

## City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 23, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Ellen R. Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Mike Laster out of the city on personal business.

At 1:52 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would begin with presentations and recognized Council Member Burks. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green, Noriega and Christi absent.

Council Member Burks presented a proclamation to Robin's Haven of Hope and Texas Children's Hospital, and stated that the first launch of World Hepatitis Day was on July 28, 2008, to promote awareness, prevention and treatment of Hepatitis B and C, that Robin's Haven of Hope was founded in 2006 as a local non profit organization that provided helpful resources for those with Hepatitis and other communicable diseases, they had been collaborating with Dr. Daniel Leung, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, to help raise awareness of the Hepatitis Virus through annual events, and Mayor Parker stated that therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed July 28, 2013 as World Hepatitis Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Brown, Davis, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Dr. Leung stated that on behalf of Robin's Haven of Hope and Texas Children's Hospital, they were grateful for the platform to raise awareness that this liver disease not only affected adults, but affected children, that Robin's Haven of Hope was an amazingly strong community partner for the City of Houston, raising awareness not only in the African American Community, but the Hispanic and Asian Communities, they did not want to forget that Hepatitis B and C could also affect children and Texas Children's Hospital had a platform and unique clinic to serve the needs of over 200 children whose families had been affected by it and they were really trying to erase words such as Liver Cancer and sclerosis from the children's future vocabulary, that in general Pediatric Viral Hepatitis was an orphan area of study, so they had been blessed at Texas Children's Hospital to oversee over 6 clinical trials studying the safety and efficacy of Hepatitis B and C in children, and Mayor Parker thanked them for what they did. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Christi asked what preventive programs were they doing through Texas Children's Hospital, and Dr. Leung stated that right now the amount of funding, both by the City and State, for preventative programs was quite lacking, in fact the most recent and active group within the City of Houston was the Hepatitis B Committee within the Asian Community, called HBAC, spearhead by Tamer Brickman and she had now moved on to the School of Public Health and believed that the resources for that type of screening program no longer existed, so at Texas Children's they were very proactive about educational programs, they went into the communities, he was happy to speak at schools, as well as many of the community clinics, but children represented a very small portion of the at risk population, which were the adults and that was where Robin's Haven of Hope came in. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Robin Bennett, stated that she started out of her house, it was a dream, her brother was an IV drug user, she started the mission six years ago to bring awareness that this disease did not have an address, it could affect anyone's life, that Hepatitis was four times more prevalent and

ten times more infectious, that Dr. Leung and Wayne Gosby stepped up with her, and Pastor Burks gave her hope, she had traveled a long journey to bring awareness to this disease, that as they knew it was affecting their children, they could not stigmatize it any more, they must step up and save their babies. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington and Green absent.

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

Council Member Adams invited Mr. Ron and Ms. Bette Martin to join her at the podium and stated that Home Made Houston was a non profit charity sponsored by the Greater Houston Builders Association with a mission to build dignified housing where homeless families and individuals could rebuild their lives, that Home Made Houston had completed 21 constructions and remodeling projects adding over \$8.5 million in real estate to the Houston Homeless Community, the Greater Houston Builders Association members had contributed over \$4.6 million in donations of labor and materials to these projects, and Mayor Parker stated, therefore, she Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston hereby proclaimed today as Home Made Houston Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Martin stated that he represented the Board of Directors of Home Made and they were deeply appreciative of the award, that for 10 years they had been building dignified housing in the City and together they wanted to work with them as leaders and step forward to wipe this out in their City, that working together they could eliminate homelessness in the City, and recognized board members and staff present in the audience and asked that they stand and join them at the podium, they believed that individuals had dignity and most people did not want to get in this situation when they found themselves homeless without a home, they believed as citizens of Houston that they had a moral and ethical responsibility to do something with their talents and skills, the Greater Houston Builders Association used this charity to build dignified shelters and housing for the homeless. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that who better to build houses than the Greater Houston Builders Association who build houses every day. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Council Members Brown, Burks and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked them for all they do with their money and their time and helping to improve the quality of life for their citizens. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to welcome Mr. Glen Rex to the podium, that Mr. Rex was the current president of the Construction Industry Council of Houston and Executive Director of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Houston, that CIC was created in 1957 to facilitate the development of City Building Codes and since that time CIC had donated many hours of volunteer time with talents from engineers, architects and construction professionals from their membership, that literally millions of dollars worth of time had been donated towards the ongoing development of building codes for the benefit of the City of Houston and their residents and asked representatives of their organization to join them at the podium, that Mr. Rex was present to present a ceremonial check to the Mayor in the amount of \$2,400 for the sole purpose of funding for one year, an advance payment account, for building permits, for the City of Houston citizens, particularly citizens in need. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Rex presented a check to Mayor Parker and stated it was for an advanced paid account, they were prepaying for permits for those in need who had an issue with connection of water, electric, gas or special needs or things they could not manage on their own, they

represented a variety of interest in building owners, real estate management, trade and specialty construction associations and labor associations, all of whom wanted to have an opportunity to help develop the building codes in the City of Houston, they started in the 1950s to help the City originally develop it's building codes, they had been around since that time constantly reviewing and updating the national codes for adoption locally, which was a big challenge, that they had invested many hours, millions of dollars in unique time and talents of the members of their association over the last 56 years to help the City with the development and implementation of the building codes, that one of the principle benefits to the City for that was that it had depoliticized the adoption of building codes, it was a whole lot more efficient to review a set of codes that had been reviewed by the City building staff, the industry at large and then the City Council got a code to adopt without all of them coming up individually to ask them to do something different. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Mr. Rex for the check, and stated that it would go into the Mayor's Emergency Permitting Fund, for those who were low income, elderly, disabled or veterans who owned and lived in their own home, this was to allow the necessary permits, since they could not wave the permitting fee, but for donated services allowed them to take care of the permits, not only were they providing volunteer efforts, they were paying the City as well, so to the Construction Industry Council they had their thanks and they truly appreciated the gift. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

At 2:13 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Martin for the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

The City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business.

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

Council Member Adams moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Olevia Randle, Mr. Henry Blackmon, and Ms. Arlene Sharpe at the top of the 3 minute non agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Members Brown, Green and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0496 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Andrea Usanga after Mr. Gaylon Davenport, for one minute, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Members Brown, Green and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0497 ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. John Myers after Ms. Arlene Sharpe, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Members Brown, Green and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0498 ADOPTED.

Ms. Claire Periou, 10777 Stella Link Rd., Houston, Texas 77025 (713-592-9292) appeared and stated that she was representing Inner Wisdom Counseling Center, that they were definitely in favor and support of the Boarding Home Ordinance, and had brought some patients to hear

their stories, that it had taken a lot of courage for them and they really supported them. Mayor Parker and Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Robert Luna, 6311 Gulf Frwy., Houston, Texas 77023 (832-896-1902) appeared and stated that when he thought of boarding homes he asked himself why they had these places if they did not provide a safe place to stay with good people who were concerned for their well being, that the only thing they cared about was his money, and voiced his experiences until his time expired. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Sally Vaughn, 12510 Hunting Brook Dr., Houston, Texas 77099 (832-671-8881) appeared and voiced her experience living in a boarding house against her will, and stated that she was unable to call for help because all cell phones were confiscated and was never allowed to use the house phone, that she wanted to thank the City of Houston for caring enough to stop this kind of treatment. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Members Noriega, Christie and Adams, Ms. Vaughn stated that she now lived in a much comfortable place and she was comfortable and felt safe; that a young man came in to the home where she was previously living and something alerted him to the danger, he had a cell phone and she asked him to make a phone call for her and she was able to tell her sister where she was and told her to bring a police escort with her. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated to the audience that they could not have any applause, if they were supportive to please stand up. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Gaylon Davenport, 4001 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-428-6514) appeared and stated that he was present to talk about Item No. 15 on Wednesday's agenda, the positions for the Houston Fire Department, that by no means were they against the positions, they only had a problem with where the District Chief openings would come from, they had a District Chief list that expired on June 7, 2013 and they were having a test next week, July 31, 2013, they just wanted to make sure the positions that they get, if approved, were coming from the list where the guys were going to be taking a test next Wednesday, they were told two months ago that the list was going to expire on June 7, 2013 and he heard last week that they were going to promote three guys from that list, if the jobs were approved, that he was asking the City Council to look into the legality of the deal and see if they could do that, that he knew they had an amendment in December 2012, it said the test was going to expire the day it was certified two years forward, the test was taken in June 2011 and if they ratified something in December 2012 he did not see how they could go back 18 months and promote from that list. Mayor Parker and Council Member Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Adams stated that this morning Council Member Gonzalez held a Public Safety Committee meeting and this issue was addressed and one of her concerns, which she mentioned to Chief Garrison, as well as Assistant Chief West, was that on tomorrow's agenda they were looking to pass an ordinance to hire 28 positions in the Houston Fire Department, including the three District Chief positions, and she was informed that since the list had expired and they were having a test next week, she asked them to make sure if the list was still valid, that he said he was communicating with the Legal Department about it, and she was asking the Council to put themselves in the position of a firefighter who had been studying for a such a long time, and hold off on the District Chief until a new list was created. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown and Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, stated that he did hear Chief Garrison this morning mention that he had approached the Legal Department on that issue and it was just very recent and he had not had a chance to be briefed on it, that he would like to hold off on responding to that, and Council Member Adams asked if they could get an answer she would appreciate it. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown and Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Bradford stated that he had not been briefed on the issue, and stated that promotions and filling the vacancies were governed by State Law, Chapter 143 and he did not see how this discussion was moving forward if they were going to follow the law, it was nothing new, HPD and HFD had the same code which regulated these issues, those HPD had a Meet and Confer Contract, was the question on the table today, when the vacancies were created, because in the past it had always been consistent with State Law that if the vacancies were created during the eligibility of the list, even though the list may expire, but because the vacancies were created during the life of the list, the promotions would come off of the list, and Mr. Davenport stated the issue was when did the list expire, if the list was expired he did not see how they could promote from it, and Council Member Bradford stated when the vacancies became available prior to June 7, 2013, they would still be filled off of that list because they were created during the life of the list, that the statute was pretty clear, "vacancies created during the interim period between the expiration of a previous eligibility list and certification of a new eligibility list shall be filled from the new eligibility list". Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown and Hoang absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Davenport, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Brown, Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2013-0498 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Davenport if he was in agreement that if the positions were created during the life of the old list, they should be filled off of the old list, and Mr. Davenport stated that he agreed with him, and Council Member Bradford stated otherwise they should be held until the new test was given, and Mr. Davenport stated yes. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Brown, Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Christi asked Mr. Davenport if he was a firefighter, and Mr. Davenport stated yes and also the President of the Houston Black Firefighters Association and was present speaking for 64 guys who had been studying for four months for an exam they were taking next week. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Brown, Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Andrea Usanga, 2211 Norfolk, No. 810, Houston, Texas 77098 (No Phone) appeared and stated she was present on boarding homes, that she wanted to echo the praise given to Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, they had working on it for several years, regarding the proposed changes before Council, they did discuss fire safety and inspection during the stake holder process, which covered about a year's span, their organization was supportive of that and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and others were supportive of that, there were some concerns about the additional costs that boarding homes would be incurring as a result of that, but thought in the end their organization would support it because the safety of the residents was of paramount importance. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

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. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Teresa Rodriguez, 6802 Appleton, Houston, Texas 77022 (281-673-9978) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Mary Desilva, 1304 Langham Creek, Houston, Texas 77084 (281-794-1804) appeared and stated that she was present to express her deep opposition to UBERs proposed changes to the current law, that under current City ordinances taxicabs must serve the entire City of Houston and all of it's people without discrimination at regulated rates and with their appropriate liability coverage, these were examples of the problems that these changes would cause, taxicabs must pick up everyone for the same regulated price, including her sister, Kathleen Desilva, who required a wheelchair accessible taxicab, that UBER did not serve people with disabilities, that taxicabs must charge fares set by the City of Houston, that UBER planned to dispatch limo type vehicles to taxicab passengers at whatever price they chose, including surged prices, UBER proposed to eliminate the \$70 minimum and other requirements, that differ taxicab services from limousine services, that if UBER skimmed the profits, profitable trips, by dispatching sedans as taxicabs, taxicabs would not be able to afford to serve all customers at regulated rates, including the disabled, that UBER internet contract disclaims all liabilities and makes the passengers indemnify and hold harmless UBER, that this seemed unreasonable and unfair to her clients who had many responsibilities under current ordinances, that before they changed the laws please consider the impact on fair competition, the disabled community and on public safety, that she urged them to vote against UBERs proposed changes and support the taxicab and limousine services that currently served the City. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that before they went through a whole lot of speakers, there was nothing on the agenda, there was nothing planned, they had asked to come into the market, the City had a study of taxicabs going on, that it was something that would be looked at in due course, but was not something that was immediately pending, she did not want anybody to get geared up. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Ms. Maria Belmarez 2011 Oakwell Ln., Katy, Texas 77449 (832-294-9675) appeared and stated that she had a business to insure taxicabs and limousines since 1988 and UBER would only hurt the industry, how would UBER be regulated by the City like limousines and taxicabs were, and continued to voice her opposition until her time expired. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Ms. Olevia Randle, 6023 Beldart, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-733-2348) appeared and stated that the last meeting they had about Edgewood Park Gym gave them hope, that she would like for Council Member Adams to explain to the group present in the audience, the Edgewood Park Gym. Council Members Hoang and Green absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Ms. Randle for being present and stated she was glad they were feeling a little bit better, that nothing was going to happen right away but they had made some progress and recognized Council Member Adams. Council Members Hoang and Green absent.

Council Member Adams stated that they needed to thank the administration for a long, hard, dialog about Edgewood Park and Director Joe Turner, Parks and Recreation, and his office, that they had asked the Mayor and administration for funding for design of Edgewood

Park to begin the process, they were not there yet, but the administration had agreed to look for the dollars for Edgewood Park, that as of today it would be 2015 for the design of the park, which would be two years from July 2013 that hopefully the monies would be allocated for the new Edgewood Park Gymnasium, and Ms. Randle stated that they would like to get that in writing, and Council Member Adams stated that Lucy was present from the Parks Department and she would ask Lucy, upon Ms. Randle's request, that the Parks Department draft the communications from the budget hearing to the administration from her office and make sure they would get something in writing to her civic association concerning this issue. Council Members Hoang and Green absent.

Ms. Randle further stated that they did not have air conditioning in the little part that they did have, so if they could get some air out there they would appreciate it, and Council Member Adams stated that they would let the request be known again; Ms. Randle advised that Mr. Henry Blackmon was not able to be present, but they were not receiving mail from the post office because of some dogs on the street, 6100 block of Westover, that they had to go to the post office to try to pick up their mail, they lived near Mykawa Road and they had to go to Cullen, near Reed Road, every day to get their mail, that they could not get any dog catchers out in that area. Council Members Hoang and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had plenty of dog catchers, she hoped that Mr. Blackmon had contacted 3-1-1 and made the request, that one of the problems was that they needed to know when the dogs were out there, that sometimes dogs were out all the time, they were stray's and sometimes dog owners let their dogs run, that Ms. Randle had given her an idea, the post office made the decisions, but she would request that they let them know when they had blocked service to a street or area, that she had made a note and would contact BARC on Mr. Blackmon's behalf, and Ms. Randle asked if they had dog traps anymore and Mayor Parker stated no, that they send dog catchers out. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mr. Henry Blackmon, 6142 Westover, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-738-2806) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Hoang absent.

Ms. Arlene Sharpe, 5739 N. Ridge Dr., Houston, Texas 77033 (713-734-8273) appeared and stated she was present on Edgewood Park, and the information that they would give Ms. Randle she would also appreciate it. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought Council Member Adams would distribute it to the neighborhood, they would put it in writing, it was confirmed that the Council meeting was part of the budget, that they would have to give them a moment to get it together. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Adams stated they would get something in writing and Lucy was present from the department and they would ask her to draft the appropriate language on how they were going to compile everything, that she would make sure that Ms. Sharpe would get it. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. John Kevin Claypool to the speakers list after Ms. Lauren Farenga, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0498 ADOPTED.

Mr. John Myers, 4222 Buck St., Houston, Texas 77020 (713-227-2740) appeared and stated that he had three questions, that he had delayed coming to Council ever since Hurricane

Ike, that he was told by the guy who was over the hurricane repair group that the Mayor had told them not to service homeowners, but to repair the roofs of apartment and rental properties, and he did that, he said the monies had been exhausted, that in August he got an emergency infusion of money and told him again, at the community center off of Alameda, near Hermann Park, that the Mayor told him not to service homeowners, but to service apartments and rental property; that he wanted to ask Mayor Parker if she had been watching the so called community protection people, they were over extending by continually writing tickets, which he had, that he went to court five times and three times he won and the judge cited with him about his car under his carport, the fourth time he went to a court on Mykawa Road and won there the first time, the second time the attorney representing the City had his ticket cancelled and he could go home, that a month later he got another ticket, that he got a placard hung on his fence. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Myers had raised a couple of different issues, one had to do with Ike repairs, that was the previous Mayor, she had not actually been able to spend any Ike money, they got Ike money round one, which came during Mayor White and it was prioritized to multi family, there was Ike round two, five years later, and the vast majority of that would go to single family home repair, that he would need to talk to the Housing and Community Development Department to determine whether he would qualify; that those tickets had nothing to do with Ike, that her notes said that they made an inspection last October for exterior storage of a junk motor vehicle and high weeds and they asked him to clean it up, they were checked back in February, they did not issue a ticket right away, they gave him a chance to move the vehicle and clean up the weeds, and came back in March, that she would ask Mr. Landon Taylor, Department of Neighborhoods, who was present in the audience to sit down and work with him. Council Members Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. William Getschow, 820 Teetshorn, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-392-4974) appeared and stated that he was present as a resident of the Heights and the entire neighborhood was making a request for stop signs on Watson Street, between White Oak and Peacore, it was a street that was extremely narrow and the residents were so close to the street that it was a dangerous thoroughfare, that he had made two requests to put in stop signs, that pedestrians, bicycles and cross traffic went across Watson, that the issue was that Travis Elementary was to the east of Watson and there was a hike and bike trail to the east and there was only one stop sign on Watson Street, on Bayland, that Ms. Lauren Thorpe, Council Member Gonzalez office, had been extremely helpful but had been unable to get 3-1-1 or the Public Works Department to move forward with these requests, that Public Works had said there was a requirement from the State Department of Transportation that they have 350 to 500 vehicles an hour going through there to put up stop signs, but the Attorney General for the State of Texas had a public opinion saying that locals had the discretion on whether or not to put in stop signs if there was a safety issue, that he had sent the opinion to Mr. Alvin Wright and Mr. Gary Norman, who said he should apply for the Traffic Management Program, and they did in 2011, that it was in the paper that \$500,000 had been allocated for the program, but the problem was that Mr. Gary Drabek said that they were number 22 on the list and were not going to be able to get funding for the program, that the issue was not speeding, there were two separate issues, mobility and safety and then speeding, that this was an issue that kids could not cross the street because there was no stop sign, that cyclists could not cross the street because there was no stop sign, that he watched a family wait for 10 minutes, on bicycles, to cross the street, and last Saturday there was a car that flipped and landed about eight feet away from a house on Watson and Wendle, because it was speeding through the neighborhood, there were other cars that were racing back and forth down Watson Street, that the recommended width of a residential road in urban areas was 24 feet and this was 21 feet, there were ditches, which he had also sent pictures of to Mr. Wright and Mr. Norman, abutting the street all the way along. Council Members Davis, Martin,

Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that he had said there was not a problem with speeding and then came back and said there was a problem with speeding, which was it, and Mr. Getschow stated there were two separate issues, speeding and safety and mobility, that the traffic management program, from his understanding, was designed to handle speeding and cut through traffic and signs were for a separate request, and Mayor Parker stated that stop signs were really to determine who had the right of way, based on traffic counts, and traffic management was based on how fast the vehicles went. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was very sensitive to his issue, it was a common issue they were dealing with in a lot of neighborhoods, it was something they had been trying to work through with some of the engineering talk and at the same time find some real tangible results, that as he may be aware they had tried to get some increased traffic enforcement out there, they had gotten good feedback from some of his neighbors who had seen that, they knew that was not always the only answer, that he would ask that he visit with Mr. Norman and let them take another look at this and see if they could reengage it a different way and find a better solution to try and address it. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Christopher Jenkins, 1347 Tarberry, Houston, Texas 77088 (713-987-4458) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Joe Jordan, 14173 Northwest Frwy., Houston, Texas (713-680-3181) appeared and stated that he had copies to hand out of their concerns, that he was President of the Houston Limousine Operators Networking Group, they realized the City was doing a taxicab study and asked the limousine company owners present to stand; that they shared his concerns and reviewed the information presented relating to UBER. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she knew how the taxicabs worked, there were some guys who drove their own cabs, but more often they were considered independent contractors and drove a company cab, in the limousine industry did the driver lease their vehicles from the limousine companies, were they owner operators, or did they work for the limousine company, and Mr. Jordan stated there were a number of ways it could be done, a job could come in to him for a vehicle he did not have, like a limo bus, he could call a company that had a limo bus and licensed to use them, that he would farm out the job and keep 10%, if there were not drivers available they could call another guy who had license drivers, FBI fingerprints and badges, so the contract came to him, the vehicle came from one company and the driver came from another company, but everybody had the license and permits so it was legal, and Mayor Parker asked if HUBR wanted to use his company and drivers for trips they could contract with his company to allow them to be slotted in for some commission, and Mr. Jordan stated that theoretically they could but he did not like HUBR and would not deal with them, but theoretically they could, that they should be in Houston and have a presence and having a level playing field like everyone else had, they thought the ordinance was fine, that the \$70 minimum was fine, they had a clean system in Houston, that if he got the calls when people had a bad experience he would call the company, if they were a member, and said to straighten it out by 5:00 p.m., they did not need these problems in the industry, if somebody got ripped off by UBER, they could send an email to San Francisco and it may not be answered. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Bradford stated the Mayor had indicated that the issue of HUBR coming before Council to act on or not act on was not in the near future, and asked why did Mr. Jordan feel there was a need to debate the issue today, why did he feel the need to be present today and discuss the issue now, and Mr. Jordan stated they knew it was under consideration and wanted to get their concerns heard early on in the process, and Council Member Bradford asked Mayor Parker if it was accurate that she had indicated that she would wait until the taxicab study was completed and when did they expect the study to be complete. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Green, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated she was not exactly sure, but probably in September, this fall, they were not directly correlated, UBER, as a company, had approached the City and said they would like to operate in the market and in order for them to operate they would have to change the ordinances, she was not inclined to do that piecemeal and since they were looking at whether to update their taxicab ordinance, she would like to kind of roll everything together so the first step was to finish the taxicab study, and they would go from there, she would update the Council at that time. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Green, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. James Dillon, 37 Lyerly, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-772-5277) appeared and stated he was President of Carey Limousine of Houston, and Chief Operating Officer of City Car Services worldwide, with operations in Washington, DC, Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York, that he was also a Board Member of HALCA, Houston Area Livery and Charter Association, that safety was his primary concern for his clients and the traveling public, that he had former employees who went to work for UBER who wanted to come back but were stuck with a car note, and reviewed his experience with UBER, which was in Philadelphia. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Green and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she was not interested in letting anybody in Houston for hire that did not have the background checks, drug testing and everything else. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Green and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Richard Mishriky, 11755 Connor St., Houston, Texas 77039 (713-688-7800x101) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Green and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Jason Smith, 12158 FM830, Willis, Texas 77318 (832-585-7338) appeared and stated that he was present on the same issue, that he was a veteran police officer who fell into the limo business, the only thing that concerned him was changing the ordinance as necessary ordinances were in place. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to remember that they were saying that the ordinance was perfect the way it was, it was important to hear. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Erich Reindl, 1617 Ojeman, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-309-3837) appeared and read information from the UBER website. Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she knew Mr. Reindl did want UBER in the Houston market and

Mr. Reindl stated that he did not have any problem with UBER being in Houston but it had to be on the same playing field as they had, and Mayor Parker asked Mr. Reindl if he was aware of any cities that required UBER to only use exiting certified cars and drivers, and Mr. Reindl stated no, that he could not imagine that anybody would allow to operate out of the City ordinance. Council Members Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Green, Costello and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Berhane Alemayoh, (did not provide address and telephone number) appeared and stated that he was a limo driver and owned his small business in Dallas and subscribed for UBER, that he started six months ago and heard that UBER was in town and he asked if he could join them and they said he had to have a City approved permit, insurance and go through a background check and he proved that to them and they put him on board, and ever since he had added three cars to his fleet, and observed regulations like everyone else. Council Members Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Christi absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker and Council Members Bradford and Burks, Mr. Alemayoh stated that he operated out of Dallas and was certified under the ordinance of Dallas, that they went through the whole process, that he had signed up all his cars with UBER, that unless they were licensed as a driver and were licensed in the City of Dallas they would not allow them to drive. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Christi absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Leandre Johns, 2919 Commerce St., Dallas Texas X. (469-554-8237) appeared and stated that he was a tech exec for UBER, that UBER was a technology company that created an app that connected riders to legally licensed drivers, that over the past 12 days over 3,000 supporters had signed a petition asking the City Council to update antiquated transportation regulations and help bring UBER to Houston and read comments from the petition, copies of which were being passed around the Council table. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks and Christi absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Upon questions by Council Members Green and Burks, Mr. Johns stated that there was an opportunity to cancel a UBER request and that driver would get the cancel notice and look for another passenger, that they were familiar with the City of Houston ordinance and only partnered with drivers who were legally licensed to drive by the City of Houston, they did not put on anybody otherwise, that they partnered with companies, the company had the operating authority and had the permits as well that they gave to the drivers, so if a driver was not in compliance with the City of Houston they monitored it and sent correspondence to their driver partners and weekly and monthly checkups, anything they should do to make sure the driver partners were in compliance all the time. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Lauren Farenga, 3755 Gramercy St., Houston, Texas 77025 (781-696-1585) appeared and stated that she was present on an issue that concerned the LGBT Community in Houston, that as Houston continued to grow and became a destination for many families and couples, and as people came down for work and cheaper housing it posed a problem for some sex couples, they may have had a marriage in another State that was not recognized in Houston and perhaps their new job was not giving benefits to their partner, that what some other States had begun to adopt City ordinances where the City could decide whether or not they were going to recognize legal same sex marriages that were performed in another State, that this had worked well in Florida and were starting to do this in Virginia, and she thought it would be really helpful to the community to let them know they were welcomed and their work and membership in the community was recognized and valued and they wanted to continue to

welcome people from all different States and countries regardless of what their marriage status was and tell them this was a place where they could come and work and their family would be provided for, she thought it would be a great way to assist the LGBT Community and make them feel more comfortable, that she thought it could be especially beneficial to City workers, that there was an ordinance that was in the process of being passed, she believed, in New Jersey where they recognized domestic partnership and were starting to extend this to City workers who were part of a same sex couple that may have had a marriage in another State and allow their City benefits to be awarded to their partners as well, that obviously this was something that was not going to be solved today, but it was something that she wanted to bring to their attention, and perhaps continue to work with the Council Members going forward. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. John Devin Claypool, appeared and stated that he was with Atlas Limousine, and was concerned if UBER came to Houston and changed fees. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Mr. Claypool stated that he was not with UBER and did not believe that anybody in Houston was with UBER, but was not sure. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Chris Williams, 1640 ½ Sul Ross, Houston, Texas 77006 (281-857-3275) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Mark Anthony Rodriguez, 23 Delmar, Houston, Texas 77011 (832-816-9673) appeared and stated he was President of the Oaklawn Fullerton Civic Association and in their community the City of Houston closed two streets, one street was used as an emergency route, and also it was a street that when it flooded, that street did not flood, but Public Works notified another community twice, not once, but failed to notify them of the public meetings regarding the street closure, they brought it to Council Member Gonzalez attention and he appreciated Council Member Gonzalez trying to work with them in this matter because the street, half of the closure, was in front of an elementary school, about two weeks ago they had a train derailment there and making the people evacuate on foot, all of the houses, they did not even want them to turn on their cars, because they did not know what kind of chemical, or what they thought, spilled, that he really thought the City of Houston and Public Works needed to work with them in getting this resolved, getting Sherman back opened, the other street they closed, Brady, went into a dead end anyway and was not used as an emergency route, that he would appreciate if Public Works would work with them, they had been making options of having another community meeting since he brought this to their attention and now they wanted to have a meeting at the school, that he thought that at their civic association there were over 120 people at their meeting, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated yes, and that was a lot more than Eastwood or Country Club and those were the two communities that were notified, that he thought their community mattered a lot to them; that a few years back he tried to get some speed bumps in front of the church where they let them host their community meetings and what the City came back with was that the Fire Department would not let them because of the speed bumps, they said the fire truck would have to slow down, but he guessed they did not take that into consideration when they blocked off the streets that both fire departments used as an emergency route, that he had even offered to pay for the speed bumps, and they were not able to do that. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he wanted to recap where they were, the quiet zone process dated back to 2008 and was recently approved by City Council, they learned via the community that one side of Harrisburg was not notified, Public Works had recognized that it was an administrative error, that the mailing was not set up, originally the quiet zone was going to be split in two and the focus was on one and then when money was obtained for the second part that was when they went ahead and funded both sides, but never had the public meetings, a meeting was held in the community, as Mr. Rodriguez stated, they committed to doing an actual public meeting again to get input, they worked with the community to get a portion of the work stopped so they could do their due diligence and Public Works could look into it, that HFD did recognize there were some concerns they were looking at and wanted to go back and reconsider to see where they were, that Mr. Weatherford did go to a public meeting and now another one would be scheduled. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Noriega stated that she was aware of it, she had folks that had been contacting her office as well, and thought they were going to have to work together. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Steven Williams, No Address (No telephone) had reserved to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Mario Romero, Post Office box 9089, Houston, Texas 77261 (832-785-9150) had reserved to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Andrew Patterson, 6207 Fondren Rd., Houston, Texas 77036 (832-376-1712) appeared and stated that one issue that seemed to be missing was that they should be looking at the third party liability, and relating to the Boarding House Ordinance and UBER. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Edmari Pastrana, (private) (347-761-9400) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was the official President and voiced his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 4:04 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Mayor Parker and Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2013, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Ellen R. Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Mike Laster out of the city on personal business.

At 8:29 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:08 Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that she knew the first item on the agenda was a public hearing, but would recognize Council Member Gonzalez for a procedural motion. Council Member Brown and Davis absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of considering Item Numbers 2 through 7 before the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0501 ADOPTED.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 through 7

2. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE (ST. GEORGE PLACE), CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, for the remainder of the designated two year term:

Position 4 - **VICTORIA ROCKWELL**  
Position 6 - **GARY BAUMGARTNER**  
Position 7 - **J. DAVID ENLOE, JR.**  
Position 8 - **WALTER GOFF**  
Position 9 - **WILLIAM HUTZ**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-502 ADOPTED.

3. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two year term that will end March 1, 2015:

Position 11 - **DOUGLAS ELLIOTT**  
Position 13 - **R. MAVERICK WELSH**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-503 ADOPTED.

4. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the two year term that will end February 2, 2014:

Position 18- **JOHN CANALES GORCZYNSKI**  
Position 20- **DR. MARY WHITE**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-504 ADOPTED.

5. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for terms to expire two years from date of appointment:

Position 6 - **STEVE HALL**  
Position 7 - **FAITH JACKSON**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-505 ADOPTED.

6. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **REBUILD HOUSTON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the designated two year term:

Position One - **FRANCES CASTAÑEDA DYESS**  
Position Two - **KATHRYN EASTERLY**  
Position Three - **EDWARD TARAVELLA**  
Position Four - **VERNITA HARRIS**  
Position Five - **BERT KELLER**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-506 ADOPTED.

7. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **WASTEWATER CAPACITY RESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**, for the remainder of the designated two year term:

Position 4 - **ROBERT J. SCHWARTZ**  
Position 5 - **KATHRYN OSTROFF**

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-507 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated they had affirmed the appointment of volunteers to boards and commissions, first being Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone No. 1, St. George Place and did not know if any one was present in the audience; Houston Archeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors; Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors, and invited Dr. Mary White to the podium. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Parker and Council Members Adams and Green congratulated Dr. White and thanked her for agreeing to serve. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker stated they also had appointees to the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority, LARA, and saw none in the audience; Rebuilt Houston Oversight Committee Board and asked if any of the board members were present, although she saw Chairman Herrera in the audience, but he was not being reappointed today, but was glad to see; and the Waste Water Capacity Reservation Review Board and saw no other nominees present in the audience, that they did appoint a number of folks today and wanted to express her thanks and the thanks of the Council Members for those Houstonians who were willing to devote their time to the City of Houston. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker stated they would move to the public hearing. Council Member Adams absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of hearing from Dr. Laura Murillo for two minutes, and remove Mr. George Mancilla from the list of speakers for Item No. 1, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0508 ADOPTED.

## **HEARINGS**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the designation of a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for **CHEVRON U.S.A. INC (CHEVRON ZONE) - DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was called.

Mayor Parker recognized Ms. Gwendolyn Tillitson, Mayor's Office, Deputy Director, Economic Development.

Ms. Tillitson appeared and stated that the public hearing was to consider the establishment of a tax abatement reinvestment zone for Chevron USA Inc., which was a requirement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Tax Code, that the zone must be established prior to the consideration and adoption of an ordinance to establish a reinvestment zone and entered into a tax abatement agreement, the criteria for the designation of the zone, for the proposed project, included the reasonable likelihood of the designation to contribute to the retention and expansion of primary employment or attract major investment that would benefit the land, that Chapter 312 further described that the governing body may not adopt an ordinance designating an area as a reinvestment zone until a public hearing had been held, there was no action or vote required today by Council, that Chevron USA, Inc. was a wholly owned subsidiary of Chevron Corporation which had its headquarters in San Ramon, California and was one of the world's largest and most competitive global energy companies, that among its business functions, Chevron explored for, produced and transported crude oil and natural gas, refined, marketed and distributed transportation fuel and lubricants; manufactured and sold petrochemical products and provided energy efficiency solutions, the company had a strong presence in Houston, where many of Chevron's businesses were headquartered, including the Energy Technology Company, Chevron Global Power Company, Natural Gas, North America Exploration and Production Company, Pipeline Company, Technology Ventures and Africa and Latin American Exploration and Production Company, that there were more than 9,000 employees and contractors locally.

Ms. Tillitson further stated that Chevron had filed an application with the State's Department of Economic Development and Tourism for consideration of a grant through the Texas Enterprise Fund Program, that on July 3, 2013, the State issued a press release selecting Chevron as the recipient of a \$12M grant award, the press release further described that "execution of the State's agreement was contingent upon finalization of a local incentive offer as required by program criteria", that Chevron had filed the required application with the City of Houston and had selected a site adjacent to its existing facility at 1600 Louisiana Street

within District I, the proposed tax abatement zone would comprise this location only, that Chevron planned to invest more than \$660M in real and personal property, with most of the investment (an estimated \$556M) representing real property proposed for the 1.7 million square foot multi-story office building, this space would add to the existing 2.2 million square feet of office space in the Houston area to create an Urban Campus, that the projected investment in the building improvement would generate approximately \$3M in property tax revenue the first year, and assuming an annual growth rate of 5%, the project would generate \$37M in tax revenue in 10 years, and approximately \$183M over a 30 year period, and that estimate did not include the revenue that would be generated from the company's investment in personal property, that in addition to the building improvement, the company planned to expend a portion of the investment in utilities improvement, sidewalk and street improvements as well as extensive landscaping, which would add an aesthetic element to the streetscape and would be completely available for public use, that in addition to the substantial investment in capital, the project was expected to create more than 1,700 jobs for the Houston market by 2020, these jobs were in addition to the 800 jobs announced earlier this year and would offer an average salary of \$110,000, the construction phase of the project was scheduled to begin in second quarter 2014 with completion expected in first quarter 2017, given the project schedule, the effective date of the tax abatement would be Jan. 1, 2018, that Houston's support of company expansions and new development initiatives had produced an economic climate that made them one of the last to enter the recession, and among the first to exit, projects with high job creation components, like the Chevron planned development, allowed them to recover from jobs lost during the economic downturn faster than any other City, that in addition Chevron had made many contributions to the city that extended beyond its business ventures, those contributions included but were not limited to, the Recruit Military Program, which staffed military veterans, Habitat for Humanity, Dress for Success which provided clothing and professional services for women in transition from shelters, the Houston Zoo, the food bank including its back pack buddy program where healthy food was provided to chronically hungry children who might otherwise go without during the weekends and holidays, and various STEM related projects, which were educational initiatives that emphasized Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, that in conclusion, the office of Economic Development requested their support for a 10%, 10 year tax abatement of the incremental increase in property taxes generated by Chevron Company, USA, that a 10% abatement equated to approximately \$270,000 to \$290,000 annually depending on the appraised value, they expected to bring the tax abatement agreement before Council in the next two weeks, that in addition to the information that she had just provided, she included a package which detailed or provided more specifics to the information that she had just summarized. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Ms. Tillitson stated that the 1,752 jobs were new jobs that were going to be created as a result of this project, that 800 jobs, in addition to the 1,752, were announced earlier this year, that number was being met; that they were not going through a TIRZ, it was a hearing for a reinvestment zone, that Chapter 312 of the Tax Code required a creation of a tax abatement reinvestment zone, it was a separate zone from the tax increment reinvestment zone, that before an ordinance could be submitted to Council there had to be an establishment and a designation of what was called a tax abatement reinvestment zone, that was statutorily required, and it created a zone of the project site only, so 1600 Louisiana would comprise the zone, it was a requirement of Chapter 312, the property tax increase money would flow to the General Fund.

After further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Davis requested a breakdown of the 800 or 1,700 jobs, potential jobs, and Ms. Tillitson stated in terms of categories she could work with Chevron to produce that for him. Council Member Green absent.

After further discussion by Council Members, Ms. Tillitson stated the 1,752 jobs

represented the jobs that would be created for the Houston market, whether or not some of those jobs would come from other parts of the Country had not been clarified or determined, they just knew that the economic benefit was the entire 1,752, that it represented the professional and administration types of jobs, there were additional job creation benefits in the construction industry and would be in addition to the 1,752 jobs and the 800 jobs, that they had some projections, they had the direct jobs, indirect jobs, induced jobs and construction jobs, that information had been provided as a State level, because part of the whole analysis included Chevron's application for the Texas Enterprise Fund, they had not taken that information and narrowed it down to Houston, but they could certainly do that. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to questions or comments from the public.

Ms. Joni Baird, 1400 Smith, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-372-4917) appeared and stated they appreciated the Council's time in taking a look at this project, obviously it was very exciting for Chevron and they looked forward to the final investment decision, which would take place next year, but the exciting part would hopefully watching the beautiful building come out of the ground and all of the jobs that would happen, that as to moving their headquarters from San Ramon, their CEO stated that it was staying in San Ramon, they looked forward to be present in a couple of week, and Ms. Baird thanked Mayor Parker for all of her support. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Baird answered the question about the headquarters, but were there other functions that were being moved into Houston as part of this, that obviously if they were expanding one assumed that either the business was growing very rapidly or there was going to be a relocation into Houston.

Ms. Baird stated it was a combination, 800 jobs had been announced, and those were moving from San Ramon, the 1,700 were additional new jobs because of business growth, which was also exciting for their industry that it was growing so quickly, and Mayor Parker stated that she was glad she clarified that the 800 jobs were relocations from other parts of the Country.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members Hoang, Pennington, Adams and Martin, Ms. Baird stated that the 1,700 jobs was an ongoing process up until 2020, that currently they were only focused on the 800 jobs and getting them to Houston, that the new creation of jobs would happen as the businesses expanded and there were business needs, it would not start ramping up until at least 2015, it was gradual; that she was the Public Affairs Manager at Chevron. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Ken Finley, 6130 Hampton Way Ct., Spring, Texas 77389 (281-802-1016) indicated from the audience that he did had nothing further to add. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Dr. Laura Murillo, 1801 Main St., Ste. 890, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-644-7070) appeared and stated that she was President and CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, that she and their Chairman had just left the University of Houston Hilton where they had over 300 small business owners meeting with Chevron representatives, they had their entire procurement and supplier team present at the university, one on one talking to Houston business owners, they had done it for three years with the chamber, along with many other initiatives that directly impacted jobs and business; that she wanted to tell them about Grace, that Mercedes Sanchez was one of their Emerging Leader graduates, and Jerry Peruchini, both from Council Member Gonzalez office were members of the Emerging Leaders Institute, that Grace was an intern with Emerging Leaders, was a student at the University of Oklahoma, a

straight A leader, she was going to leave Houston because she could not find a job, that they had a procurement summit that Chevron was sponsoring and they introduced her to someone from the team, she met folks from Chevron and had been hired for over a year, she was at their procurement summit today and had been promoted, she was 22 years of age, and the first thing she did with her first paycheck was to take both of her parents to Italy because they worked at McDonalds, day and night, to get her through college, this was what Chevron did, it opened opportunities for young people, employment opportunities. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Council Members Noriega and Pennington, thanked Dr. Murillo for all she did and her service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Jesse D. Broderick, Post Office Box 910, Watson, Louisiana 70786 (225-664-2160) indicated from the audience that he had nothing to add. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent..

Mr. Hank Morisse, 1500 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-854-4829) indicated from the audience that he had nothing to add. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Gilbert Herrera, 1010 Lamar, Ste. 600, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-978-6590) appeared and stated that Chevron had been a great corporate partner of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, they were incredibly important to them in terms of providing technical support for their members and vendor procurement opportunities, they currently purchased something in the order of \$600 million a year from minority vendors from around the Country and used organizations like the Chamber of Commerce to advance that, that he would like to thank Council Member Rodriguez for leading the effort, that an important part to him was Chevron's working relation with him and their solicitation of his effort and their support of the project; that he would like to thank Council Member Bradford on his work of the nominations committee, that he Chaired the Rebuild Houston Advisory Committee and it was a hard working board, and wanted to commend him for his recognition of Ed Taravella, Bert Keller and Francis Castañeda, they had done great work. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that Mr. Herrera donated a lot of his time and energy to their community and knew they had spoken personally and he knew what the important things were and worked to resolve those and thanked him for the time he spent. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

The City Secretary asked if there was any one in the audience who wished to be heard on the hearing, and no one indicated they wished to be heard. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker requested a motion to close the hearing. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of closing the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. MOTION 2013-0509 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated they would move to the consent agenda. Council Member Davis absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 22**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 8 through 10

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,048,603.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **P.R.C. ROOFING CO. INC** for Roof Replacement at HPD Westside Command Station - 15.38% over the original contract amount and under the 24.31% contingency - **DISTRICT F – HOANG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0510 ADOPTED.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,918,567.46 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for FY11 Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal 7.2% under the original contract amount – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0511 ADOPTED.
10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$949,525.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Willowbend Area and Edgebrook 0.64% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; E - MARTIN and K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0512 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBER 12

12. **AMEND MOTION #2010-567, 7/28/10, TO EXTEND** the expiration date from August 4, 2013 to August 3, 2015, for Main Rotor Hub Assembly Overhaul/Exchange 369E (Helicopters) for the Houston Police Department, awarded to **HELMART, INC** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0513 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 14 through 22

14. ORDINANCE re-adopting the Houston Youth Recreation Programs Standards of Care as codified at Article XII Chapter 32, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions related to the subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0665 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit “A” of City of Houston Ordinance No. 2013-387 by adding three District Chief Positions; adding one Senior Captain Position; adding twelve Engineer

Operator Positions; and adding twelve Communication Captain Positions; substituting the amended Exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified personnel Ordinance; providing for severability - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Davis absent.

16. ORDINANCE amending and ratifying Ordinance Nos. 2013-87, 2013-88, & 2013-89 relating to the City of Houston, Texas, General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes, Series G, H-2, & J; approving and authorizing an amendment to the authorized purposes of such Commercial Paper Programs – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0666 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 7.996 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 165**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0667 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 1.86 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 399**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0668 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and awarding construction management at risk contract to **TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Jungman Neighborhood Library Renovation - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0669 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$727,996.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services contract between the City of Houston and **ENERGY ARCHITECTURE, INC** for Jungman Neighborhood Library Renovation; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0670 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$572,057.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.** for Hidalgo Park; 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 material testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0671 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

### **ACCEPT WORK**

11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,929,891.83 and acceptance of work on contract with **S. J. LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD** for US 290 Program IH-610 Interchange Crossing at 72-inch Water line along 12th Street - 12.11% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green.

### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

13. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,232,307.98 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$1,055,847.00 out of Reimbursement Equipment/Projects Fund for the Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Trucks for the Solid Waste Management Department – was presented.

Council Member Christi stated they were going with a CNG Vehicle and hybrid, not only was it going green, but they were investing in the future, cleaner burning and less expensive, energy use in their major trucks, the infrastructure for CNG would come along, so he hoped they continued to order trucks like this, even if it was a public private partnership for the infrastructure, the City would be better long term in the future.

A vote was called on Item No. 13. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0672 ADOPTED.

- 13A. **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$190,986.00; **CHASTANG ENTERPRISES, INC d/b/a CHASTANG'S BAYOU CITY FORD** - \$1,671,263.00; **WASTE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENTS, INC** - \$76,097.98; **MCNEILUS FINANCIAL, INC d/b/a MCNEILUS TRUCK AND MANUFACTURING CO** - \$816,488.00; **TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT, INC d/b/a HEIL OF TEXAS** - \$533,320.00 for Refuse and Recycling Trucks through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council and Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) and for the Solid Waste Management Department \$3,288,154.98 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Reimbursement Equipment/Projects Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0514 ADOPTED.

### **ORDINANCES**

19. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **NATION WASTE, INC** for Portable Toilets Rental Service for Various Departments; providing maximum contract amount - 3 years - \$2,646,652.00 - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0673 ADOPTED.

### **NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 23

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

23. MOTION to set a date not less than seven days from July 24, 2013, to receive nominations for appointments to Positions A, At-Large 2, At-Large 5, D, G and J of the

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a three-year staggered term ending July 1, 2016 – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, July 31, 2013, to receive nomination for Positions A, At-Large 2, At-Large 5, D, G and J of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0515 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 24 and 24A

24. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Rodriguez to amend Item 24A below to add following to Sec. 28-457:

- (e) The owner and operator of each boarding home facility shall implement the following emergency precautions and schedule and pay for an annual fire inspection by the fire marshal –
  - (1) The owner and operator shall provide fire escapes and exits that are kept in good repair and accessible at all times in accordance with the Houston Fire Code, as amended
  - (2) The owner and operator shall implement a written fire and evacuation plan that sets forth the responsibilities and steps to be taken by staff and residents in the event of a fire or other emergency. If a boarding home facility has a resident who is non-ambulatory or has a mobility impairment, the owner and operator shall submit the written plan to the Houston Fire Marshal and obtain its approval of the plan.
  - (3) The owner and operator shall post an emergency evacuation plan in each sleeping room and the kitchen of the facility.
  - (4) The owner and operator shall ensure that each resident receives training on the emergency evacuation plan at least two times per year and shall maintain documentation of such training.
  - (5) Flammable supplies and gasoline-operated maintenance equipment and lawn care equipment must be stored in the garage of the facility or in a detached storage shed.
  - (6) The owner and operator shall provide a sufficient number of accessible fire extinguishers in accordance with the Houston Fire Code, as amended. The owner and operator shall ensure that a person licensed to inspect fire extinguishers inspects the fire extinguishers annually. The owner and operator shall ensure the fire extinguishers are recharged when needed by a person licensed to inspect fire extinguishers.
  - (7) The owner and operator shall provide a smoke alarm approved by the fire marshal in each place in the facility required by the Houston Fire Code, as amended. The owner and operator shall maintain a smoke alarm in good working order.
  - (8) If a boarding home facility has a resident that is hearing impaired, the owner and operator shall install and properly maintain a visual smoke alarm that is capable of alerting a hearing impaired person of the presence of fire or smoke in accordance with the Houston Fire Code, as amended.
  - (9) The owner and operator shall install and properly maintain carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping rooms in accordance with Section 42.060 of the Texas Human Resources Code, as amended.
  - (10) The owner and operator shall ensure that all residents are shown how to use all emergency exits from the boarding home facility within 24 hours after arrival at the boarding home facility. The owner and operator shall maintain documentation of such training.
  - (11) First aid supplies

- 1) The owner and operator shall provide first aid supplies that are equivalent to the 16-unit first aid kit that complies with the latest edition of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) standard Z308-1.
- 2) The owner and operator shall ensure that the first aid supplies are readily accessible to all the residents and inform the residents of the location of the supplies.
- 3) The owner and operator shall provide one set of such supplies for each 50 persons, or fraction of 50 persons, residing in the boarding home facility.”

Council Member Rodriguez thanked the administration and Council Member Gonzalez office and City Legal Department for working with him to improve the ordinance, that he would withdraw his previous motion and offered a substitute motion to amend Item No. 24 as follows:

“I move to amend Agenda Item 24a by adding the following to Section 28-457:

- (e) The owner and operator of each boarding home facility shall implement the following emergency precautions and schedule and pay for an annual fire inspection by the fire marshal:
  - (1) The owner and operator shall implement a written fire and evacuation plan that sets forth the responsibilities and steps to be taken by staff and residents in the event of a fire or other emergency and identifies two points of entry and egress. The owner and operator shall ensure that all staff and residents are shown how to use all emergency exits from the boarding home facility within 24 hours after arrival at the boarding home facility. The owner and operator shall maintain documentation of such training.
  - (2) The owner and operator shall post an emergency evacuation plan in a common area, such as the kitchen or living room.
  - (3) The owner and operator shall ensure that staff receive training on the emergency evacuation plan at least two times per year and shall maintain documentation of such training.
  - (4) The owner and operator shall ensure that flammable supplies, gasoline-operated equipment, and compressed gas equipment are stored outside of the living area.
  - (5) The owner and operator shall provide a sufficient number of accessible fire extinguishers. The owner and operator shall ensure that a person licensed to inspect fire extinguishers inspects the fire extinguishers annually. The owner and operator shall ensure the fire extinguishers are recharged when needed by a person licensed to inspect fire extinguishers.
  - (6) The owner and operator shall provide and maintain an operable smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector in each sleeping area, kitchen, and laundry. The owner and operator shall ensure these devices remain in good working order. If a boarding home facility has a resident that is hearing impaired, the owner and operator shall install and properly maintain a visual smoke alarm that is capable of alerting a hearing impaired person of the presence of fire or smoke.
  - (7) The owner and operator shall ensure that first aid supplies are readily accessible to all the residents and inform the residents of the location of the supplies.”

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Noriega, Burks, Adams and Bradford a vote was called on Council Member Rodriguez substitute motion to amend Item No. 24. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2013-0516 ADOPTED.

24A. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTERS 1 AND 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to boarding homes (group homes) – **(This was Item 33 on Agenda of July 17, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Gonzalez a vote was called on Item No. 24a as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0674 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to reference a long time City employee, Ms. Patricia Jefferson McDowell, who worked in the City Secretary Office for 28 years, she was stricken with a life threatening illness on July 5, 2013, was in the hospital for nearly three weeks, however she had been released and back home, as of last night, and knew the City Secretary was keeping tabs on her, that they would see Patricia every Wednesday morning as she brought items over, that they may be missed her the last few weeks, if she was watching they were very glad that she was recovering.

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

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

Council Member Davis wished a Happy Birthday to Ms. Emma Horn, a long time constituent of Scenic Woods, who turned 81 years old this week. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues for their support of Item No. 24 and acknowledged the stake holders and City folks who worked diligently to make this possible, and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that Mr. Santiago Berrones, who was a long time resident of District H, lived in the Second Ward Community, had passed away and had worked as a part time employee of the Parks Department, that they were at a dedication recently for a park bench that was installed along a hike and bike trail, that his spouse was very appreciative of the proclamation they presented. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that Palm Center came up and she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Housing and Community Development and thanked her for the letter she sent out, and thought they made their stand about the sale of Palm Center, that it would not happen; that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker for looking out for the Sunnyside Community, they had an opportunity, in partnership with Mayberry Homes who built 14 homes within 6 months and they had a ribbon cutting, they were not spot building, they were homes on streets, she wanted to thank Mayberry Homes, HUD and Housing and Community Development for the funding; that she wanted to congratulate Ms. Alvita McKinney who had worked for the City for 25 years and was retiring.

Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:21 a.m. Council Member Cohen absent on personal business. Council Member Laster out of the city on personal business. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary