

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 11, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 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. Don Cheatham, Division Chief, General Counsel Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they would begin with Council presentation and recognized Council Member Burks for the first presentation. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Laster, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent.

Council Member Burks stated that the first presentation was for a Houstonian, Mr. Lee Vela, that Mr. Vela had developed a process to disseminate vital information through Clear Channel's digital billboards in times of emergency, that Mr. Vela recently won the excellence in Emergency Management Community Service Award and demonstrated innovative approaches with local corporate partners, helping insure public safety and disaster preparations, that he was committed to improving the lives of all Houstonians, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Lee Vela Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Laster, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mr. Vela stated that it was an honor to be honored like this, that they started working over a year ago on the Gulf Coast Emergency Communications Network and they had worked with four emergency management districts in four counties, including Harris County, that had developed the protocols in place, if they had another natural emergency like a hurricane, they would be able to put up the kind of message that they saw on the small signs he had handed out to each Council Member, in front of them today, and hopefully they would not have to activate it this year, but those kind of messages that would help to save lives in the Houston area, they would be placed by the emergency managers, they would be able to inform the public of danger coming their way and how to get out of the way, they were very proud of the program. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Laster, Noriega and Christi absent.

Council Members Green, Cohen, Pennington and Gonzalez congratulated Mr. Vela and thanked him and Clear Channel for their work with the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks stated they also had a proclamation for Ms. Sharon Niles, and Mayor Parker stated she was Assistant Director for Emergency Management for the City of Houston, they were going to recognize both for their work in disaster preparedness, that she was not present today, but she wanted to make sure that her name was called, and they would present her with the proclamation. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Laster and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Rodriguez for the next presentation. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Laster and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez invited Council Member Cohen to join him at the podium, and stated that a few weeks ago Ms. Melva Roy asked him to join her in celebrating Juneteenth and asked Ms. Roy and members of the Coalition of Pastoral Leaders to join him at the podium, that he wanted to thank Ms. Roy and the Coalition of Pastoral Leaders, Mr. Charles "Deputy Dog" Williams and the countless others who had contributed to the Fourth Ward, Freedman's Town Reunion that would kickoff with a ride through Fourth Ward, Freedman's Town to Antioch

Missionary Baptist Church on June 14, 2013, that he had asked Council Member Cohen to be present as the District Council Member, and Council Member Cohen stated that on January 1, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, that the important document changed the course of American History by bringing freedom to all Americans, especially African Americans, who were held in the bonds of slavery, that on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston Bay and in the name of President Andrew Johnson proclaimed the news to Texans, "All Negro slaves were free", that as they celebrated 148 years of freedom on Emancipation Day 2013 the City of Houston recognized the decedents of families who played a part in creating this important history, and Mayor Parker stated, therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed June 14, 2013 as Juneteenth Family Heritage Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Ms. Roy stated that they wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City Council, and thanked them in a special way by singing their thanks, and Ms. Roy stated they were welcome to come and visit with them as they celebrated their reunion on Friday, June 14, 2013, 500 Clay Street, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Council Member Gonzalez recognized Ms. Norma Jefferson, who was present with the group and mother of Pat Jefferson, a long time employee of the City Secretary's Office and thanked her for being present. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Green, Burks, Bradford, Noriega, Davis and Gonzalez thanked the Coalition of Pastoral Leaders for being present and congratulated them on their Juneteenth reunion. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

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

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to present a proclamation to kickoff Gridiron Classic Weekend, and invited Mr. Alphonso Roundtree to the podium and stated that Mr. Roundtree was a former Miami Dolphin player who had created the Gridiron Classic Weekend, where professional football players, celebrities, community partners and leaders would educate their youth on the importance of physical activity, good nutrition and establishing positive life skills, that it was established in 2010 by Mr. Roundtree with a mission to provide their youth with an opportunity to meet and interact with current and former NFL players, and offering corporate and community partners an opportunity to access and access with the community, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston hereby proclaimed June 15 and June 16, 2013 as Gridiron Classic Weekend in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Mr. Roundtree stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Adams, who had been proud supporters of the Gridiron Classic, that over the past three years the Gridiron Classic had the opportunity to impact the lives of over 2,000 kids in the City of Houston, that he got a bunch of former players together with corporate companies to donate their time and resources to provide these kids with a unique opportunity to meet, greet and learn from former pro football players; that they had some supporters present from Kelsey Seybold Clinic, Lucky Strike and Reliant, who was a huge contributor to their project, with their support they were able to expand on the project and would be going to three other cities, Chicago, Philadelphia and D.C., they were looking to impact an additional 2,500 kids this year alone; and introduced his business partner, Ms. Anaya Roundtree, his daughter. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

Council Members Adams, Pennington and Gonzalez congratulated Mr. Roundtree and

thanked him for all he did. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Laster absent.

At 2:17 Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Brown for the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

At 2:19 Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Member Laster absent.

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

HEARING - 1:30 P. M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 – was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a called hearing on the budget, no one had reserved time, as she understood, for the item, and asked if there was anyone present who desired to speak specifically to the City budget, and hearing none, requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent.

Council Member Costello moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent. MOTION 2013-0367 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to move Dr. Don Van Nieuwenhuse to the top of the three minute non-agenda list, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent. MOTION 2013-0368 ADOPTED.

Council Member Brown moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Don Sumners after Dr. Don Van Nieuwenhuse, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent. MOTION 2013-0369 ADOPTED.

The City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster 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 Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent.

Mr. Hamilton Gramajo appeared and stated he was present on behalf of Faith and Justice Workers Center, the Down with Wage Theft Campaign, that as they knew most of them spent the vast majority of their waking hours on their jobs, more time than they spent with their families, their jobs were what connected them and made the City run, that one of the most basic rights they should all be able to count on was a guarantee of fair day's pay for a fair day's work, that today he went with a bus full of people to visit three local businesses around the City of Houston where employees had documented cases of wage theft, these workers, Sara, Mr. Torres and Aida were not just seeking their own due back pay, but wanted to insure that the City of Houston and it's elected officials put a zero tolerance policy in place on wage theft. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Gramajo for being present and stated they supported efforts

against wage theft and would continue to work on it with him. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Brown for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Council Member Brown recognized three scouts present, three brothers, Zane Lewis, Nathan Lewis and Zack Lewis, from Troop 1244, who were working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge and their Eagle Scout Badge, and asked that they stand and be recognized. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Dr. Don Van Nieuwenhuisem 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas 77024 (832-842-9064) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was representing the University of Houston, they were going to undertake a research project to apply seismic data so they could do some research on the formation of the rocks underneath the earth and some of the geological features that may affect potential subsidence from depths, that it would be a research project with a number of graduate students, that it would help them learn how to process this type of data and teach and help them learn how to interpret that data, they were present because they needed to get some lane closures to perform the seismic acquisition and would need to get that from Public Works and wanted to make the City Council aware and inform them of what they were going to do, the logistics were to have two to three seismic vehicles that generated some energy for about one and a half seconds at one station every 220 feet, about 120 stations over a five mile distance, it would vibrate and send an energy source into the subsurface and would be less than the energy of an 18 wheeler driving by, the seismic survey would be monitored by a company that monitored the actual particle motion levels, to make sure it was not any worse than a small truck passing by, that would insure there was no disruption of any structures, they did not intend to block any intersections, they were going to try to do it all within two and a half days. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem being present, this was the most expeditious way to tell the Council and the public about the project, they would encourage if Council Members wished to have more detail at a Council Committee meeting she knew that Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem would make himself available for that, the goal was the least amount of disruption possible, but to allow the students of having the benefit of the research, as long as he was not out there closing lanes in rush hour traffic they could figure out a way to get it done. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem stated that it was one and a half minutes, not one and a half seconds, that the University of Houston was self insured, they would also maintain a distance from the buildings of 250 feet and would try to avoid any structures that could be damaged, to make sure people did not feel uncomfortable that they would not be too close to any of the structures; that it would all be done on relatively high industrial areas, that it had been done in a lot of cities in Texas and had not, at this point in time, caused any damage, that the sound waves and energy just travel into the ground and was not going to disrupt the structures, that one of the main reasons they were doing this was to look for deep seated structures that could actually impact in the future subsidence around the City of Houston, which would effect flooding, so they were actually using this to investigate any potential flooding hazards that they were not aware of. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Council Member Burks moved to extend time for questions of Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent. MOTION 2013-0370.

After further questions by Council Members, Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem stated that yes it was necessary to get land owners permission, that most of the land was owned by TxDOT, they did not want to interfere with anyone's property rights. Council Members Davis and Hoang absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to extend time for questions of Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0371.

After further questions by Council Members, Council Member Gonzalez suggested that they bring awareness and let any potential stake holders know what was happening in advance, and Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem stated that they would be happy to do that. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem for being present, and stated that when she first graduated from college and went to work in the oil industry one of her jobs was plotting shot lines on maps, that she knew that technology had come along way and for the most part citizens would not even know they were out there, unless they saw folks along the road, and Dr. Van Nieuwenhuisem stated that he agreed, they did not want people to think they were up to something when they were not, and Mayor Parker stated that this should not be in any way disruptive and really largely unnoticed, but it was good that he came down and let them know, she appreciated that. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Don Sumners, 1726 Creek Dr., Houston, Texas 77055 (713-973-7808) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present to ask for help for their seniors and disabled, in particular he was asking that Council raise the over 65 disabled exemption this year, to \$85,000 and to continue to increase that exemption for some period of time until it reached the County's exemption, which was \$160,000, that he thought it was time for the City of Houston to get started on it's catch up, that they all knew that property values had increased and were projected to increase again, so these homeowners, seniors and disabled, were basically being inflated out of their benefit, that he thought they needed help, they had the drainage fee to pay and now their water rates were going up substantially, this would give them a little help, that he estimated that raising it to \$85,000 would give them about \$88 extra money, that it had been since 2010 that there had been an increase, and he thought it would behoove them to help these people, that they deserved to age in place. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Brown and Bradford they advised that they planned to offer at budget amendments on this issue, and Council Member Burks stated that he understood they had annual increases in their exemptions and Mayor Parker stated, no. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks moved to extend time for questions of Mr. Sumners, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0372 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that she would encourage Council Members as they submitted their budget amendments to also submit their budget cuts to offset. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Gretchen Hollingsworth, 320 Hamilton, No. 327, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-801-7029) appeared and stated that she had wanted to address the issue of lack of public restrooms in the downtown and midtown area, that she was an independent documentary producer and produced a documentary titled "O Colored High", about the first high school for

Blacks in Houston at the turn of the century, that she was also a community advocate for mental health, HIV/AIDS, as well as an archivist historian, that she lived downtown near Minute Maid Park, that she was sitting on Webster and Smith Street, and had a bladder problem about 6 months ago and was trying to get to the restroom at the Chevron, that there was construction in the area and there were outhouses there then, but they could not find a restroom anywhere, that there was no Macy's anymore and the two dollar stores would not let them use the restroom. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Mary Davis, 5110 Kleindale, Houston, Texas 77006 (281-880-7963) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Freddie Sam, 3606 Yosemite, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-747-5982) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Angela Velasquez, 101 Crawford, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-478-2360) appeared and stated that residential parking downtown was an issue that was inevitable and hopefully they would address it sooner than later because it was a problem, that her management company, the owner of the building, said one of their biggest issues when renting their apartments, was that they could not promise parking, they were not even allowed to build parking because it was a historically designated building, that she thought there was money to be made if the City should decide to institute a residential parking program, that she had noticed that a lot of the valet companies, especially prevalent at the Shops Downtown, used the metered spots to park the valet cars, that it was unfortunate as well, not to mention that cops do not understand residential living, last week she had 8 cop cars descend on her when they thought she was stealing her own car because she was taking a video to prove she moved it every 24 hours, that she thought the City should consider and do research as to what money could be made by instituting a residential parking program. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Burks absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Members Gonzalez and Noriega, Ms. Velasquez stated that her building had 32 parking spaces and 32 units for living, and downstairs they had commercial units, it was a mixed use building, so the residents were only allowed to park at night, because during the day it was reserved for commercial tenants, that after months of trying to convince them they agreed to give her a spot where she could park for 24 hours, she would have to pay twice as much as everyone else, that all of the lots surrounding her building had signs saying there was no parking after 6:00 p.m., if they said to go ahead they were still subject to a tow if a tow truck came through, there were a few buildings that offered 24 hour parking, it was still going to run her \$100 to \$400 per month. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated the departments were aware of her comments and reviewed her correspondence, that Mr. Newport was present and may be able to get into greater detail of where they were at right now, he was with Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Mark Smith, Post Office Box 856, Bellaire, TX 77402 (No phone) appeared and stated that he was present on the recent tragedy concerning several firefighters in Houston, and expressed his personal opinion regarding the tragedy in an open letter, that he had sent out,

until his time expired. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Gianni Bonanno, Homeless, (832-305-4473) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Fredrick Metoyer, 6513 Westheimer, Houston, Texas 77057 (No phone) appeared and stated that he had a complaint about an officer concerning his being a parking attendant, that the officer gave him a trespassing citation, that the officer had wanted him to come to him and he had been checking to see if he had a warrant, that he did not go to the officer and he wanted to taze him. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to thank him for getting his life back on the right track; that he indicated he fled from the officer because he said he was going to taze him, that officers normal did to say "come here let me taze you", that the proper thing was to file a complaint with the Internal Affairs Division, there had to be an investigation, that they received a report that Mr. Metoyer was involved in a disturbance and they responded, if he wanted it investigated they had a good investigative process and most of the time they get it right, to file the complaint and allow the process to go forward. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he needed to follow through with an official complaint, there were a number of avenues he could use to do that, that Sergeant Herdon was present and could make sure he knew what options were available, that he had done a little bit of research on this already. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Lisa Marie Urbano, 9617 Jensen, Houston, Texas 77023 (832-314-7827) appeared and stated in her senior year at Stephen F. Austin High School, in District I, the administration at the high school did nothing to expel or transfer to an alternative school a student who was selling drugs, that the Houston Police Department did not arrest or send him to jail long enough before she or any student who he came across, after being on probation, to continue selling and offering drugs to her and other students, and continued voicing her opinions about closing places selling drugs and night clubs and bars until her time expired. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Olivia Randle, 6023 Beldart, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-733-2348) appeared and stated that she was present to see how far were they along with Edgewood Park Gym and the center, they really needed, the children were out for the summer and did not have anywhere to play; that they had a project going on Bellfort Street and they wanted to know when that was going to be completed, that she wanted to thank Public Works for some of the sidewalks they were getting in the area, they appreciated because when it rained people could get on the sidewalk and walk because the streets sometime had water; that also the flood plain, she wanted to know when were they going to get that straight and clear because they were not in the flood zone in the area where she lived and they were waiting on the clearance of it and would like to know when they were going to get the paperwork because some people were paying insurance for nothing, they were not in the floodplain. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Adams stated that she had met with Director Joe Turner, Parks

Department, and discussed the matter with the Mayor's administration concerning Edgewood Park so they were aware of it, that she would be submitting an amend to the current CIP budget to include Edgewood Park for design, that she would be submitting that to the administration tomorrow, that due to unforeseen circumstances they knew the gym had to be torn down. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Ms. Randle, Mayor Parker stated it was not a matter of wanting to put them in the budget or not, it meant that she had to take money away from some other community, each District Council Member had a vote on how they allocated money for this next year for Parks spending, they understood they needed the gymnasium put back and Council Member Adams was a very articulate advocate for that, but the money had to be there. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Arleene Sharpe, 5739 North Ridge Dr., Houston, Texas 77033 (713-734-8273) appeared and stated that she was a member of the South Park Area Civic Club and was present to speak on behalf of the gymnasium, if they had seen what she had seen they would know why the rebuilding was necessary, if they had a rebuilding of the gym it would give their youth a positive choice, so please reconstruct their gym as promised. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated the issue had been very important to her and she had been communicating with the administration on it, with Director Joe Turner, to see if they could find funds, so if her colleagues would support in that effort they could see where they could find the funding; that in General Fund dollars there was no money for Edgewood Park, it was other funding that possibly was there, but due to the flood plain they were not able to fund it, but for the rest of the term that she was at Council she would continue to advocate for Edgewood Park. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Burks stated in 1966 he was Assistant Supervisor of Recreation at Edgewood Park and knew about the park, it was a pillar of the community where all families came, that for twenty years the only thing built in that area was a jail and police station, and the gym was there and then there were problems. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that issue they had was the designation of a flood plain was important because it said whether or not CDBG dollars, the dollars that the administration and others had earmarked for this particular project, went away, the same thing happened in his district with regard to the flood plain, that it was a federal designation on whether or not it was in the flood plain, so they had to get from Washington for them to say that this piece of area had been mitigated and therefore not in a flood plain, that they were going to write a letter from their office to their Congressman and urge that they get that designation changed and hopefully be able to free up some CDBG dollars to move forward and making it happen and hopefully they could get the same from the administration and others. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent.

Ms. Joyce Lowe, 5782 Westover, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-738-2706) appeared and stated that she was present to talk about Edgewood Park, that she had seen a Phoenix rise about the ashes and knew it could be done at Edgewood Park, they did it at Memorial and had done it at other parks, that she was asking for the children, that they voted them in to do a job, they promised them but did not get the promise done, that from 610 to Airport, Cullen to Mykawa, there was not one gym for those children, when was the last time one of them drove by Edgewood Park, it would make their heart bleed, two little buildings out there, and not a decent bathroom for the children to go to, that she had seen parks being built in other places

and they deserved it to, that they had a large police station and she was glad they did because they met over there every second Thursday night. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mayor Parker stated that yes, there was money being spent on Memorial Park, it was all private fund raising. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent.

Council Member Bradford stated his budget amendments tomorrow would focus on two things, various opportunities to help the young people, the kids, in the City, and helping senior citizens, that he drove by Edgewood Park less than two weeks ago, it was deplorable what they saw trying to happen out there in their community, that at the same time twice the police station had been mentioned, the citizens and the community asked for that police station, that he intended to support Council Member Adams in whatever amendments she was going to offer to resolve the problem. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent.

Council Member Adams stated she shared Ms. Lowe's sentiments for the community, they were over there quite often, that she supported them, that the gym was demolished last summer and they had already set their budget for this fiscal year and that was why tomorrow she would be trying to offer something about Edgewood Park. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mr. Rodney Underwood, 2221 Wentworth, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-868-7219) appeared and stated that he lived in southeast Houston, Bellfort between Mykawa and Telephone Road, that he was present about the condition in their community, that he had been there 15 years and seen burglary, theft, prostitution and constant police activity, that they were trying to bring affordable housing and available housing for people with disabilities, that his complaint was that there was an element in the neighborhood that still wanted to keep it the way it was and the problem was when the police did come out they did not get information about who the people were who they had called the police on to try to stop the infestation on their property and community and try to at least do documentation, they acted like they did not care some time, and he had a problem with that, that no matter what area they were in they needed a decent place to be and to all be treated like humane beings and a decent place for their people to be; and they tried to help with the homeless program and it seemed like they were not getting collaboration with the program they set up, and the person he was supposed to meet today told him it would be two months before she could get back with him. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mayor Parker stated she did not follow his complaint completely, and Mr. Underwood stated the police did not do an investigation and they wanted to get these people off of the street right after they had done the crime, and Mayor Parker stated it was not necessarily the police officers if they were back out on the street, the police officers could arrest them, but they did not turn them loose, that was the District Attorney and the Judge, but if he would allow the Sergeant Herndon to visit with him so they could determine exactly what situation he was talking about and who he was talking about, and whether it was something that legally the police could do; that they were targeting existing homeless to move them off of the street and were working with a number of different agencies, and Mr. Uptown stated he represented an agency that dealt with the homeless, Uplift Houston, and Mayor Parker stated that she would have someone follow up with him, he may not be currently certified to receive that kind of funding, that she would see what the situation was. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had

reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christi absent.

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-73 (713-928-2800) appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christi absent.

At 3:51 p. m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2013. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christi absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, 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 9:18 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 of the Houston City Council to order, and recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a point of order. Council Members Davis, Adams and Burks absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 58 and 59 out of order before the Monthly Financial and Operations Report, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Adams and Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0373 ADOPTED.

58. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**:

Position One - **GORDON J. QUAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/6/2015, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2013

Position Two - **KARIN R. WERNESS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/6/2014

Position Three- **ALEXANDER WEBB**, appointment, for a term to expire 7/6/2015

Position Four - **SERGIO J. SELVERA**, appointment, for a term to expire 7/6/2014

Position Five - **S. DAVID KORET**, appointment, for a term to expire 7/6/2015

- **(This was Item 1 on Agenda of June 5, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-351)**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0374 ADOPTED;

59. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON DOWNTOWN PARK CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

Position One - **BARRON F. WALLACE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Two - **PAMELA J. BRASSEUX**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2016

Position Three- **GUY HAGSTETTE**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014

Position Four - **BRADY F. CARRUTH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2014

- Position Five - **SHERYL JOHNS**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2015
Position Six - **JACQUELINE S. MARTIN**, appointment, for a term to expire
6/30/2015
Position Seven- **NANCY G. KINDER**, reappointment, and to serve as Chair, for a
term to expire 6/30/2015

- (**This was Item 2 on Agenda of June 5, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-351**)

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0375 ADOPTED;

Mayor Parker stated that with Item No. 58 they affirmed the Board of Directors appointments to the East Downtown Redevelopment Authority, that Mr. Alexander Webb, Mr. David Koret and Mr. Sergio Selvera present, that they appreciated their service, it was the early days for the East Downtown Redevelopment Authority, there was a lot of potential growth and opportunity. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez congratulated Mr. Webb, Mr. Koret and Mr. Selvera on their appointments and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Adams and Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the first item on the agenda was the Monthly Financial and Operations Report, that they would hold that while the Controller was at his other duties and would move to the consent agenda. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 57A

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 and 4

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$363,569.61 and acceptance of work on contract with **ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation - 2.49% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount (4277-44) – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0376 ADOPTED;
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$463,589.63 and acceptance of work on contract with **ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation - 1.80% under the original contract amount (4277-45) - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - MARTIN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ and J - LASTER** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0377 ADOPTED;

PROPERTY - NUMBER 5

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mark Kirkland, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., on behalf of Heights Block 39, LLC, (Jonathan Grenader,

Manager), for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide prescriptive sanitary sewer easement, from Nicholson Street to Lawrence Street, located within Block 39, Houston Heights Addition, out of the John Austin Survey, A-1, Parcel SY13-058 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0378 ADOPTED;

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 8 through 12

8. **TEXAS BUS SALES, INC** for 26,000 lb. Cab & Chassis through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services - \$82,924.50 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0379 ADOPTED.
9. **EQUIPMENT DEPOT, LTD** for Forklifts and Manlifts for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$97,524.42 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0380 ADOPTED.
10. **GODWIN PUMPS OF AMERICA** for Trailer Mounted Submersible Pumps through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$203,237.24 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0381 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$464,049.18 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for purchase of a Triple Quadrupole Liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer System for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0538 ADOPTED.
- 11a. **ALL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC** for a Triple Quadrupole Liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer System from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0382 ADOPTED.
12. **GARTNER, INC** for Consulting Services for an Integrated Land Management System for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$2,589,800.00 - Building Inspection Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0383 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 13 through 55

13. RESOLUTION requesting the Sheriff and Constables of Harris County, Texas, or their official representative to conduct a public auction for the sale of delinquent tax foreclosure properties – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0035 ADOPTED.

14. RESOLUTION authorizing the Houston Police Department to submit an application to the **OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG) CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION** for a \$83,996.00 grant award; 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 Adams absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0036 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE authorizing the sale to **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** of a drainage easement within the Homestead Road Wastewater Treatment Plant in consideration of payment to the City of \$10,357.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0539 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE determining the population of the City and the population of each of the council districts and determining that the existing City Council Districts are not materially unbalanced – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0540 ADOPTED.
- 19a. ORDINANCE establishing the boundaries of single member districts from which District Council Members are elected – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0541 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **RANGER SPECIALIZED GLASS, INC** for Glass Replacement and Repair Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,090,894.64 - General and Other Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0542 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOLLIDAY DOOR AND GATE, LLC** for Door Replacement and Maintenance Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$3,790,377.25 - General and Other Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0543 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE authorizing Parking License Agreement between **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC, Licensor**, and the City of Houston, Texas, Licensee, for Parking at 1506 Central Street for the Southeast Operations Division of the Solid Waste Management Department - 5 Years with one 5 year renewal - \$29,925.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0544 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$80,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and \$50,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Roof Consulting Services Task Order Contract between the City of Houston and **BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSULTANTS, LLC** for Various City Departments (Approved by Ordinance No.2008-890) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0545 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$800,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$35,000.00 out of Parks Special Fund, \$35,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, \$250,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$325,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, \$90,000.00 out of

Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$240,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for Project Management Costs for FY2013 Capital Improvement Plan Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0546 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE approving Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for construction of an Erosion Control Demonstration Project in Buffalo Bayou within or along portions of Memorial Park - \$2,000,000.00 - Storm Water Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0547 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Treated Water Supply Contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 424** to supply treated water to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 424 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0548 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 24.6 acres of land to **WILLOW POINT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF FORT BEND AND WALLER COUNTIES**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0549 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$375,000,00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$375,000,00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **GUNDA CORPORATION, LLC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of Street and Paving Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0229) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0550 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$375,000,00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$375,000,00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PIERCE GOODWIN ALEXANDER & LINVILLE, INC (PGAL)** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of Street and Paving Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0246) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0551 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$375,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and the \$375,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **OMEGA ENGINEERS, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of Thoroughfare Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-1108) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0552 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$20,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATES, INC** for Street and Storm Drainage Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0553 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **JACOBS PROJECT MANAGEMENT CO.** for Water and Sewer Drainage Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0554 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,775,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CDM SMITH, INC** for Northwest Water Purification Plant (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0443); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0555 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,452,441.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **JERDON ENTERPRISES, L.P.** for City Wide Intersection Safety Improvements #2; 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, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; F - HOANG and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0556 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,236,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Force Main Renewal and Replacement - Hedrick Crossing; 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 H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0557 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,466,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement-Bissonnet #4, Fondren #2, Lydia and Market #1; 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, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; H - GONZALEZ, J - LASTER and K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0558 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,100,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Almeda Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Processing Facilities Improvements-Package 3; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction

Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0559 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,105,389.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Inspection using Robotic Technology; 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0560 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,036,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for Plants 1 & 2 Flocculator and Bar Screens Rehabilitation at the East Water Purification Plant; 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** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0561 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,046,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **ALSAY, INCORPORATED** for Two New Water Wells in Sims Bayou 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 - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0562 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,732,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **BLASTCO TEXAS, INC** for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; E - MARTIN; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0563 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,206,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Southwest Pump Station Improvements; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0564 ADOPTED.

46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,450,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **A/W MECHANICAL SERVICES, L.P.** for Water Substitute Services Program: Water Meter Relocations; 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 A - BROWN; C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0565 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE granting to **OIL MOP, LLC (D.B.A. OMI ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS), A Louisiana 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. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0566 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
48. ORDINANCE granting to **SOS LIQUID WASTE HAULERS, LTD CO., 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. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0567 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
49. ORDINANCE granting to **STANLEY VIVERETTE dba STANZ INTEGRATED CLEANING SOLUTIONS, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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 Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0568 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
50. ORDINANCE granting to **PHOENIX POLLUTION CONTROL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, 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 Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0569 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
51. ORDINANCE granting to **NORTHSTAR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP INC, A Tennessee 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 Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0570 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
52. ORDINANCE granting to **ROBERT E. JENKO, INC dba RELIABLE PIPE CLEANING, 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 Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0571 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

53. ORDINANCE granting to **SOUTHWASTE DISPOSAL, 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. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0572 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

54. ORDINANCE granting to **FIRST CLASS RENTALS, 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. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0573 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

55. ORDINANCE granting to **UNITED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, 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. Council Member Adams absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0574 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **SANOVI PASTEUR, INC** for Influenza and Yellow Fever Vaccines from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Health & Human Services Department - \$58,659.47 - Health Special Revenue Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0384 ADOPTED.

7. **ASAKURA ROBINSON COMPANY, LLC** for Development and Facilitation of Healthy Community Design Workshops through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services \$65,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0385 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

15. RESOLUTION approving the issuance and sale by Houston Housing Finance Corporation of Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Note (Villas at Colt Run Apartments) Series 2013 – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Adams absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0037 ADOPTED.

16. **ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to dance halls, containing findings and other provisions related to the foregoing subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing penalties therefor; containing a savings clause; providing for severability – was presented and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Adams absent.
17. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide water line easement in the Thomas A. Hoskins Survey, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to Memorial City Redevelopment Authority, abutting owner, in consideration of owner's payment to the City of \$19,362.00, conveyance to the city of a 20-foot-wide water line easement and other consideration upon the satisfaction of certain conditions - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. **ORDINANCE 2013-0575 ADOPTED.**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **VILLAS AT COLT RUN, LP**, to reflect a change in the identity of the Senior Lender, a reduction in the amount of the Senior Loan and a reduction in the total apartment units from 168 to 138, for Villas at Colt Run, an affordable rental housing community located in the vicinity of 7600 East Houston Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Adams absent. **ORDINANCE 2013-0576 ADOPTED.**
35. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$9,386,422.00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$2,959,578.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Reconstruction of Brittmoore Road from Hammerly Boulevard to Clay Road; 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, construction management, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. **ORDINANCE 2013-0577 ADOPTED.**
45. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,573,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Groundwater Treatment Plants Improvements; 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 A - BROWN and F - HOANG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Adams absent. **ORDINANCE 2013-0578 ADOPTED.**

Mayor Parker stated that the Controller had come in and recognized Mr. Ronald Green, Controller and Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance. Council Member Adams absent.

9:00 A.M. - 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 – was presented.

Mr. Green and Mr. Dowe reviewed the Monthly Financial and Operations Report, a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Pennington asked if they had taken into consideration, in their projections, the possibility that the short term rates would go up, and Mr. Green stated that from his perspective they had on a daily basis, right now it had not caused them enough alarm to change any significant portions of their portfolio, but they were aware of it and were staying on it, they would come back later on and they would see some of the short term on their trans, they got a fairly decent rate but was not a significant drop from last year, in fact it was probably about the same. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that Controller Green had projected a fund balance of \$30.5 million above the City's 7.5% target reserve of total expenditures for FY13 and asked Mr. Dowe what was his projection, did he concur with Controller Green that \$30.5 was right, and Mr. Dowe stated that their projection was approximately \$42 million over the 7.5%, and Council Member Bradford stated that he was projecting \$42 million FY2013 ending balance that was unencumbered, unspent dollars, and Mr. Dowe stated that was correct. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown stated that Director Dowe mentioned \$6 million in increased Property Tax Revenue that was more than anticipated or predicted, did he anticipate the same occurring next year, over and beyond their projections for FY2014, and Mr. Dowe stated that specifically on the change this month it was a lower transfer to the TIRZ, which effectively meant that the TIRZ lost, the businesses in the TIRZ did not get as much in protest relief as the City expected, he thought this year they were going to see very vigorous protests with the increases and the State had continued to chip away, in this session, at the laws that allow a fair evaluation for those commercial properties, so on this one point alone he would not be surprised that the TIRZ transfer did not increase because essentially they pulled in less from those TIRZ and the commercial properties, and Council Member Brown asked if he saw any impact with the coming changes with the application of the Chapter 42 changes and the increased values as a result of that, and Mr. Dowe stated no, that he thought it did not take effect for two years, and Mayor Parker stated that it did not take effect for a year, and Council Member Brown asked what currently was the trend that he was forecasting for FY2014 in terms of property tax growth, and Mr. Dowe stated approximately 4.5%.

Council Member Costello moved to accept the Monthly Financial and Operations Report, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0386 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the Controller was conducting a transaction electronically, and Mr. Green stated that they should be done in about 30 minutes, that they had closed the bidding and they were just processing them.

Mayor Parker stated that they intended to get through the budget amendments presentation fairly expeditiously, that they should not leave because they had to take care of that transaction today.

At 9:26 Mayor Parker stated that they would move back to the agenda.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET MATTERS

56. ORDINANCE providing for the continuation of appropriations for the support of the City Government pursuant to the requirements of Article VIa, Section 1 of the City Charter; creating the Forensic Transition Special Fund and authorizing an appropriation therefor;

authorizing certain transfers; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a repealer and a severability clause – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Brown and Laster, Mayor Parker stated that this item was the continuing appropriation to make sure they could continue operations should the budget not pass, that the Finance Director stated that a week's delay would not be fatal, they did not actually have to pass the budget until the end of the month.

Council Member Laster stated that he would tag Item No. 56.

57. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2014, including provisions for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing certain transfers; re-designating a Cash Reserve in the Fund Balance; amending Sections 4-19, 20-38, 43-38, and 47-423 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; amending Ordinance 2010-476 relating to the Parking Management Special Revenue Fund; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that all Council Members, but one, had been through this process before, last year they started with Council District A and went forth, that this year she would start with the At Large and would go in order and accept the amendments for discussion, that this was not an opportunity to advocate for their amendments, it was an opportunity, if necessary to explain, but the purpose was to accept the amendments today, be able to sort them and view them over the coming week, and then vote on them next week.

Council Member Costello stated that he would offer no amendments to the proposed FY2014 Operating Budget, the improvements he wanted to make were changes in financial policy, in his opinion, fairly weak financial policies were found on Section 1-14 through 1-20 of the proposed budget book, these policies were first adopted in 1987 and had not been formally updated by ordinance since May 2003, although some of the policies had been slightly amended with the passage of each annual budget, he was concerned they continued a pattern of spending more than they collected, the proposed FY2014 budget included the drawdown of over \$33 million of the City's General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for reoccurring operating expenses, that he would not support any amendments that affected revenues, with operating deficits of over \$80 million staring them in the face next year it was important they build their reserves, not draw them down, that until structural and contractual changes were made to bring costs down they needed policies in place that force them to better prepare for looming expenses, he believed they must strengthen their financial policies not only in regard to reserves, but they also needed to revise policies dealing with general operations, enterprise funds, capital and debt management, accounting, auditing and financial planning, that he looked forward to working with the Mayor and her staff, the Finance Department, Controller's Office, interested Council Members and outside experts to come up with stronger financial polices governing their processes and decisions, that he wanted to get started on this activity and hoped to have something in draft to the Mayor's office by the end of the year.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated the sentiment, that she would take issue with the comment that the draw down of the amount above 7.5% was for recurring expenses, that by policy and practice it was for one time expenditures.

Mayor Parker stated there were no amendments offered by Council Member Costello.

Council Member Burks offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57.

- 2.01 Raise the Homestead exemption to \$125,000 in FY2015 for the over-65/ disabled persons. Increase this exemption by 5% each year until it is the equivalent of \$160,000.
Explanation: In two years, Chapter 42 will raise property values.
- 2.02 Eliminate the cost for a Performance Management Review and using these funds plus additional funding of \$300,000 from PWE, add to 3 additional FTE's to the Office of Business Opportunity for the contracts compliance team.
- 2.03 Utilize Houston Community College to facilitate HPD classes required for completion of required police training including TCLOSE requirements. Allow HPD officers to serve as HCC instructors.
- 2.04 Utilize Houston Community College to facilitate classes required for completion of required Fire Academy training for HFD.
- 2.05 HITS to work with appropriate departments to develop up-to-date electronic access available to Council members that would eliminate the need for printed Agendas, Backups, MFOR's, Quarterly Investment Reports and Budget Books that are traditionally used during City Council and Council Committee meetings.

Mayor Parker stated that amendments had been received in writing from Council Member Burks, 2.01 through 2.05.

Council Member Noriega offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57.

- 3.01 Within 180 days the city will implement a pilot program to assist residents and businesses with sidewalk replacement. PWE will issue a Job Order Contract RFP and select one or more vendors for sidewalk replacement on a per foot cost basis. The department of Neighborhoods will establish a process to allow land owners to apply and pay for needed sidewalks. Sidewalks will be grouped by areas and the work will be completed on each sidewalk within 1 year of the owner's application. The details of this program will be presented to a joint meeting of the Transportation Technology and Infrastructure and Housing, Sustainable Growth and Development Committees at least 30 days prior to implementation. Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from Transfers to Capital Projects Fund (532020) (Gonzalez 3.01).
- 3.02 Within 180 days the city will create an online 311 dashboard to provide 311 analytics to the public. This system will be created and monitored by ARA and will include as a minimum: number of reports by type, department issue referred to, resolution (no violation, resolved by land owner, resolved by city, not resolved, etc.), average, median, max, min and standard deviation of time to resolution. Other metrics shall be included as appropriate to fully evaluate the City's response to 311 issues. An exception report of unresolved issues will be published online and provided to Council Member every 90 days. Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from the Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Fund (529999)(Adams 9.09).
- 3.03 Within 180 days the City shall establish an online database for neighborhood deed restrictions. The database may be stand alone or may use the GIS system as a platform. The database shall include all active deed restrictions within the City of Houston. Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from

GIS Revolving Fund Services (521630).

- 3.04 Within 90 days determine, develop and implement standard operating procedures (to include mission, goals, processes and training) for all Public Information Officers (PIOs) working for a City of Houston department. Allocate funding to establish a comprehensive city-wide PIO training program and continual workshops.

Development of standards, training and continual workshops would allow PIOs to fully understand their mission and role in the department and city, provide them with best practices in the communications, crisis management, emergency management, media and public relations fields to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from the Other Interfund Services Fund (522795).

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Noriega had indicated the funding source, and the amendments were in writing.

Council Member Bradford offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57. Council Members Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

- 4.01 As of February 21, 2013, the Houston Police Department documented nearly 20,000 gang members in the Houston area. This represents a 33% increase in documented gang memberships in just the last three (3) years. Recognizing that summer jobs and after-school programs are effective crime prevention strategies, this Amendment addresses a real need to do something different because too many youth are still being detained, arrested and victimized. This Amendment requires the Administration to identify not less than \$3,000,000.00 to fund a Summer Jobs Program for Houston's Youth. The Program shall commence as soon as practical after approval of the FY2014 Budget, however, it shall commence no later than thirty (30) days after the Budget is approved. The Program shall continue until the allocation of funds has been depleted.

Funding Option: Funding for such program is available and permissible under the Housing Department's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines, FY2014 revenues \$21,805,465.00.
("Public Services" 16% = \$3,600,000.00)

Alternate Funding Option: General Fund No. 1000/General Government 9900 / Commitment Item 520755 Contingency, FY2014 assigned revenue \$5,600,000.00.

Alternate Funding Option: General Fund No. 1000 / FY13 Ending Fund Balance-Unassigned \$164,487,874.00.

- 4.02 Many of the City of Houston's After-School Program Initiatives (14 of 18) are dependent on grant dollars as a funding source or have no designated funding source at all. The unpredictability of grant dollars as a funding source does not allow for planned, ongoing, structured-type activities that are needed to help protect youth from crime, general victimization, or other destructive activities. Parents, program planners and youth need a recurring, dependable funding source to leverage the full benefits of out-of-school time activities. Also, a General Fund source would place the proper, and much needed, priority on After-School Programs as effective crime prevention strategies. This Amendment requires the Administration to identify \$1,500,000.00 to fund the participation for

fifty (50) youth at each of thirty (30) locations designated by respective District Council Members.

Funding Option: General Fund No. 1000, FY2014 projected revenues \$2,196,579,253.00.

Alternate Funding Option: Police Department Asset Forfeiture Fund No. 2202/2203/2204/1000, FY2014 projected revenues \$12,600,000.00.

Alternate Funding Option: Housing Department's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

- 4.03 The Office of Business Opportunity (OBO) has requested and is scheduled to receive an increase of two (2) FTEs (Full-Time Equivalents) to be funded via the General Fund. Much of OBO's daily activity deals with contract compliance and vendor services related to the Department of Public Works and Engineering (PWE) activities. Therefore, the costs of funding these two positions are recoverable from the Combined Utility System (CUS). This Amendment requires the Administration to charge-back or "cross-bill" the CUS of the PWE Department and recover these costs.

Funding Option: CUS Fund No. 8300/8301/8305, FY2014 projected revenues \$1,001,651,700.00.

Alternate Funding Option: Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) Fund No. 2310/2000, FY2014 projected revenues \$176,907,700.00.

- 4.04 This Amendment provides additional property tax relief for qualified older homeowners and assists them in keeping their homes. Currently, Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65 homestead exemption. However, the City of Houston offers a \$70,862.00 exemption. This Amendment would "freeze" or place a ceiling at this year's (2013) appraisals of homes appraised between \$70,862.00 and \$160,000.00 for those homeowners over 65 years of age, effective January 1, 2014. However, in the future if the appraised value reaches \$160,000.00, the exemption shall not apply to any value exceeding \$160,000.00. Eligible homeowners' savings would range from \$0 to approximately \$569.00 annually.

Funding Option: Not Applicable

- 4.05 This Amendment provides additional property tax relief for qualified older homeowners and assists them in keeping their homes. Currently, Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65 homestead exemption. However, the City of Houston offers a \$70,862.00 exemption. This Amendment would raise the City of Houston exemption to \$160,000.00 for those homeowners over 65 years of age, effective January 1, 2014.

Funding Option: Not Applicable

- 4.06 This Amendment provides additional property tax relief for qualified older homeowners and assists them in keeping their homes. Currently, Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65 homestead exemption. However, the City of Houston offers a \$70,862.00 exemption. This Amendment would raise the City of Houston exemption to \$80,000.00 for those homeowners over 65 years of age, effective January 1, 2014. Eligible homeowners' savings would range from \$0 to approximately \$58.00 annually.

Funding Option: Not Applicable

- 4.07 The General Fund FY2014 ending fund balance shall be maintained at the preferred 7.5% level (of total operating expenditures, excluding debt service). Any accrued reserves exceeding the 7.5% level shall be allocated to increase the

City's Rainy Day Fund above the assigned \$20,000,000.00 or allocated to assist in funding a Summer Jobs Program for Houston's Youth.

Funding Option: Not Applicable

- 4.08 Super Neighborhood Councils represent geographically designated areas where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community. They form organizational structures, draft by-laws, and they are officially recognized by the Mayor and Council Members. To accomplish their objectives, Super Neighborhood representatives need information and statistical data that is organized, easily accessible, and geographically specific. To the extent existing City of Houston personnel and resources are available and adequate, this amendment requires the initiation of a process within 30 days after approval of the FY2014 Budget by the Police, Fire, Public Works and Engineering, Solid Waste Management, Parks and Recreation, Houston Emergency Center, Administration and Regulatory Affairs departments to utilize technology to sort information and statistical data via Super Neighborhood boundaries and make it available.

This amendment only proffers the use of existing City personnel and resources; therefore no additional funding source needs to be identified.

Funding Option: Not Applicable

Mayor Parker stated proposed amendments were received from Position At Large 4. Council Members Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Christi offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57. Council Members Hoang, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

- 5.01 If the combination of property tax and sales tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2014 exceeds the projected \$1,575,010,000, all revenues over projection must be applied towards funding the City's general fund Governmental Accounting Standards Board actuarially required contribution for the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System, and the Houston Police Officers' Pension System. In the event an amendment is adopted (prior to consideration of 5.01) which diverts excess revenue from the above two sources, this amendment shall be operative for any unallocated amount.

- 5.02 General Fund—General Government: Transfer \$4,400 from General Government Contingency (Commit Item 520755) to the Parks & Recreation Department General Fund budget to continue Positive Coaching Alliance programming for youth sports.

Mayor Parker stated amendments were received from At Large Position 5, Council Member Christi. Council Members Hoang, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Brown offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57. Council Members Hoang, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

- 6.01 Currently, the City of Houston gives a \$70,862.00 over-65/disabled exemption. Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65/disabled exemption. Following the trend of increased property values, in light of potential accelerated property value increases due to new chapter 42 high density growth city-wide, and in order to protect home-owners ability to keep their properties during this trend; this

Amendment will increase the over-65/disabled exemption by \$14,138.00 to \$85,000.00 effective January 1, 2014, and will include an automatic \$15,000.00 a year increase in the exemption for the following five years (to match by 2019, the Harris County exemption of \$160,000.00).

Funding Source: Not Applicable (or General Revenue Fund 100 from unassigned projected ending fund balance of \$137,882,363.00)

6.02 In 2010 the Water Rate was increased 20%. Since then, there were automatic annual increases including 8.9% increase April 2013. This amendment would freeze the water rate – no annual automatic increase in 2014. Funding Source: Not Applicable (or General Revenue Fund 100 from unassigned projected ending fund balance of \$137,882,363.00)

6.03 If the Administration's Monthly Financial and Operations Report's FY2014 projected fund balance exceeds 7.8%, up to \$2,000,000.00 of fund balance shall be used to fund one or more independent third-party analysis on the quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of citywide operations and support processes. The third-party analysis shall include recommended improvements and suggested plan for implementing those improvements. These firms shall be barred from contracting work with the city as a result of their recommendations. If fund do not exceed 7.8% within 90 days, the administration will return to council with the recommendation of an appropriate funding source. This budget amendment passed City Council on June 20, 2012.
Funding Source: up to \$2,000,000.00 when projected fund balance exceeds 7.8%

6.04 Since Rebuild Houston was approved by voters because of the need for additional funds to address drainage, this amendment will limit Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund 2310 funds by excluding day-to-day operational costs such as staffing (\$32,481,400.00) and supply needs such as vehicle purchases (\$3,199,600.00).
Funding Source: General Revenue Fund 100 - \$35,681,000.00 from unassigned ending fund balance (projected \$137,882,363.00).

Mayor Parker stated that budget amendments were received from District A. Council Members Hoang, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 57. Council Members Hoang, Laster, Green and Noriega absent.

7.01 The administration will allocate funding to purchase 25 surveillance camera systems for monitoring of chronic illegal dumping areas throughout council districts B, D, H, I, and K. These council districts have been identified by the Solid Waste Department as having the greatest issues with illegal dumping. Each council district will receive 5 camera systems for sole use within each said council district's boundaries for illegal dumping surveillance. The camera systems cost approximately \$10,000.00 per unit creating a total funding amount of \$250,000.00. An additional \$120,000.00 should be allocated for hiring extra FTEs to review and report on the recorded footage. The total funding for the camera systems and FTEs is \$370,000.00. Funding Source: Asset Forfeiture Fund or General Revenue Fund.

Mayor Parker stated Amendment 7.01 had been received from Council Member Davis. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that going through the budget process was tedious, although slightly easier the second time around, that she wanted to thank the departments for the time they had spent with the Council Members going through the budgets and answering in depth and probing questions, there were issues that had come to light during the budget process that she intended working on in the coming months, they included but were not limited to, that during the whole process it occurred to her there were a number of departments that went after grant money, very hard and very seriously, and there were others that for whatever reasons, and she intended to look into it, did not, that grant money could make a huge difference, that she thought it was a missed opportunity that she planned to look into, that she would also continue to look for innovative and cost effective solutions to address time, that she would continue to advocate for CIP projects in her district throughout the year, but since she was neither adding a revenue source nor moving funding from one project to another, in the interest of good government she would not be offering amendments today. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57. Council Members Brown, Cohen and Noriega absent.

- 9.01 Recommend the Parks and Recreation Department amend the CIP to add Edgewood Park to the Parks Master Plan for design of new park. Allocate the amount of \$300,000 to be taken from the Construction Site Work Services Special Fund X-139 Committed number 520126.
- 9.02 Recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department add Macgregor Park to the Parks Master Plan list. Allocate \$250,000 from Asset Forfeiture Public Safety
- 9.03 Recommend that the Public Works Department budget for Contract Compliance Officers from their enterprise fund for the Department of Business Opportunity. Currently PWE provides a reimbursement for the expenses \$77, 156 incurred by OBO for an employee specifically designed for Public Works Contracts. Request that the \$77,156 remain in Department of Business Opportunity.
- 9.04 Within 60 days, the Legal Department, Planning Department and Department of Neighborhoods draft a policy in addressing the Pro Bono Lawyers program that will assist in altering, amending or creating deed restrictions. The Legal Department will provide a set of deed restrictions for neighborhoods to choose in order to renew or implement deed restrictions in the City of Houston neighborhoods. Allocate \$2,000 from Legal Department Miscellaneous
- 9.05 Within 60 days, the Legal Department and Houston Police Department develop an amendment to address Game Room hours of operation in the City of Houston. This amendment will impact stand-alone gaming rooms with four or more eight liner machines. Allocate \$2,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
- 9.06 Request that the Houston Public Library/Library Board establish a policy that would review funding sources for the Houston Center for Literacy in the amount of \$100,000. The need for the additional funding is due to the increase in providers that need the resources to assist with adult literacy programs. Allocate \$100,000 from Fund Balance 7.5% threshold per ordinance 2003-474.
- 9.07 Within 60 days, the Department of Public Works install permanent traffic mitigation devices for Central City Subdivision of the City of Houston. Allocate \$150,000 from the Sale of capital assets.

- 9.08 Within 60 days, the Legal Department will present before council an ordinance addressing Alternative Product Use Loans or Credit Access Business. Allocate \$2,000 from the Legal Department Miscellaneous Support Services.
- 9.09 Within 180 days the city will create an online 311 dashboard to provide 311 analytics to the public. This system will be created and monitored by ARA and will include as a minimum: number of reports by type, department issue referred to, resolution (no violation, resolved by land owner, resolved by city, not resolved, etc.), average, median, max, min and standard deviation of time to resolution. Other metrics shall be included as appropriate to fully evaluate the City's response to 311 issues. An exception report of unresolved issues will be published online and provided to Council Member every 90 days. Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from the Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Fund (529999)(Adams 9.09)

Mayor Parker stated that budget amendments had been received from District D, 9.01 through 9.09. Council Members Brown, Cohen and Noriega absent.

APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A. M

At 10:00 a.m. Mayor Parker stated if there was no objection they would pause and asked for a motion to bring up Item Numbers 2 and 2a.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 2 and 2a, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Brown, Cohen and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0387 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that these involved a presentation by the City Controller, and recognized Mr. Green Council Member Brown absent.

2. Announcement by City Controller of the results of the electronic auction-style bidding for the sale of \$180,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2013 – was presented. Council Member Brown absent.

Mr. Green stated that for the benefit of those who had not participated in this process before they did realize that they got most of their tax receipts after January 31, when the deadline was for the people to pay, that in order to bridge the gap between the end of the fiscal year and that time when they actually got their receipts in the early part of next year they issued what was called Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes, and they did this competitively and they did that this morning, they had a 30 minute period where they opened it up for competitive bids, they had 35 bids and had 5 actual winning bids, which were provided for them, and thought they all had the hand out, that essentially the bidders and the amounts in which they came in were Citygroup, principle amount was \$25,000,000, true interest cost was a little over 15 basis points; JPMorgam, \$25,000,000, true interest cost was a little over 15 basis points as well; Mi&tsubishi, \$20,000,000, a little over 15 basis points; Raymond James, \$20 million, a little over 15 basis points; and Wells Fargo, \$90,000,000 a little over 15 basis points, almost 16 basis points, that they would ask that they accept the winning bids that they had presented to them today so that they could go ahead and close the deal, that to put it in proper perspective, last year they had one bidder, Citygroup bought all \$180,000,000 at a little over 15 basis points, not much change from last year, that was a good thing for the City as well, this was short term borrowing that they used. Council Member Brown absent.

Council Member Christi asked Mr. Green to explain one more time how they got from the

2% to the true interest cost, and Mr. Green stated that the coupon rate on the bond was the interest rate they paid and then they used a formula that they calculated the actual interest cost to them, the face amount on the debt they issued was the coupon amount, the actual rate that they paid was the true interest cost when they put in the notional value, that there were some discounts involved, that it was because it was short term borrowing. Council Member Brown absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he was looking at the summary chart that they gave them on the bids and was having a hard time cross referencing the five winning bids back to the table, and Mr. Green stated it appeared the Council Members got the 2012 report and apologized stated they would rectify this. Council Member Brown absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would postpone this and go back to the receipt of amendments.

Council Member Martin offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57.

- 10.01 As adopted in the FY14 City of Houston Proposed Operating Budget, the City of Houston must commit to spending \$2,071,196,890 general fund dollars contained within the "General Fund Summary," section II page 3, line item "Total Expenditures and Other Uses." The City of Houston must not use any additional revenues for operations and must allocate all excess revenue to unassigned fund balance.
- 10.02 In section VII- 4, reduce line item # 520760; Contributions, by \$25,000 and distribute to the FY14 allocation for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership to be added to the \$100,000 they traditionally get which would total \$125,000.
- 10.03 In section VII- 4, reduce line item # 520760; Contributions, by \$25,000 and allocate towards Space Center Houston to enhance and extend local economic development efforts by marketing Space Center Houston as a tourist attraction.
- 10.04 Reassign (2) Houston Permitting Center full time employees to the Clear Lake HPD Substation/Municipal Court Annex, located at 2855 Bay Area Boulevard. For one day each week between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm, with the exception of Thursdays. No additional funding is required.
- 10.05 Purchase one utility cart and trailer, similar to utility cart at HFD station #103, and deploy at a Houston Fire station in the southern portion of District E.
- 10.06 Purchase an emergency back-up generator for HFD station #72, located in District E.
- 10.07 Purchase additional bicycles for the HPD-Kingwood Substation for increased patrol on the greenbelts.
- 10.08 Hire (1) full time employee (FTE) for the Houston Police Department to solicit federal and commercial grant funds. This additional FTE would be self-funded through the existing Houston Police Department grant program.

Mayor Parker stated the Chair had received amendments 10.01 through 10.08 from Council Member Martin.

Council Member Hoang stated that he would offer no amendments this year, that he

wanted to concentrate on the CIP procedures, making sure that his constituents were going to be served, especially for the multi service center and the new library, that he would like to work with the administration later this week, they almost got what they wanted, but would work on it with the directors, making sure that the multi service center and the library were going to be done.

Mayor Parker stated that she looked forward to working with Council Member Hoang on the library and multi service center combined facility, which would be a great cost saving for the city and an amenity for his neighborhood.

Council Member Pennington offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 57. Council Member Noriega absent.

- 12.01 All General Fund revenues and resources received in FY2014 in excess of \$2,207,376,250 shall be designated to the Fund Balance and shall not be appropriated for FY2014 expenditures.

Mayor Parker stated that she was in great sympathy with his amendment, that his sheet did have numbers, which she would assume would be stray numbers for additional amendments, that he was only submitting 12.01, and Council Member Pennington stated that was correct, and Mayor Parker stated that an amendment was submitted by Council Member Pennington, District G. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57.

- 13.01 Within 180 days the city will implement a pilot program to assist residents and businesses with sidewalk replacement. PWE will issue a Job Order Contract RFP and select one or more vendors for sidewalk replacement on a per foot cost basis. The department of Neighborhoods will establish a process to allow land owners to apply and pay for needed sidewalks. Sidewalks will be grouped by areas and the work will be completed on each sidewalk within 1 year of the owner's application. The details of this program will be presented to a joint meeting of the Transportation Technology and Infrastructure and Housing, Sustainable Growth and Development Committees at least 30 days prior to implementation. Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from Transfers to Capital Projects Fund (532020) (Noriega 3.01)
- 13.02 The city's Legal Department will review and study the potential to adopt an 'Immigration Service Providers' ordinance and will provide a report to the Mayor and Council Members within 180 days. This is a consumer protection issue which impacts vulnerable residents; the intent would be to examine if any predatory practices are currently used by "notarios" or immigration service providers. The city's Legal Department will determine whether or not a registration process and fine structure is necessary. Any related costs should be taken from remaining funds in the unrestricted reserve in excess of 7.5%.
- 13.03 The city will review current fire & building code requirements, including but not limited to sprinkler systems. The city will examine the current fee structure to ensure that it adequately supports the current safety of first responders and all citizens in the case of an emergency. Relevant stakeholders should be involved in the review process. An update should be presented to the Public Safety Committee within 90 days. Any related costs should be taken from remaining funds in the unrestricted reserve in excess of 7.5%.

13.04 Chapter 42 revisions are expected to increase the number of building and replat permits issued by the city. Identify any new revenue generated above the average collected over the last 5 years. Allocate an appropriate increment of that amount to increased staffing to assist with a more efficient and effective process that supports both increased development and better city oversight. Provide an update of collected revenue and actions taken related to increased Chapter 42 building and replat permits to the appropriate committee(s) within 180 days. Any related costs should be taken from remaining funds in the unrestricted reserve in excess of 7.5%.

13.05 Within 180 days, give an update to the Public Safety Committee to identify the cost to provide tactical armor to appropriate HPD personnel. If the committee finds that tactical armor is needed, funds should be allocated from the Asset Forfeiture Fund (551040)

Mayor Parker stated that amendments were received from Council Member Gonzalez, 13.01 through 13.05. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Controller Green for Item No. 2a. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mr. Green apologized for the bid sheet being incorrect and would ask that they approve the motion awarding the sale of \$180,000,000 in Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes. Council Member Hoang absent.

2a. MOTION awarding the Sale of \$180,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2013, based on the lowest true interest cost, ratify and confirm the use of the Preliminary Official Statement provided to prospective bidders in connection with the offering for sale of the Notes, and authorize the distribution of the Official Statement – was presented.

Council Member Costello moved to adopt the report and authorize the Mayor and City Council to award the sale as follows, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0388 ADOPTED.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>True Interest Cost</u>
Citigroup	\$25,000,000	2.00%	.15012%
JP Morgan	\$25,000,000	1.25%	.15732%
Mitsubishi	\$20,000,000	1.50%	.15557%
Raymond James	\$20,000,000	2.00%	.15012%
Wells Fargo	\$90,000,000	2.00%	.15902%

Council Member Rodriguez offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57.

14.01 Increase funding to HFD FY 2014 Budget to include replacement of 4 ambulance units (of 7 committed to in FY2013 amendments) back in service that were taken out in December 2010 due to budget shortfall.

14.02 Dedicate 10% of overall BARC budget to intake prevention (ie. spay/neuter, micro chipping, and education awareness).

14.03 Create a taskforce charged with developing a comprehensive plan to increase BARC budget annually with an overall goal of reducing intake and increasing live release rate by 50% within the next five years (10% annually).

- 14.04 Implement a Shopping Cart Ordinance within 6 months that would require new & remodeled businesses with shopping carts to take measures (ie. installing disabling devices on shopping carts, hiring on-site security guards to prevent cart thefts, or installing barriers around the store property) to prevent removal of shopping carts from respective property and fine those who do not comply.
- 14.05 Increase funding to Legal Department FY 2014 Budget to create two additional attorney positions charged with enforcing neighborhood deed restrictions

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Rodriguez had submitted items 14.01 through 14.05, respectfully 14.01 she did not believe was a true budget amendment and she may rule that one out of order, however she would work with him on creation of an ordinance, and Council Member Rodriguez stated that he looked forward to working with her on it. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Laster offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57. Council Member Noriega absent.

- 15.01 I move that \$750,000 to be taken from Fund No. 2310 Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund (Proposed Budget Page IX-57) to be allocated to Commit Item No. 532020 Transfers to Capital Projects (Proposed Budget, Page IX-68) for use in providing funds for the installation of neighborhood speed cushions and administration of the program.
- 15.02 I move that during FY 2014 that the Planning and Development Department, Legal Department and the Department of Neighborhoods, and the Mayor's Office Of Economic Development:
1. Begin the process of creating a database of each and all available written deed restrictions including plat maps associated with said restrictions "Deed Restriction Database" for neighborhoods located inside the city limits and the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston (collectively the "Combined Limits of the City") that have been recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties or any other county within which the Combined Limits of the City may extend ("Officially Recorded Deed Restrictions");
 2. Establish administrative regulations providing that the Deed Restriction Database shall be operated and managed by the appropriate Department of the City of Houston.
 3. Establish a budget(s) for the annual up-grade and operational management of the Deed Restriction Database; and,
 4. Allocating the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 to be taken from the Reserve Fund balance existing over 7.5% for the next fiscal year to be used in the initial creation of the Deed Restriction Database.
- 15.03 I/We move that during FY 2014 that the Legal Department, the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, and any other appropriate Department:

1. Draft and present to City Council for approval an ordinance that would create a "Flood Control Mitigation Property Registry" ("Registry") by and in which approved properties would be identified as being appropriate for use in flood control mitigation purposes
2. Establish a budget(s) for the annual management of the Registry; and, determine which department or division shall be charged with administering this program.
3. Allocating the amount of not less than \$15,000 to be taken from the Reserve fund balance existing over 7.5% for the next fiscal year to be used in the initial implementation of the Registry.

15.04 I move that during FY 2014 that the Legal Department and Mayor's Office Of Economic Development:

1. Draft and present to City Council for approval an ordinance that would create the "Clean It or Green It Tax Credit" to be applicable to ad valorem taxes on commercial or residential properties located inside the city limits and the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston for the purposes if providing a financial incentive for the demolition of abandoned, dangerous or dilapidated buildings to create tracts of land that are ready for future re-development or for use in flood control mitigation purposes (the Tax Credit);
2. Establish regulations, guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Tax Credit;
3. Establish a procedural time line or deadline of not later than January 1, 2016 by which the Tax Credit will be available for use on approved properties;
4. Establish administrative regulations providing that the Tax Credit shall be operated and administered by the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, or other appropriate division or department of the City as may in later years be appropriate;
5. Establish a budget(s) for the annual management of the Tax Credit; and,
6. Allocating the amount of not less than \$15,000 to be taken from the Reserve Fund balance existing over 7.5% for the next fiscal year to be used in the initial implementation of the Tax Credit.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration had received amendments 15.01 through 15.04 from Council Member Laster. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Green offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 57.

- 16.01 Respectfully increase 1 FTE for a PSO (Public Service Officer) specifically for the Fort Bend Houston HPD Satellite Office (estimated cost of \$60,000 inclusive of salary, benefits and pension). Funding source: HPD Police Asset Forfeiture Fund or overage of 2.5% from Rainy Day Fund or Not Applicable (*General Revenue Fund 100 from unassigned projected ending fund balance of \$137,882,363.00*).
- 16.02 Respectfully incorporate the street lighting program within the City's CDBG funding for areas within low-moderate income areas (local streets only). HUD approved initiative. Funding source: CDBG dollars.
- 16.03 Respectfully reinstate the 1% funding allocation for planting trees from CIP street and bridge projects as an ordinance (not resolution). Funding source:

Implemented as part of let contract.

- 16.04 Respectfully allocated \$3,000,000.00 to establish the City of Houston Youth Summer Jobs Program. Funding source: HPD Police Asset Forfeiture Fund or overage of 2.5% from Rainy Day Fund or Not Applicable (*General Revenue Fund 100 from unassigned projected ending fund balance of \$137,882,363.00*).

Mayor Parker stated they received amendments 16.01 through 16.04 from Council Member Green.

Mayor Parker further stated that she was curious and would like to speak to those who were interested in grant items, she was not aware of a City department that did not pursue grants, and in fact they had a Grants Coordinator within the Finance Department who picked up the slack for those departments who did not have a grants person in a particular department, Ms. Gloria Moreno, so if they knew an area that was not being pursued they could speak of that offline, she would be interested in pursuing that, that some departments may not have a grants person, but they handle it in other areas.

Mayor Parker asked if there were any other amendments to be offered to the budget, and asked for a tag on the main item and all proposed amendments until next week.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would tag Item No. 57 and all motions to amend Item No. 57.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 57, the budget, and all proposed amendments had been tagged until next week.

- 57a. MOTION, as required by Section 102.007(c) of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council hereby ratifies the projected increase in property tax revenue reflected in the budget – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Bradford.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 58 through 62

60. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to **AMEND MOTION #2011-345, 4/27/11, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$375,937.76 to \$469,922.20 for Electrical Lighting for Various Departments, on award to **CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, ASTRO dba CED INDUSTRIAL** - General and Enterprise Funds – (**This was Item 14 on Agenda of June 5, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, BROWN and BURKS**) – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams.

Council Member Davis stated he had an opportunity to speak with the company, he wanted to get information on the previous contract and they went through that as well as the last line on this specific explanation, the fifth paragraph stated that the award included was 11% and they were only hitting it by 5.78, since then they had worked with OBO and were trying to hit that goal, he was trying to figure out why they were not hitting their goal, that this company was actually doing more than they were supposed to, they basically provided lighting in the facilities, he thought they needed to lower the goal, because they were struggling to meet it, they get the bulbs in and distribute them and in fact were paying delivery charges higher than what they should be just to meet the 11% goal.

Council Member Burks stated that last week when he tagged it he was very concerned about the contract, if he was not mistaken it was a five year contract to spend these dollars for electrical lighting, that he had questions and did not get them answered.

Mayor Parker stated they provided him with an answer and apparently it was insufficient for him, that the answer, she did not believe, would change, but they could get him more information.

Council Member Burks moved to postpone Item No. 60 for one week, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0389 ADOPTED.

61. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,315,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Buckingham Place 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 - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS - (This was Item 32 on Agenda of June 5, 2013 TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** - was presented.

Council Member Davis stated that he had the opportunity to speak with D.L. Elliott Enterprises, Mr. Scott, they did a ride around through his district and part of District H, which would be on Item No. 62, just to get some information on what they were doing, the previous contract they entered into with D.L. Elliott, one of his constituents did not have a pleasant experience, so he wanted to understand their policies and procedures, there was a cracked driveway and they had to wait about three weeks to get the driveway re-poured, which he thought was unacceptable, but he gave an explanation about why, not having concrete available, that moving forward he wanted to make sure the construction was on the same page doing business with the City, as well as District B.

A vote was called on Item No. 61. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0579 ADOPTED.

62. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,958,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Aldine Westfield 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ – (This was Item 42 on Agenda of June 5, 2013, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2013-366)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2013-0580 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Costello first

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the budget workshops this year, he wanted to especially thank his staff, Sally Alcorn, Chris Atar and Melissa Aradondo and Council Member Christie's Chief of Staff, Jonathan Newport for all of their help, that he wanted to thank all of the directors and their staff, they did a terrific job in getting all of the presentations to them, and a special thanks to Director Dowe and his staff, and Vice Chair, Council Member Bradford; that he wanted to congratulate his engineering firm, Costello, Inc., today they were celebrating their 22nd Anniversary of Dead Animal Day. Council Members Hoang and Davis absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he joined many on the Council floor in expressing

their sorrow to hear of the passing of Tim Brockover earlier in the week, that his family and friends were in his thoughts and prayers that he as a community leader, colleague and friend and would be truly missed; that he wanted to thank Deputy Director Jeff Weatherford and the Public Works and Engineering Department for their help in erecting a new traffic light at the intersection of Parker and Bauman, the traffic signal was requested by the community and the need was confirmed by the traffic analyst of the City, he appreciated the promptness with which the request was handled; that he wanted to thank the Houston Police Department for their enforcement efforts in the area where speeding had also been an issue; that as they continued to mourn the loss of the fallen firefighters he wanted to encourage anyone who wanted to lend a helping hand to reach out to the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 341, they were working directly to assist the families of Captain Renaud, BeBee, Garner and Sullivan, they were also supporting recovering members of the Fire Department, Captain Dowling, Engineer Operator and Firefighter Yarborough, to reach Local 341 they could call 713-237-0912 or online at www.local341.org; and announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to comment Council Member Costello and Council Member Bradford for the budget process and Mayor Parker and her administration. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Noriega stated there was a special called Transportation, Infrastructure and Technology Committee meeting originally scheduled for today at 5:00 p.m., they would have a new date and publicize it once confirmed through a press release on her City of Houston Council Member webpage, newsletter and email distribution and they could also call the At Large 3 office for more information at 832-393-3005; the regular TTI meeting would be held tomorrow at City Hall. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Costello, Council Member Bradford and Mayor Parker and her administration for this past budgetary cycle; that they wanted to continue to keep the firefighters in their prayers, especially Captain Dowling and his family; that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for her heart and passion for the constituents of District D concerning Crestmont Village, that it was one of those complexes that had been dilapidated for some time, that she wanted to thank the Legal Department and Ms. Nancy Brewer and everyone for what they had done and making this a priority. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that as they were aware they had a taskforce in place to deal with large multi family units that were empty, she had instructed them to broaden their scope to deal with large multi family that were significantly substandard, so maybe they could catch them before they got to the teardown phase and they would continue to work on Crestmont and fix that somehow. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to wish Council Member Adams a Happy Birthday. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to thank Council Members for passing Item

No. 11, it was an expensive piece of equipment, called a Triple, Quadruple, Liquid Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer System and he wished someone would tell him what it was. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Adams thanked Public Works, Dale Redick, Gale Norman and the staff for the Sweep Van, they came out last Friday and set up the van outside in front of the City Hall Annex and they had the opportunity to look at the van and drove the van to show exactly how they measured and did assessments of the streets, that she wanted to thank Public Works for the creative idea of letting them see first hand how the van operated; and announced additional event she attended or would attend; that she wanted to wish all of the fathers a Happy Fathers Day. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:51 a.m. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Laster, Burks 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