done, that he remembered when Mr. Griffin started talking about 3-1-1, and they should have his name on their 3-1-1 building, they had 3-1-1 in place today, which was an excellent service, and he did not know if they could operate without having that service today, but Mr. Griffin was responsible for 3-1-1 being in the City, that many people did not know that, and he thanked him for that; that thanks to Mr. Griffin the City was moving into another arena that was going to benefit the City tremendously, that Metro got the message, that it was sad to see that they did not put Mr. Griffin's name in the news article, they should have, but he knew that Mr. Griffin was the kind of guy who did not get hung up on getting credit, he wanted things done. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Jeannette Rash, 2104 Lyons Ave., Houston, Texas 77020 (713-228-8872) appeared, presented information and stated that she wanted to thank them for the passage of the ordinance last week, the safe passage, including tow truck drivers, there had been a lot of

conversation about freeways and what kind of risk they were at on the freeways and actually today the Houston Chronicle had an article about texting and she wanted to give them some backup information from Texas Transportation Institute, because she disagreed with some of the remarks made by the Chronicle by the National Insurance Institute, that she wanted to bring home the dangers of the roadway, she brought a vest for the Mayor that they were required, by federal law, to wear if they were out on the roadway and the speed limit was over 55 miles an hour, for a little bit of money the public could get ready right now, the temperature, for the first time, was going to go over 90 degrees this weekend, and in SafeClear they found out that the number of incidents just start tripling as the heat went up, and for just a little bit of money and repairs, such as replacing old hoses, looking at their tires, not running on empty and having a bottle of water in their vehicle was very important as the temperatures went up, and could save them from being out on the roadway that was very risky, that if they were breaking down, move to the shoulder, do not take a chance, like the people did this weekend, to push their car off of the freeway, and absolutely never stand behind their vehicle or in a moving lane of traffic, people tended to feel relaxed whenever they were out on the freeway just because they were not used to that kind of element and they did not really see the danger that they were in, and if they had learned anything with SafeClear, they learned just how seriously dangerous that was, that she also wanted to say that for SafeClear, they were prepared and knew what was coming in the summer and they also had an evacuation plan that they used in Rita that was very effective to help the public in retrieving their vehicles, that she also wanted to give them an update of the many other services that SafeClear did, like providing towing on the HOV lanes, they had saved Metro about \$400,000 a year because they did that service on the HOV and HOT lanes, that as Council Member Gonzalez had heard she was a big proponent for an ordinance on texting and hoped that House Bill 63 passes, that she was a little concerned because it had been sitting in committee since April 22, 2013, but texting and driving was something that they saw, one on one, and it was very dangerous, that she was in an accident herself where she was rear ended by a young man who was texting, to the public, what they were being told about texting, was really true and real. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

Mr. Daniel Box, 323 Moose Dr., Galena Park, Texas 77547 (832-794-9896) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. James Partch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Melanie Murphy, 907 Preston, Pasadena, Texas 77503 (713-534-8191) appeared and stated that she was an Intervention Specialist with Unlimited Visions After Care, in the Prevention Department, and was present to introduce the program and advocate for appropriate referral and case management, the program was called the PPI Program, Pregnancy, Postpartum Intervention, the team PPI Program served adolescent, pregnant or parenting females who resided in Harris and surrounding counties, the purpose of the program was to reduce the incidents of prenatal and postpartum exposure to alcohol and drugs for unborn and newborn infants by identifying and providing targeted intervention services to at risk pregnant

and postpartum adolescents, that services they provided included substance abuse screening and assessment, screening and referral for smoking cessation, screening and referral for mental and domestic violence problems, case management, WIC enrollment and participation, information and education on prevention of HIV STD transmission, referral and follow up of children services, that they were located in Pasadena, Texas. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Christi asked Ms. Murphy if she had seen an article on babies being born addicted to prescription medications, and Ms. Murphy stated no, and Council Member Christi stated that it just reiterated what some of them had been saying for decades, with a pregnant woman really no medication was the only thing that they could be sure of, with a natural birth, that the child would be healthy, they could not even picture any toxic substance that was good for a baby, that he hoped that their program stressed that, over the counter, prescription and recreational drugs were zero during pregnancy. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he needed more time, that he had requested that every one identify with his case , and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 4:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 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, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.`C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 8:25 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Costello for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to recognize next week, May 19 through 25, 2013 as National Public Works Week and wanted to thank all of the Public Works employees for their services to the City, without their dedication and hard work Houston would not have a solid foundation for which to function, that often times they may feel that the work they did went unnoticed and unrecognized, but he wanted them to know that it was appreciated and very much valued, thank you and a job well done, and Mayor Parker stated that she was glad that Council Member Costello made that announcement. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would proceed to the consent agenda. Council Member Burks absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 47

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 4

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HEALTH FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, for terms to expire January 1, 2016:

- Position One - **CATHERINE N. SANTAMARIA**, appointment
- Position Two - **ANNE S. DAVIS**, appointment
- Position Three - **LARRY BLACKMON**, reappointment
- Position Four - **HARRY D. HOLMES**, reappointment
- Position Five - **OLGA LLAMAS RODRIGUEZ**, appointment
- Position Six - **JAMES DONATTO, SR.**, reappointment
- Position Seven - **JAMES A. HERNANDEZ**, reappointment
- Position Eight - **MICHAEL E. ROME**, reappointment
- Position Nine - **MELANIE FLOWERS**, reappointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0311 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **CITY OF HOUSTON HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

- Position One - **CATHERINE N. SANTAMARIA**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
- Position Two - **ANNE S. DAVIS**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
- Position Three - **LARRY BLACKMON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
- Position Four - **HARRY D. HOLMES**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
- Position Five - **OLGA LLAMAS RODRIGUEZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
- Position Six - **JAMES DONATTO, SR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
- Position Seven - **JAMES A. HERNANDEZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
- Position Eight - **MICHAEL E. ROME**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
- Position Nine - **MELANIE FLOWERS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0312 ADOPTED.

- 2-1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **CITY OF HOUSTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

- Position One - **CATHERIN N. SANTAMARIA**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
- Position Two - **ANNE S. DAVIS**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
- Position Three - **LARRY BLACKMON**, reappointment, for a term to expire

- 1/1/2015
- Position Four - **HARRY D. HOLMES**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
 - Position Five - **OLGA LLAMAS RODRIGUEZ**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
 - Position Six - **JAMES DONATTO, SR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
 - Position Seven - **JAMES A. HERNANDEZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015
 - Position Eight - **MICHAEL E. ROME**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2014
 - Position Nine - **MELANIE FLOWERS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2015

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0313 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY (formerly Houston READ Commission)**:

- Position Three - **EDWARD WOLFF**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 1/1/2014
- Position Five - **MATTHEW P. SUMMERS**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2016
- Position Six - **MARK D. SULLIVAN**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 1/1/2014
- Position Eight - **ESTEBAN SHARDONOFSKY**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2016
- Position Eleven - **T. RAY PURSER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2016
- Position Thirteen - **LEIGH VAN HORN**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 1/1/2015
- Position Fourteen - **LISA TRAPANI SHUMATE**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2016
- Position Seventeen - **ROSIE CANALES**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2016

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0314 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **GENERAL APPEALS BOARD**, for terms to expire January 2, 2015:

- Position Five - **MICHAEL DISHBERGER**,
- Position Seven - **SHAWN ALLEN JENARD GROSS** and to serve as Chair

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0315 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had made a number of citizen appointments, first, the Health Facilities Development Corporation, the Higher Education Finance Corporation and the City of Houston Industrial Development Corporation Board, which had overlapping boards, she thought they had Board Members present in the audience and invited Ms. Olga Rodriguez and Mr. James Donatto, Sr., to the podium, and stated that these were not boards that met

frequently, but were boards that when they did meet had an impact, that they appreciated that they were serving. Council Member Burks absent.

Council Members Noriega and Adams thanked the Board Members for willing to serve and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that they also reappointed Members of the Houston Center for Literacy, the former Read Commission, that Mr. Edward Wolff, Mr. Mark Sullivan, Mr. Leigh Van Horn, Ms. Lisa Trapani Shumate and Mr. Mathew Summers present in the audience and thanked them for their willingness to serve, that the problem of not have a completely literate community was one that weighed heavily on all at Council, it had a direct impact on their quality of life and a direct impact on the overall vitality of the City, that theirs was primarily a board that worked with other agencies that provided direct services, but they did a lot of fund raising and awareness raising, that they really appreciated their service. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Members Noriega and Pennington thanked them for their willingness to serve the City of Houston. Council Member Adams absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they appointed to new individuals to the General Appeals Board, one of whom was present today, Mr. Michael Dishberger, and thanked him for his willingness to serve the City of Houston, that his was a board that she thought a lot of people did not know about , but it had an impact on the future of Houston. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster thanked Mr. Dishberger for all of the service that he provided to the City of Houston. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 5 through 7

5. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court and pay the costs of court in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. M. Ali & Sons, Inc, A Texas Corporation, et al., Cause No. 1009484, for acquisition of Parcels AY10-201 and AY11-171; for **AIRLINE DRIVE PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT (N. Main - North Loop 610) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0316 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to purchase Parcel LY12-021 for the total consideration of \$294,025.00 from M & T International, Inc, for the **NORTHLINE PAVING PROJECT (Parker - Canino) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0317 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase and pay relocation assistance expenses for Parcel AY10-263, located at 21 East Sunnyside Street, for the **FULTON PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT (from East Tidwell to East Parker) \$226,269.00 - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0318 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 8 through 13

8. APPROVE Spending Authority for Removal and Disposal of USDA Regulated Garbage for the Houston Airport System to **UNITED AIRLINES** - \$125,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was

presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0319 ADOPTED.

10. **ALTIVIA CORPORATION** for Chemical, Liquid Gaseous Chlorine for the Department of Public Works - 5 Years - \$4,163,743.40 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0320 ADOPTED.
11. **HAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC** for Submersible Pumps for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$763,114.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0321 ADOPTED.
12. **AMEND MOTION #2011-91, 2/2/11, TO INCREASE** the spending authority from \$471,587.30 to \$589,484.13 for Electrical Switchgear and Motor Controls for Various Departments, awarded to **ELLIOTT ELECTRIC SUPPLY** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0322 ADOPTED.
13. **ASKREPLY, INC d/b/a B2Gnow** for B2Gnow Web-Based Diversity Management Software and Support Services for Various Departments - \$65,000.00 - General and Revolving Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0323 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 15 through 47

15. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **CYBERONICS, INC** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a Texas State Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2013-0021 ADOPTED.
16. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **VALERUS COMPRESSION SERVICES, L.P.** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a Texas State Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2013-0022 ADOPTED.
17. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **GOODMAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY, L.P.** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a Texas State Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2013-0023 ADOPTED.
18. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **POWELL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INC** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a Texas State Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2013-0024 ADOPTED.
19. RESOLUTION amending Resolution No. 2008-21 to correct the legal description of the landmark and protected landmark designation of Reid Memorial United Methodist Church at 5203 Fulton **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2013-0025 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of City of Houston, Texas, Airport System Special Facilities Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds (Consolidated Rental Car Facility Project), Series 2013 and providing for the security thereof; approving the form and substance of and authorizing the execution of a Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Bond Purchase Agreement; approving the use of a Preliminary Official Statement and the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the refunding and redemption of certain outstanding parity obligations; authorizing engagement letters and other related matters; making certain findings with respect to such refunding bonds; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0441 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a sanitary sewer easement in the River Oaks Addition, Section Five, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to Frederick McCord and Jane McCord, owners, in consideration of their payment of \$20,543.00 to the City and other consideration **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0442 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE accepting the proposal from **AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, through NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Pittsburgh, PA., a Member Company**, and approving and authorizing the purchase of Commercial Crime Insurance Policy for Public Employee Dishonesty - \$22,454.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0443 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor to accept funding in an amount not exceeding \$576,000.00 by executing an Other Transaction Agreement by and between the City of Houston and the **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION** for the Checked Baggage Recapitalization Screening Design Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 689B) - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0444 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-571); appropriating \$172,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund to **PERKINS & WILL-CRA, L.P.** for additional Design Services (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-375); approving and authorizing first amendment to the Construction Management At Risk Contract between the City of Houston and **GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY** for Palm Center/Young Library Replacement - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0445 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,212,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (8500); approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between **TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION, LP, Seller**, and the City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser, for 2.9843 acres of land and improvements at 2715 and 2805 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas, for the Resource Management Services Division of the Department of Public Works and Engineering **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0446 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the execution of Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE WEST** and **INDEPENDENCE CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY** for Cambridge Bridge and

Paving Project from Holcombe Boulevard to South MacGregor; containing an acceptance of the work completed **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0447 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE releasing certain territory consisting of approximately 19,984 acres in **WALLER COUNTY** in the vicinity of the City of Waller, Texas north of Spring Creek, from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0448 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **POWER PRO-TECH SERVICES, INC d/b/a UNIVERSAL ENGINE SERVICES (Formerly UNIVERSAL ENGINE SERVICES LLC)** (Approved by Ord. No. 2008-142) for Maintenance, Testing and Repair of Emergency Power Units for Various Departments - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0449 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KLOTZ ASSOCIATES, INC** (Approved by Ord. No. 2012-0114) for Engineering Services associated with the Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks at various locations; appropriating \$2,010,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; D - ADAMS; E - MARTIN; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0450 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **BATTERSON, LLP** for Houston CBD Traffic Signs Consolidation Project setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines - \$1,300,000.00 - Parking Management Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0451 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,343,511.00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm DDSRF and \$1,121,489.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CONRAD CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.** for North Main Reconstruction from 20th Street/Cavalcade to IH 610; 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, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Traffic Control & Storm DDSRF; Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H - GONZALEZ** - had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,521,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY** for Rehabilitation of Water Wells at various locations; 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 CIP Cost Recovery, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN; F - HOANG; G -**

PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ; J - LASTER and K - GREEN - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0452 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE granting to **TRC WASTE SERVICE LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **FIRST READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0453 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$304,149.22 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for purchase Playground Equipment for the General Services Department, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Adams and Davis, a vote was called on Item No. 9. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0454 ADOPTED.

- 9-a. **PLAYCORE WISCONSIN, INC dba GAMETIME** for Playground Equipment through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with U. S. Communities for the General Services Department, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department - \$111,957.04 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2013-0324 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

14. RESOLUTION supporting the certification of a Municipal Setting Designation outside the boundary of the City of Houston located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 90A and Cravens Road, Missouri City, Texas – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. RESOLUTION 2013-0026 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 14-142 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the reemployment of persons laid off after a certain date; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Adams, Bradford and Gonzalez, a vote was called on Item No. 21. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0455 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an amended and restated Loan Agreement among the City of Houston, **TEMENOS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, as borrower, and **TEMENOS PLACE II, LLC**, as owner, to amend and restate the Loan Agreement authorized by Ordinance No. 2012-639 to reflect a special purpose entity as the owner of an 80 unit single resident occupancy facility, to be located at 2200 Jefferson Street in Houston, Texas, that will provide affordable housing to homeless and low income persons - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Adams and Rodriguez, a vote was called on Item No. 24. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0456 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,500,000.00 out of Homeless & Housing Consolidated Bond Fund; approving and authorizing Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEMENOS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** to provide \$1,500,000.00 of the appropriated funds to assist with the construction of an 80 unit single room occupancy facility to be located at 2200 Jefferson Street in Houston, Texas, that will provide affordable housing to homeless and low income persons - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0457 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CAPITAL INVESTING IN DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF ADULTS, INC** to provide up to \$247,296.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration, implementation, oversight and delivery of a Workforce Development Program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0458 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$208,405.52 out of HAS Consolidated 2001 AMT Construction Fund and \$2,803,947.48 out of HAS Consolidated 2004 AMT Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Design Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **SPAWGLASS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION** for Central Plant Upgrades, Phase II and III at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (Project No. 621); providing funding for engineering testing services and for contingencies - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0459 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architecture/Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CDM SMITH, INC** for Existing Condition Evaluation and Design for Emergency Repair of Inter-Terminal Train Tunnel at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 618) **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0460 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$300,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for the Environmental and Demolition Services Task Order Contracting Program for FY 2013 Asbestos/Lead/Mold Abatement, Demolition and Soil Remediation for the City of Houston Dangerous Buildings and other City facilities (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0151); providing a maximum contract amount – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Adams, Mayor Parker stated that it was worth noting that Demolition Day was coming up on Saturday, that they were going to be out in neighborhoods all over Houston.

A vote was called on Item No. 32. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0459 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** for the FY 2013 Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program to fund the Controlled Substances Backlog Reduction and Expansion Improvement Project; 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 - \$197,480.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0462 ADOPTED.

34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION**, for assistance under the **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program**; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to act as the City's representative in the application process, to approve, accept, such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0463 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **FERNANDEZ & SON, CHERRY MOVING COMPANY, INC dba CHERRY DEMOLITION, SMITH-MOBLEY, INC, INLAND ENVIRONMENTS LTD.** and **WILLIS DEMOLISHING AND DISPOSAL COMPANY** for Demolition of Structures for the Department of Neighborhoods; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$12,000,000.00 - Dangerous Buildings Fund – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Adams, Davis, Gonzalez and Laster, Mayor Parker stated that she had mentioned Demolition Day on Saturday, that it was just one day and they used a lot of volunteer labor from the Houston Contractors Association for Demolition Day, but they did demolition year round for dangerous buildings, that this contract fueled that; that this particular ordinance did not address which properties would be demolished yet, that some contractors had a plumbing component primarily for disconnecting the gas lines, that at a lot of these properties were turned off and so forth, but they had to make sure that everything was safely disconnected because the bulldozer hit it.

A vote was called on Item No. 35. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0464 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for Construction of Precinct 2 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Transportation Hike and Bike Trails - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2013-0465 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE approving the closings to vehicular traffic of At-Grade Street Railroad Crossings at Bell Street, Pease Street, Sherman Street, and Brady Street at the Union Pacific Railroad Company's Crossings related to the East End I Quiet Zone requirements - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented.

Council Member Noriega stated that there were some questions about the street closings that she wanted to work with Council Member Rodriguez's office to answer and would tag Item No. 40. Council Member Hoang absent.

41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,800.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **UNITED ENGINEERS, INC** for the Design of Bicycle Trail along north and South Side of Buffalo Bayou from Shepherd to Sabine Street (approved by Ordinance No. 2001-1104, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction

of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H – GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Hoang absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0466 ADOPTED.

45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,585,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Jensen Drive Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0467 ADOPTED.

Item received during meeting.

44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,343,511.00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm DDSRF and \$1,121,489.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CONRAD CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.** for North Main Reconstruction from 20th Street/Cavalcade to IH 610; 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, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Traffic Control & Storm DDSRF; Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H – GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0468 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 48

MISCELLANEOUS

48. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the designation of a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for **CHEVRON U.S.A. INC (CHEVRON ZONE) - DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - MAY 29, 2013** - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 49 through 54

49. ORDINANCE enlarging the boundaries of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIXTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (UPTOWN ZONE) - DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER – (This was Item 15 on Agenda of May 1, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-295)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that citizens could go to the City's website and look at each TIRZ annual budgets and add them up, that would have come directly to the General Fund, that she did not have a big appetite for TIRZs anymore because they did pull money out of the General Fund, but knew there were some pending requests in the pipeline for more TIRZs.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 49. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0469 ADOPTED.

- 49a. ORDINANCE approving fourth amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIXTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (UPTOWN ZONE)**; authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans; extending the duration of the zone to December 31, 2040 - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – **(This was Item 15A on Agenda of May 1, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-295)** - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0470 ADOPTED.
- 49b. ORDINANCE approving the issuance of bonds by the **UPTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – **(This was Item 15B on Agenda of May 1, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-295)** - was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0471 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of land to **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, also known as the UPTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – **(This was Item 15-1 on Agenda of May 1, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-295)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0472 ADOPTED.
51. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to **J. TYLER SERVICES, INC** - \$112,162.52, **CONTRACT RESOURCE GROUP, LLC** - \$58,968.18 and **JIMENEZ CONTRACT SERVICES, LLC** - \$32,300.80 for Office Furniture from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - General, Enterprise and Other Funds – **(This was Item 11 on Agenda of May 8, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0325 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2010-684 (Passed on August 25, 2010) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS, L.P. dba RUSH TRUCK CENTER, HOUSTON** for Peterbilt Truck Repair Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department - \$156,243.75 - Fleet Management Fund – **(This was Item 26 on Agenda of May 8, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0473 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement for Legal Services between the City of Houston and **BECK REDDEN LLP** for representation of the City in connection with the litigation against Visa and MasterCard, their affiliates and defendants identified in Interchange Class Action styled No. 05-MD-1720-JG-JO; in re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation – **(This was Item 30 on Agenda of May 8, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** - was presented. Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0474 ADOPTED.
54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,039,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Repair / Rehabilitation of WCID #47 Wastewater Treatment Plant Blowers and Blower Building; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds,

insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN – (This was Item 45 on Agenda of May 8, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0475 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Parker stated that there was a break week next week, they set it aside for budget review, that it was a break week from City Council, not a break week from work because there would be a lot of budget presentations.

Council Member Bradford thanked Mayor Parker for what she just mentioned, a couple of years ago they established a week for a Council break to have time to take the budget, which she released yesterday, and go through it; that colleges and universities had recessed for the summer, for the most part, and he encouraged college students to avoid danger zones, risky activities, that the independent school districts would recess for the summer in a couple of weeks, that Houston had experienced a 33% increase in gang memberships and the risky time period for students now moved from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to a much broader window of opportunity for child predators, juvenile criminal activities and juvenile victimization, that the vulnerable time slot had now expanded, that the answer was more summer and after school programs for their boys and girls, that they must make funding out of school time programming a top priority and move the total after school strategy under the public safety umbrella; . Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Martin announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to congratulate his oldest son, David, and all the graduates of 2013, that David was graduating from the University of Texas, with a degree in Biomedical Engineering, he would be starting Baylor College of Medicine in July and they were pleased and proud of the young man that he had become; that this was National Police Week and would congratulate his colleague to the right; that he wanted to congratulate Ms. Maria Casanova, who was selected as a Texas Municipal Courts Association 2012 Jurist of the Year for her distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the administration of justice. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster congratulated Council Member Martin on his son's graduation; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he and the Mayor had a number of discussion about the challenges they had moving forward and even highlighted some of them in her press conference relative to ongoing concerns about employee benefits, since their budget was driven 70% by employee salaries and benefits, that he was pleased that Mayor Parker was making a commitment to set aside money now for maintenance, where they had deferred maintenance, that he wanted to encourage his colleagues as they moved forward during the budget process to recognize that they had these challenges and were going to continue to have these challenges moving forward, he encouraged his colleagues to attend the committee meetings. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the intention, of course, was to pass the budget on June 19, 2013, the second opportunity to see it, that she appreciated Council Member Costello referencing the Maintenance and Renewal Line, the reason it was not larger, and could and

should be larger, was that they put aside capital dollars to do the catch up, this line item was designed to make sure that they did not have to in the future use capital items because they had not maintained their facilities in tip top condition. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced events he attended or would be attending; that he wanted to commend Judge Barbara Hartle and her team at the City of Houston Municipal Courts for the mini court clinics, which were designed to help citizens better understand how to handle court business and to check on the status of any potential pending cases. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Gonzalez mentioning the Municipal Courts and the outreach they were doing, that it was really unprecedented for Municipal Courts to set up the community meetings where they could come in and no one was going to arrest them and no one was going to give them a hard time, just explain what they needed to do to get out of whatever jam they were in with Municipal Courts; that she wanted to welcome visitors in the Chamber, students from Carl Wunsche, Jr. High School, Spring, Texas, they were glad to have them in the Chamber. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster and Bradford absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to give condolences to Mr. James Brook, a Precinct Judge in the District D Community, for the passing of his wife, Mrs. Marva Brooks; announced events she attended or would be attending; that today was C. J. Messiah last day with the Mayor's Office detail, that she wanted to thank him for all of his years of service to the City of Houston and HPD. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

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

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that this weekend the Wheatley High School girls, in Fifth Ward, captured their first UIL Track Championship, that it was the first time in history for the young ladies at Wheatley and wanted to thank them for being great student athletes. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker thanked those Council Members who were able to attend the Annual Police Week Memorial Service, which happened to be last Friday night, they brought it indoors and it was not at the police memorial, but still a very fine and moving event. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Christi announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to wish Council Member Green a very Happy Birthday tomorrow. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello stated that his office would be happy to work with Council Member Davis office to try to do some of the things he was trying to accomplish in his district; that he wanted to wish Mayor Parker a Happy Birthday on Friday. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she formally wanted to wish goodbye and God speed to Sergeant Clyde C. J. Messiah, who had been with the Houston Police Department for a very long time and had headed her security detail and worked security for a number of other Mayors and other dignitaries; that they were cautiously optimistic about the recovery of Jaime Garcia, Public Works employee, who was struck by lightning on Friday, that he was still in critical condition and would urge everybody to keep him and his family in their prayers. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, 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