

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 6, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 6, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney, Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Members Jerry Davis and Oliver Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Stephen C. Costello absent due to being ill.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would begin the presentation portion of the Houston City Council meeting and called on Council Member Noriega for the first presentation. Council Members Brown, Cohen, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that the month of August was nationally recognized as Water Quality Month and it was her pleasure to highlight the importance of a safe water supply and recognize their Drinking Water Operations Branch, within the Public Utilities Division of the Public Works and Engineering Department, that there were close to 500 employees who worked to supply water to all of them, that today Ms. Yvonne Forest, Senior Assistant Director, Drinking Water Operators, Ms. June Chang, Deputy Director, Public Utilities Division, Mr. Dan Krueger, Director of Public Works and Engineering Department, Mr. Michael Neese, Assistant Director, Drinking Water Operators, Mr. Andrew Molly, Managing Engineer, Northeast Water Purification Plant, Ms. Lisa Lattu, Managing Engineer, Southeast Water Purification Plant and Ms. Kira Smith, Managing Engineer, Water Quality, and presented a proclamation, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed August 2013, as Water Quality Month in Houston, Texas, and she was proud she was part of a City that did such an exemplary job in providing fresh, clean drinking water. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Bradford absent.

Ms. Yvonne Forest stated that she was honored to represent the hard working staff and thanked them for the recognition, that they had about 600 people in their organization and in the middle of the night when everyone else was snug in their beds some of their plants were being operated by one or two qualified staff members to make sure they had the water to brush their teeth first thing in the morning, they took water quality seriously, they sent out an investigator for every complaint they received and did tests and samples to make sure the water was safe, they had employees who really believed in what they did when it came to providing safe drinking water. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew when they went through the drought of 2011, Houstonians, for the first time in a long time, realized what a precious resource water was and that they did not have an unlimited supply. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Bradford absent.

Council Member Burks asked if they could sell their water, and Mayor Parker stated that they already sold their water to a number of other entities in the immediate vicinity of Houston, they were the water provider for the region, and there was a time when the City of Houston did bottle water and it was available in the grocery stores, but that was a very competitive market and they decided it was not their best use of those personnel, they decided their best priority was that the region had the clean water it needed. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez congratulated the Public Utilities Division and their team members and Director Krueger. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Adams stated they had heard about Crestmont Village Apartments and she wanted to honor some people who stepped up to the plate to make sure that rental assistance was provided, that the citizens would not have been relocated if it had not been for these two organizations and invited Dr. Jonita Reynolds, CEO, Gulf Coast Community Services and Mr. Allen Schnur, CEO, Hot Ocean Properties, to join her at the podium; that Gulf Coast provided the assistance to all of the families they relocated to make sure there was three months of rent paid in advance and making sure they had furniture, and Council Member Adams presented Dr. Reynolds with a certificate, and Mr. Schnur, stated that everyone needed a second chance, and was willing to give residents of Crestmont a second chance and they moved onto Mr. Schnur's properties, and presented Mr. Schnur with a certificate, and they also had a family who said they could not work because they did not have transportation and Baker Jackson Nissan stepped up and assisted them with current transportation to get back and forth to work, they could not be present today but would present them with a certificate also. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Dr. Reynolds stated that the Crestmont Village project was definitely an opportunity to transition individuals so they could achieve the self sufficiency that everyone in Harris County and Houston deserved, so on behalf of the stake holders of Gulf Coast and her Board of Directors, they thanked them for the honor. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mr. Schnur stated that he was grateful and thanked Mayor Parker and Council Member Adams, that his company owned around 1,000 units and managed another 1,000 units, they were in the business of renting property for around \$10 to \$20 per day, so he was thankful to his partners, that it took a lot of work to take families who were stuck in a rut and in a place where they did not want to be living and putting them in an apartment complex, that he wanted to make sure they were not forgetting about a large portion of their community, that he had a saying, "everybody needed a place to live" and everyone needed a safe and healthy place to live. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Christi stated that this was another beautiful example of a caring City, if there were legitimate needs the business community, citizens and City Hall teamed together. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Dr. Reynolds and Mr. Schnur for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Council Member Adams asked Council Members Noriega and Cohen to join her at the podium, that they were the Chairs of her birthday bash and celebrated by giving money back to a non profit organization and asked the leadership of the Houston Area Woman's Center to join them at the podium and presented them with a check for \$6,159.00 and thanked them for letting them be a part of the Houston Area Woman's Center. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Sonia Corrales, Chief Program Officer, stated that on behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and their staff, she wanted to thank Council Member Adams for the amazing gift, and to Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Mayor Parker, that they felt incredibly luck to be a part of this community, that without the support of City Council they would not be able to carry out their mission of providing support to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Council Member

Hoang absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford recognized Council Member Gonzalez for the next presentation. Council Member Rodriguez.

Council Member Gonzalez invited Mr. Dennis Storemski and Mr. Tom Sorely to the podium and recognized Mr. Charles Thompson, Director of IT, who was also present and stated that Mr. Storemski served as the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the City of Houston and managed Houston's participation in all homeland security related grant programs, which had produced over \$200 million for City projects, including more than \$95 million for the 700 megahertz public safety radio system and Mr. Sorely served as Deputy Director of Houston Information Technology Services and had successfully led the City of Houston through the most successful, large scale, high performance, advanced radio system installation and implementation in the United States to date, and presented Mr. Storemski and Mr. Sorely with a proclamation and Mayor Parker stated that in addition to the work they did directly for the City of Houston both Chief Storemski and Mr. Sorely also represented the City at a number of other levels of government and in regional collaborative, they worked hard for Houston, but they worked hard to represent the region and were both engaged in making sure that the Country, as well, stayed safe into the future, therefore, she Annise D. Parker, hereby proclaimed today as Dennis Storemski Day in the City of Houston, and as Thomas E. Sorely Day in the City of Houston. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Sorely stated that this was a massive project that had gone on for almost 10 years, if they counted all of the planning, and he asked everyone from his team to be present and asked that they stand and be recognized, because they did the work, he was just the face, they had a lot of strong support from the Mayor's office and other people in other departments, they did over 50 small construction projects and they could not have done that without a vast number of people helping them. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Chief Storemski stated that he wanted to recognize his staff and asked that they stand, and stated that they did not take on an endeavor like this without team work and he had a great team, that dealing with grants, as most who had dealt with plants knew, was not an easy process, just the financial reporting and following guidelines was very difficult and they had some very good people who did that, that if they understood homeland security it was not about single projects, it was a strategic process about making sure they addressed the National priorities and National framework, and he had a tremendous staff who was able to work on those endeavors and put them in the position to be able to leverage the grant money to do projects like the radio system. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Members Noriega and Adams thanked Chief Storemski and Mr. Sorely for all their work and for their service to the City of Houston. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

At 2:17 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Laster for the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

The City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that yesterday Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, celebrated a birthday and Council Member Costello hit a specific birthday as well.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Mark Schiowitz at the end of the three minute agenda list, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. MOTION 2013-0531 ADOPTED.

Council Member Rodriguez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Cindy Santos, Ms. Lillian Villarreal, Ms. Tricia Pena and Mr. Jeff Canyon at the top of the three minute non agenda list, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. MOTION 2013-0532 ADOPTED.

Ms. Donna Shephered, 5119 Nett St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-480-9620) appeared and stated that she was present in support of Ms. Poissant's application for permitted parking, for the area adjacent to her house, on the west side of Roy Street, that the Esperanza Day Care was opposed, that according to the Parking Management Department the area was 100% utilized by Esperanza and she would ask that they review the City ordinance as it applied to parking for day care facilities.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-721-9080) appeared and stated that she was past President of the Washington Avenue Coalition, Memorial Park Super Neighborhood 22 and current Vice President of the Super Neighborhood Alliance and was present in support of all of the Residential Parking Permit applications on their agenda, Item No. 5 on tomorrow's agenda, that scarce public resources led to community conflict, the City's adoption of the Residential Permit Parking Program offered a means to eliminate or at least reduce conflict when certain criteria was satisfied, that the application for Roy Street represented an example of conflict in need of City intervention, the original application sought residential permit parking 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the parking official had recommended that residential permit parking be available there at night time only and that during the day there be no parking on the west side of the street, that this represented a reasonable compromise, that the only opponent to the application, at the hearing before the parking official, were representatives of a day care center, and they candidly stated that although they had onsite, off street parking, they did not use it because they preferred to use those parking spaces for programmatic activities, that the Parking Ordinance was recently amended to require spaces that were identified to satisfy the minimum off street parking requirements were used for parking and not for other business activities, that businesses that externalized their cost of operation by taking over right-of-way for parking and other activities adversely impacted not only the residents of the community, but also the City, the best example of this was that Ms. Poissant was not able to have her heavy trash picked up for weeks at a time, sometimes she could not have her weekly trash picked up because there were cars from the school parked next to her house.

Ms. Meg Poissant, 5102 Center St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-880-5553) appeared and presented information and stated that she was in support of the application, that she had been applying for five years, that her business was closed and she had lived in her house for 20 years, that all of the businesses and residents had agreed to it, no one was opposed except a day care that had 100 employees and used most of the City streets for their employees, because they used their parking areas for day care activities, that she had been denied City services because they parked over or on trash, the noise that did not end until 3:00 a.m. in the morning from the bars and started again at 6:00 a.m. because the operation of the day care parked next to her home, that it was not just a noise or quality of life issue, it was almost a civil

rights issue to be denied a space or spaces where things could be delivered to your home or where your friends could park to come and visit.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. West did a good job of talking about the changes the City had put into the Residential Permit Parking Ordinance and the Parking Ordinance in general to improve it and clearly the goal was to allow residents to have reasonable access to their own property, that off street parking was designed for off street parking, it was not designed for other things.

Mr. Dough Schamon 6451 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 33308 (954-308-8717) appeared and stated that he was the President and CEO of Intermedix, that they had an office at ParkTEN, they had been discussing EMS billing with the City of Houston since 2005, off and on with various executives of the City, that recently it came to their attention that a sole source contract was being proposed and that the current billing contract was canceled and terminated, that they were present to seek an opportunity for fair competition and submitted a proposal last Friday, an unsolicited proposal, to the City to consider, that it would save the City considerable funds in fees over the course of a four year contract, as well as projecting higher collections going forward, then the current projections, in addition to that they believed there were going to be significant challenges converging the accounts receivable from the existing vendor based on the experience that they had converting those same type of accounts receivable for the City of Philadelphia last year, so they thought their proposal was credible, this was a company that supported the Cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Denver, Chicago, Boston, Washington, DC, Atlanta, El Paso and on, they were certainly well respected across the Country, and in the latest procurement process that the City of Houston went through in 2011 with Mr. Alfred Moran and ARA, they narrowed it to two vendors after canceling an RFP process, and those two vendors were his company, Intermedix and ACS, the City decided at that time to move forward with ACS and now that they had canceled that contract they were hoping to have an opportunity to come in since they were the last vendor standing. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker stated she would take great exception to the way Mr. Schamon characterized the results of the last RFP process and that there were only two companies standing, that Intermedix, Digitech and ACS Xerox, were given a full analysis and they started from the results of that RFP process, they did some overview of what the market was today and moved forward with the second vendor recommended.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Rodriguez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Member Christi absent. MOTION 2013-0533 ADOPTED.

Mr. Schamon asked for a fair opportunity to submit a fair and final offer. Council Member Christi absent.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Brown moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Member Gonzalez absent. MOTION 2013-0534 ADOPTED.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council

Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0535 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster questioned Mr. Schamon at length. Council Member Noriega absent.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0536 ADOPTED.

Council Member Martin questioned Mr. Schamon at length. Council Members Burks and Noriega absent.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0537 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford made remarks relative to the time frame for consideration and questioned Mr. Schamon at length. Council Member Noriega absent.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0538 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green questioned Mr. Schamon at length. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a professional services contract so they did not necessarily have to go through any formal additional process; and Mr. Feldman stated that no they did not have to go through a bidding process, that he would add that in Dallas when they brought on Intermedix they did not go through an RFP and when Intermedix terminated and they brought in Digitech they did not go through an RFP either, that they saw it happening throughout the State, and Mayor Parker stated that they did not routinely bid professional services contracts, they did do Requests for Proposals so they could see which companies were available and that was why they defaulted to the qualifications that were submitted in 2011, not necessarily the bid that was submitted in 2011. Council Member Noriega absent.

Upon further discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Rodriguez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Doug Schamon, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0539 ADOPTED.

Council Member Rodriguez offered a statement and questioned Mr. Schamon at length. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as they all knew they were in litigation with the previous vendor and the City Attorney's office had reached out to every Council Member asking for the

opportunity, since they were not allowed to go into executive session in Council, for the opportunity to brief them on the legal aspects of the issues with the current vendor, so she would encourage Council Members who had questions along those lines to return the calls of the Legal Department. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. Mark Schiowitz,, 555 Pleasantville Rd, Ste. 110, Briarcliff Manor, New York, 10510 (914-403-8683) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was the CEO and founder of Digitech Computers, that they were committed and exclusively worked on ambulance claims, they were a billing service and a technology company, that he started the company in 1983 and was passionate about the new technology which featured companies like Microsoft, Apple and Dell, and directed that passion toward the ambulance industry, as his father had owned ambulances, so he had grown up with it and knew it very well, that over the next ten years he developed software to do call taking, billing, dispatch and reporting and sold that software to ambulance companies throughout the Country and they were regarded as a high level technology company, focused only on the ambulance industry, in 1994 they started a billing service, this was primarily because a number of their accounts, who liked their technology but did not want to do the billing, wanted them to do it for them, so over the next 10 years they grew that business organically, client by client, and today they had 110 employees and process \$400 million worth of claims and were unique in that they were the only company that he knew of that was both a technology company and a billing company for ambulance, which in his view was critical to the success of it, that at this point not being that seemed a little bit like a carpenter without tools, that he thought the whole formula of technology and billing service had yielded some incredible results, that in the City of Dallas, they took over for Intermedix, they were collecting \$12 million, they were now above \$19 million, in the City of Baltimore, a former ACS client, they were collecting under \$10 million, and they were currently at a \$15 million rate, and in the City of Memphis, which was an Intermedix client as well, they were collecting \$15.7 million, and they were now pushing \$20 million, and the same held true for Quinet and Johnson Counties, which were also both Intermedix clients, and for which they had improved collections tremendously, so overall he would say that their strength, and the reason that he thought they would do an excellent job for the City and increase collections substantially, was because first they were committed to ambulance, that he heard Mr. Schamon talk about the size of his company and he thought it was important to note that they were not just an ambulance billing company, they also did ER billing, which he thought was a significant portion of his business, that was all that they (Digitech) did, and thought they would do very well for the City and thought they would collect \$40 million or more and appreciated the opportunity. Council Member Noriega absent.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members, Council Member Hoang moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Mark Schiowitz, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Council Members Green and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0540 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Hoang, Mr. Feldman stated that Hire Houston First related to whether or not a preference was given to a given vendor in connection with a competitive procurement process, but if the question was would they be required to comply with all of their ordinances with respect to MWBE and all the requirements they imposed on contractors, the answer was absolutely "yes".

Upon further questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that this item was on Council's agenda last week, which meant that it came to the Council Members the Friday before, which was why she had been saying that Council Members had been aware of the item for 10 days, they actually had the opportunity to vote on it last week, and the item was tagged. Council Members Cohen, Hoang and Noriega absent.

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

Mr. Sean Larkin, 15 N. Pathfinders Circle, The Woodlands, Texas 77381 (281-795-1779) appeared and stated that he had a question concerning the Mayor's Executive Order, 1-17, concerning the City departments providing services in six different languages, including English, that he had not been able to find on the City's website clarification on whether it was structured as a requirement, such as what was done in Canada, in Quebec, or if it was giving City departments the option to provide these services, how was this going to be implemented. Council Members Cohen, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had begun a six month process where she had asked each City department what critical or emergency information they had that might be necessary to provide someone who did not speak English, they were at the same time going to determine which were the language groups that had the most critical need of that information, that it was not a requirement to translate everything and certainly had no intention of doing that, it was about the provision of emergency services. Council Members Cohen, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams asked if this would be one of those initiatives in case of a disaster when they had to send messages out, making sure that everyone in their various communities could have the knowledge, and Mayor Parker stated that was part of it, but as Council Members knew that in addition to having a large number of immigrants in Houston, they were host to a large number of refugees as well, which were populations with specific needs and often with severely limited English language skills who also needed to have assistance in how to navigate the City, how to access Health Department information, how to contact police and what information should be conveyed, to make it easier for them to do their jobs, that the Director of the Office of International Communities was present in the audience and could give him more information about it. Council Members Cohen, Hoang, Martin, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Ms. Cindy Santos, 3839 Canton Dr., Pearland, Texas 77584 (281-723-5503) appeared and stated that her husband, Foster Santos, had been a firefighter for 31 years for the City of Houston, that he had been working at Station No. 11 for 18 years on the rescue truck, that in November 2012, she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, had surgery in December and had to undergo treatment several months after the surgery, that Foster was able to be by her side the whole time, that he had applied for FMLA in order to help her through everything and she could not have done it without him, that he used several of his FMLA days and hours taking care of her after her surgery, driving her back and forth to her treatments and by just being there if she was not feeling well, that on the awful afternoon of May 31, 2013, Foster was one of the four firefighters who were injured in the Southwest Inn fire, in which four firefighters tragically perished, that he was attempting to rescue a second firefighter when a wall fell on his back air pack and knocked him to his knees, he was taken to the hospital with an injured knee and unable to return to work and do his job and was put on Workman's Comp, that this was a very difficult time for their family, shortly after they were surprised to get a certified letter from the City of Houston that stated that he was put on FMLA, that she did not understand how that could be possible, how could the City put him on FMLA when he was hurt in the line of duty doing his job and saving lives, that she thought that was what Workman's Comp was for, that he is now on FMLA for himself and for her, were all of his hours going to be used up, that she worried about his needing to use more hours for her and then he would not have any remaining in case he got hurt again, or what if he was out of work longer because of his injury, his hours would become obsolete, what if any of their two children become ill or hurt, although she understood Foster



being put on FMLA, without his consent, was something legal by the City of Houston, she did not believe that it was fair for him, or any injured firefighter, she felt this active policy needed to be changed or exemptions needed to be made, that they were blessed that Foster had been able to recently return to work, although he was still recovering physically and mentally, that she prayed that he would not be injured again or that she would not come out of remission, that she strongly supported the City of Houston firefighters and believed they were their heroes, the City of Houston should take care of their own and do what is fair for the firefighters and their families. Council Members Cohen, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez asked Mayor Parker what was happening with the policy, and Mayor Parker stated that she thought they had mistakenly focused on letters that had been going out routinely for several years and raised the allegation that they were somehow targeting firefighters, which was offensive on it's face, that these letters had gone out routinely to all City employees and there was a change in policy, she believed, three years ago, however, there was a tweak they could make to their Sick Leave Policy, to clarify, not change, to clarify that their policies were actually more lenient and more permissive than FMLA, they actually extend time for firefighters much farther than the Federal FMLA standards, but in order to nip this in the bud, she thought they were going to be bringing a small ordinance change to remove a sentence so they could clarify this, that again, the mistaken focus on these letters actually caused them to go back and see if they could make some clarifications in their ordinances and policies so this issue would not come back up again, that the letters would not stop going out, it was the policy of the City of Houston that they run concurrently and was the standard in almost every other big City she could name that they go concurrently, but their own internal leave policies offered more opportunity to their firefighters than FMLA would, so they considered it an immaterial issue, that she would be bringing an ordinance change to make clear to everyone that it was not intended to prevent someone from using accrued sick time to care for an ill family members, that she knew it was an issue that Council Member Rodriguez followed very closely. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Council Members Gonzalez, Laster and Burks thanked Mayor Parker for the feedback, that they looked forward to seeing the ordinance change, that they wanted to thank Ms. Santos for coming forward, and thanked those who were present in the audience in support of the families, that they continued to keep them and the entire Fire Department families in their prayers. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Ms. Lillian Gallegos Villarreal, 7602 Vista Verde, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-645-0409) appeared and stated that her husband, Johnny Villarreal, had been a firefighter for 30 years and thanked GOD that he was not injured, or worse, on that dreadful day, that herself being a three time Cancer survivor, she and Johnny could very easily be in the FMLA dilemma, that so many of his brothers and sisters were directly impacted by the May 31, 2013 fire, the four heroes who perished, and their families, paid the ultimate sacrifice, those who were injured continued to endure physical, mental and financial hardships as they bravely did the right thing, and selflessly served this great City, that she came before them to respectfully ask that the Mayor and Council do the right thing, not only for the firefighters, but for all City employees, it was unfortunate that the FMLA issue was again brought to light on the heels of what many described as the worst day in the history of HFD, that yes what the City was doing was legal, but was it the right way to treat their dedicated employees, that HFD did the right thing by running into a burning building, where they thought human lives were in danger, they did the right thing by trying to save both property and lives, that today they ask them to do the right thing, that Houston had many heroes who served the City and did the right thing, day in and day out, their firefighters, police officers, City workers who kept the City infrastructure functioning were all heroes, that HPD had also experienced great loss and debilitating injuries in the past, as she was sure had other City departments, as firefighters mourned their recent losses and the FMLA letter was received by the injured and the union and President Ray Hunt was interviewed by

Channel 11 and he said each time HPD contacted City leaders about similar FMLA decisions those decisions were always reversed, "so that their officers were treated fairly", he went on to say he expected the same consideration would be given to the brave men and women at the Houston Fire Department, that HPD said they made exceptions for them, why not make the same heart felt exceptions for HFD and all City workers who were injured while serving their great City, that May 31, 2013, was not an ordinary day, it was an exceptionally dreadful day, which calls for exceptional action by the Mayor and Council, that she asked them to learn from that fateful day and do the right thing for their injured firefighters and all the injured City employees. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not want to inadvertently give the wrong information, it was not their intention to change the policy where if FMLA was used concurrently and she appreciated that Ray Hunt publicly stated that they always worked with those who were injured in the line of duty to make sure that they were completely taken care of, and they treated firefighters exactly the same way, that she would point out that the letter from the union president never came to her, she was not on the address list, it went to Council Members and the media when it was originally offered, but what they were going to change was to clarify that banked sick leave could in fact be used in an FMLA fashion to address illness by family members, they were not going to reverse the policy, which again was National standard of the FMLA running concurrently with Workman's Comp. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated they were going to do what they could to make sure they tired to help get this situation to where it needed to be, and Council Member Rodriguez acknowledged that Mrs. Bebee was present in the audience and expressed condolences again to her family. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford asked if Mayor Parker was saying they would be offered an opportunity or the tweak would be to treat illness or due to injury in the same fashion, and Mayor Parker stated no, that on duty injury was still Workman's Comp under any circumstances. Council Members Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Ms. Tricia Pena, 7623 Buchanan, Richmond, Texas 77469 (832-863-5193) appeared and stated that she was the wife of a Houston Firefighter who worked at Station No. 51, and like the two ladies before her she wanted to talk to them about the current use of FMLA and Workman's Comp for HFD members who were out due to on the job injury, that she wanted to make sure that Mayor Parker and City Council and those watching at home fully understood what FMLA was, that the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, better known as FMLA, was a United States Federal Law requiring covered employers to provide employees job protected and unpaid leave for qualified medical and family reasons, that included personal or family illness, family military leave, pregnancy, adoption and foster care placement of a child, however, here was the most important part of the FMLA definition, that FMLA was intended to balance the demands of the workplace with the needs of the families, that Mayor Parker knew the needs of these families and knew the requirements of their jobs and knew there was not one firefighter who would not give their all, including their lives, for the City and the citizens of Houston, that she would end by asking one question, Mayor Parker was she balancing the demands of the workplace with the needs of the families. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Council Members Laster and Adams extended their condolences and thanked them and held them all in their continued prayers, that it took a lot of courage for all of the family members who stood up today, that they always took their employees very seriously, especially those on the front line. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Mr. Jeff Caynon, 1907 Freeman St., Houston, Texas 77009 (713-223-9166) appeared and stated that just for clarification, they sent an email to the Council and to the Mayor, they did not send it to the media, they sent it to their members and got calls from the media immediately, and thought at this point there had been ample time to fix it. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members Green, Rodriguez and Gonzalez, Mayor Parker stated that the proposed change was not going to do away with the current use of FMLA and Workman's Comp, nor was it to treat the firefighter benefit differently than civilian employees. Council Members Brown, Hoang, Martin and Noriega absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, 12000 M.L.K., No. 2059, Houston, Texas 77048 (713-264-0127) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Dominga Martin, 5434 Rock Springs Dr, La Porte, Texas 77571 (713-703-3004) appeared and stated she was present regarding the 15 dog attack on the Hispanic lady walking to the bus stop, she was walking down Lyons Avenue 6:00 a.m. to her job, that she was drug down the street and they were eating her, that she wanted them to think about that for a minute, should they have 15 dogs roaming loose in the streets in the inner City, that she understood the lady survived, but this should have never happened, that she understood that the City was going to start euthanizing dogs, that she did not believe that was the solution and was asking the City to do the right thing and handle it the right way, and wanted to ask the City what was the way they were correcting this. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Ms. Martin for voicing her concerns and wanted to hold them accountable as a City to make sure they were doing more, that BARC had embarked on a number of efforts to try to reduce the over population of animals, stray cats as well, so it was a multi prong approach, that one had been traditionally lack of funding directed towards it, they tried to increase that and tried to increase their spay and neuter rates as well, their adoption rates, there had been a large overhaul of BARC over the last few years and definitely thought it was heading in the right direction, that in terms of euthanasia they were still not fully a no kill City and partly it was because they had such a large volume, especially of dogs that came in on a daily basis, they just could not maintain that many dogs, some were ill and had a number of complex issues, but he guaranteed that BARC was working very hard and very near the area where the incident happened, that previous to that they had what they called a "beachhead operation" where they were aggressively doing spay and neuter and a number of other projects in that community and were looking to expand that model throughout the City once they developed it a little bit further, they had an upcoming event as well, that Mr. Newport was present in the Chamber and could give her a long list of things they were working on to try to address the issue. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Laura F. Richardson, 6404 Harmon, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-516-5621) - had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. William Beal, (homeless – no phone number) - had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Robert Sharman, 2202 Airline, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-331- 4827) - had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Lucille Cenegal, 3405 Los Angeles St., Houston, Texas 77026 (713-674-4349) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Steven Williams, (no address – no phone number) - had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Burks and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Wendemere, Houston, Texas 77018 (832-453-1900) appeared and stated that they had some property and the deed read as such, HCAD, Block 2, Lot 46, 47 and 48, that to him those were three different pieces of property, three lots, one block, that Mr. Beady wanted it to be one piece of property and that took on a different drainage percentage, that was point five drainage system, which on a house basically they had to put in a detention pond to build a house because it was three lots, it was equivalent to 1.44 acres, that they were only building on one lot, that he talked to Mr. Greer and he said to have the letter revised and they could explain to Mr. Beady and he could revise it, that he went to Mr. Beady and he said to show him that it was three different lots and not one piece of property, but one piece of property, when it was replatted was either a tract or a reserve, and he should know that, that they could not do it one way or another because Samuel Beady would not give a letter that said one piece of property. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he did not have any background information other than what he was saying, that he understood what he was saying, if it was viewed as one tract, how it could impact his detention requirements, that he needed to visit with Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works, and they needed to dig a little deeper to see if they could navigate through some of the issues. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA34511) had reserved 0time to speak, but wasnot present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford 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 they had knowledge of who he was, that he was present to demand that action be taken on his national crime victim case that was pending. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 4:11 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent due to being ill. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang, Martin, Rodriguez, Laster, Green, Noriega and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 7, 2013, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

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

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that before they started the business meeting she was glad to see Council Member Costello today, that they had missed him and knew he had a significant birthday, and Council Member Costello stated that he turned 60 last Monday, and Mayor Parker stated that they saluted him on that, and the woman to his left also had a birthday, it was not a multiple of ten, but at this point she felt that Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, thought that all of them were significant and they wanted to acknowledge her and presented Ms. Russell with a birthday card and a present, a plaque that said "Queen of Everything", and Ms. Russell stated thank you and that she appreciated the gift, and Mayor Parker stated there was a birthday cake in the back and hopefully her staff would allow her to partake a little of it. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Ms. Russell stated she had told the Mayor that she left early Monday, went home, and recharged for another year, and Mayor Parker asked Ms. Russell how long she had worked for the City of Houston, and Ms. Russell stated that in April it was 61 years. Council Members Davis and Adams absent.

Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to call the consent agenda. Council Member Davis absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 40**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 through 5

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **KIM KIMMEY**, to Position Six of the **ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2013 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0541 ADOPTED.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following to the **WATER ADJUSTMENT BOARD**, to serve three-year terms:  
Position One - **ALIA VINSON**  
Position Two - **MARTYE M. KENDRICK**  
Position Three - **ARTHUR JUAREZ**  
  
– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0542 ADOPTED.
3. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a three-year staggered term ending July 1, 2016:

Position A - **JUDI CARLSSON**  
Position D - **REV. MANSON B. JOHNSON, II**  
Position G - **FRANK JONES**  
Position J - **SAMUEL BURTON**  
At-Large Position No. 2 - **VIVIAN R. KING**  
At-Large Position No. 5 - **ERICA R. CONTRERAS**

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0543 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to serve as Municipal Court Associate Judges, for two-year terms:

**TERENCE J. ANDERSON**, appointment  
**ELISA L. CONTRERAS**, appointment  
**CHRISTOPHER T. GORE**, appointment  
**ROBERT H. JACKSON**, appointment  
**ANITA BRODERICK JAMES**, appointment  
**MARCELLOUS S. MCZEAL**, appointment  
**DARRYL E. SCOTT**, appointment  
**DANNY D. VU**, appointment  
**HEIDI L. WILLIAMS**, appointment  
**CHERYL R. BIAS**, reappointment  
**DAVID E. JENKINS**, reappointment  
**ANDREW A. LEWIS**, reappointment  
**BREE PERRIN**, reappointment

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0544 ADOPTED.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit area in the Super Neighborhoods of Medical Center, Neartown-Montrose and Washington Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0545 ADOPTED.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,883,275.98 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Astoria Boulevard Paving and Drainage Improvements 2.58% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0546 ADOPTED.

#### **DAMAGES** - NUMBER 7

7. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **MEMORIAL ESTATE BUILDERS, LLC** v. City of Houston; in the County Civil Court at Law No. Three of Harris County, Texas - \$100,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting

aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0547 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated they had affirmed an appointee to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, and did not believe Ms. Kim Kimmey was present; they had affirmed appointments to the new Water Adjustment Board for the City of Houston and asked that Ms. Alvia Vinson, Ms. Martye Kendrick and Mr. Arthur Juarez come forward to be recognized, and stated that the new board was the board of review for water bill adjustments, they changed their ordinance to allow this process and wanted to thank them for agreeing to serve, that at least initially she thought they might be pretty busy and hopefully over time that would level out.

Council Members Noriega, Rodriguez, Laster and Green congratulated the new appointees and thanked them for their willingness to serve the City of Houston, and Mayor Parker thanked them for their service.

Mayor Parker stated they had also affirmed the Council Member appointments to the Public Safety Advisory Committee and asked if any of the appointees were present and asked that they come forward to be recognized.

Council Member Brown thanked Ms. Judi Carlsson for volunteering on this very important position, who was a wonderful District A community leader. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated they had affirmed the appointment or reappointment of a number of Municipal Court Judges, and asked Judge Hartle to bring her judges forward. Council Member Noriega absent.

Judge Hartle invited Mr. Terence Anderson, Ms. Elisa Contreras, Mr. Christopher Gore, Mr. Robert Jackson, Ms. Anita Broderick James, Mr. Marcelleous McZeal, Mr. Darryl Scott, Mr. Danny Vu and Ms. Heidi Williams, and for reappointment Judge Bree Perrin to the podium and stated they had a collection of very qualified attorneys who were ready to serve the City of Houston as associate judges. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker thanked them for agreeing to service with the City of Houston, but also knew there were always a number of applicants for this positions and was a competitive process that they made their way through, so they obviously had good legal skills and made an impression on the selecting judges over there. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Members Hoang, Adams, Bradford and Burks congratulated the new and reappointed judges and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker thanked them for their service and to Judge Hartle stated that this was an outstanding group of judges and they looked forward to working with them over the next couple of years. Council Member Noriega absent.

Judge Hartle requested that their family members stand and be recognized for the amount of support that the judges had. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had in the Chamber Judge Willie Blackman as well who served them for a long time and was currently on the Houston Forensic Science Center Board and stated that it was good to see him as well.

Mayor Parker stated, in a point of privilege, that she did not realize that Ms. Russell's daughters were going to come to Council and recognized Ms. Janet Spencer and Ms. Linda

Loper.

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

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 9 through 15

9. **SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC** for purchase of Proofpoint Archiving Governance Enterprise Security Software and Support Services through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the Houston Information Technology Services \$623,657.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0548 ADOPTED.
12. **ESCAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCES TECHNOLOGIES, INC DBA THE SANS INSTITUTE** for purchase of User Licenses for Security Awareness Training - \$61,600.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0549 ADOPTED.
13. **WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC** for additional funding for FY2014 for Solid Waste Disposal Contract for the Solid Waste Management Department - \$500,000.00 - one year automatic renewal - General Fund - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Davis absent.
15. **KEY MAPS, INC** for Directories, Street Guides for Various Departments - \$318,863.00 - 3 years with two one-year options to extend - General, Fleet Management, Enterprise and other Funds - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Davis absent.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 16 through 40

16. ORDINANCE designating a contiguous geographic area within the City of Houston located southwest of the central City of Houston generally bounded by South Main Street on the north, McHard Road on the south, and Interstate 288 on the east as **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HIRAM CLARKE/FORT BEND ZONE)**, for Tax Increment Financing purposes pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code; creating a Board of Directors for such Zone; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a severability clause - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0708 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE designating the **CHEVRON U.S.A. INC REINVESTMENT ZONE** for Tax Abatement purposes Pursuant to Article IV of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0709 ADOPTED.
- 17a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **CHEVRON U.S.A. INC** for property located within the Chevron U.S.A. Inc Reinvestment Zone; granting a variance to certain requirements of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye.



Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0710 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a utility easement in the replat of Section 1-A Braeswood, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to 7200 Main Corporation, owner, in consideration of its conveyance to the City of Houston, Texas, of an access easement, payment to the City of \$300.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0711 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to an agreement between the City of Houston and **SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION** for Disaster Management Recovery and Consulting Services for the Solid Waste Management Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0712 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **ALLIED CONTAMINATION CONTROL AND PROTECTION, INC** for Pick Up Removal and Disposal of USDA Regulated Garbage Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 years with two one-year options \$943,460.41 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0713 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,430,410.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Keith Wiess Park Improvement; 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 materials testing, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0714 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 529 - DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0715 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0685, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **NATION WASTE, INC., A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0685 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
26. ORDINANCE No. 2013-686, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **CD SERVICES LLC DBA GENERAL SITE SERVICES, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye.

Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0686 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

27. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0687, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **DARLING INTERNATIONAL, INC., A Delaware Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0687 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
28. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0688, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **YC DISPOSAL, INC., A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0688 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
29. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0689, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **BCS RESOURCE, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0689 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
30. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0690, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING, INC, A Kansas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0690 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
31. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0691, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **OIL PATCH TRANSPORTATION, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0691 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
32. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0692, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **GERARDO BERMUDA DBA GREASE RECYCLERS CO-OP GREASE TRAP & SEPTIC, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND**

**READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0692 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

33. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0693, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **ARC ABATEMENT, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0693 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
34. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0694, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **JIANQI AN DBA GREENLAND WASTE COLLECTION, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0694 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
35. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0695, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **ECO WASTE AND RECYCLING, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0695 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
36. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0696, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **HILARIA DUARTE DBA EAGLE PRENTICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0696 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
37. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0697, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **EXPRESS DUMPSTER INC., A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0697 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
38. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0698, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **OMAR PATRICIA ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA O.P. ENTERPRISE WASTE SERVICES, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of

Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0698 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

39. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0699, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **TEXAS PRIDE SEPTIC, INC., A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0699 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
40. ORDINANCE No. 2013-0700, passed first reading July 31, 2013  
ORDINANCE granting to **G.I. ENVIRONMENTAL VACUUM SERVICE, INC., A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0700 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

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

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

8. **ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Rapid Diagnostic HIV Test Kits for the Department of Health and Human Services - \$1,001,601.00 - 3 years with two one-year options to extend Grant Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0550 ADOPTED.
10. **CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS** for purchase of a Verizon Data (Air Cards) Plan through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department - \$1,527,198.00 - General Fund - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis.
11. **QIAGEN INC** for purchase of Forensic Equipment, Supplies and Repair Services for the Houston Police Department - \$593,441.70 - 3 years with two one-year options to extend - Grant Funds – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis. (Note: Council Member Davis released his tag later in the meeting.)
14. **AT&T CORPORATION** for purchase of Telecommunication Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments - Through July 1, 2016 \$9,900,000.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Rodriguez.

**ORDINANCES**

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$348,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PAGE SOUTHERLAND PAGE, LLP** for a Master Plan for the Houston

Public Library – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0716 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$836,700.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Westside Trail; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and materials testing and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0717 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 41 through 43

41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 5 to an Air Show Agreement between the City of Houston and **COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE, INC** for Conducting Annual Air Shows at Ellington Airport - Revenue - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** – **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of July 31, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTIE)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0718 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,500,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation to three On-Call Professional Aviation Planning Consulting Services contracts between the City of Houston **HNTB CORPORATION, LEIGHFISHER, INC AND RICONDO & ASSOCIATES, INC** (Project Nos. 688A, 688B and 688C); amending Ordinance No. 2012-677 to increase the maximum contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I – RODRIGUEZ** – **(This was Item 21 on Agenda of July 31, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BURKS AND ADAMS)** - was presented.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor Parker stated that her understanding was that compliant arose from a previous contract or work and they could obviously give particular scrutiny to the company question on this particular contract, but she would ask OBO, Office of Business Opportunities, to go back and investigate if there were vendors unpaid from prior to any of them serving in the Chamber in this capacity, they had to figure that out, that it had nothing to do with this particular contract, that she would assign them, that there was no excuse for their not paying their subs, that in terms of meeting goals, the only thing she would say was that this was an on call contract, and like job order contracts, on call contracts and it depended on what broke and the subs may not actually get the work.

Council Member Davis asked at this point was there another option they could enforce with bad actor or actors on this contract, and Mr. Feldman stated they had a specific process under Chapter 15, if the evidence showed that a contractor was not acting in good faith, with respect to achieving an MWBE goal, action could be taken on the contract, and further that contractor could be debarred, but in order to accomplish that they had to be provided due process, so there was a very specific procedure in place to establish this and if in fact the evidence showed they were not acting in good faith, action could be taken; that OBO could act on it's own, and Mayor Parker stated that she would direct OBO to investigate, but obviously the subcontractors would have to cooperate in that investigation.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Noriega moved to postpone Item No. 42 for one week, seconded by Council Member Davis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Adams and

Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0551 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **DIGITECH COMPUTER, INC** for EMS Billing and Collection Fee Services - 4 years with four one-year renewal options – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of July 31, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADFORD AND RODRIGUEZ)** - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Cohen, Adams and Bradford, a vote was called on Item no. 43. Council Members Brown, Bradford and Laster voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0719 ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis stated that he would release his tag on Item No. 11.

11. **QIAGEN INC** for purchase of Forensic Equipment, Supplies and Repair Services for the Houston Police Department - \$593,441.70 - 3 years with two one-year options to extend - Grant Funds – was again before Council, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0552 ADOPTED.

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

Council Member Green stated that City Council voted yes for the passage of the long awaited TIRZ, that the increment from the TIRZ would allow the tax dollars to work on infrastructure projects and foster economic development for both Hiram Clarke and the Fort Bend/Houston areas; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez, Gonzalez and Burks absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez, Gonzalez and Burks absent.

Council Member Christi announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez, Gonzalez and Burks absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he had two students from Texas Southern University School of Public Affairs spend the summer as interns in his office and asked Ms. Leticia Williams and Mr. Damien Fatis Jones to stand and be recognized and thanked them for choosing his office to do their internship. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he had passed out a copy of a letter that he received from Mr. Mark Eichenbaum, City of Houston Housing Department, that he wanted every Council Member to read it and not do things that he did that caused a lot of consternation and quite a bit of heartburn at this present time, as it related to the State appropriation of tax credits used for low income housing, that this was a particular development that had every single person in the area against it because it placed an elementary school, that was already at 140% capacity, over capacity, it had no public transportation anywhere near it and was just not a good housing development, and read from the letter which said that each year the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs determined which jurisdictions had the two times State average of affordable housing units per capita, for the 2013 tax credit process, HDHCA determined that the City of Houston had the two times State average, thus the two time resolution requirement applied to all proposals located in the City, so when they passed it in front of Council they realized they did not have enough votes so they pulled it off of the agenda and it did not get placed on the agenda, what happened was that the developer still proceeded with going to the

State and trying to apply for Housing Tax Credits and the State then realized, just recently, that it's original two times per capita determinations were indeed wrong and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs concluded that the City of Houston did not have the two times State average of affordable housing units as they had previously determined, so therefore the resolution for support for not moving ahead with this project were basically thrown out and they evaluated the application and they then awarded the tax credits for the housing projects that 100% of the people in the area did not want, so once again the City was not aware of this issue, and he wanted to thank Mark for all of his hard work in doing this, and the reason why he pointed this out was as they moved forward next year with housing tax credit applications he thought they needed to vote on each and every one of them because it sends a message to the State and he had asked Mark and his group to make sure they were appraised and advised of the decisions made by the State regarding the two times per average capita and things of that nature. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Martin if it was appropriate to write to the State and inform them how unhappy the City was that they ignored the local sentiment in this issue, and Council Member Martin stated that would be a great suggestion and his office was already doing that and invited everyone to do so, that maybe they would draft a letter and have everyone sign it, and Mayor Parker asked if he would share his letter with her office they would draft one for the City as well, and asked who was the Senator for that area, and Council Member Martin stated that it was Senator Larry Taylor and State Representative John Davis, they were all in support of what they were doing, and Mayor Parker stated that she thought the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs needed to hear from all levels of government about that. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to congratulate Council Member Green and District K on the beginning of their new TIRZ; and thanked him for his help in making sure that Mr. Samuel Burton was nominated to the Public Safety Advisory Committee; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that Mr. Saoroth Keo, husband of Ms. Yani Rose Keo, Executive Director, Alliance for Multi Cultural Community Services in District J, passed away, and knew that Mayor Parker and the entire City Council sent condolences and best wishes to the family. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to salute Porras Bakery in the Denver Harbor Community, they were known for their delicious food and wonderful customer service; that he wanted to remind constituents that the Houston Bar Association offered a free legal hot line on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; that he wanted to express a special thank you to Mr. Ivan Marquez, Public Works and Engineering Department, that he worked with the District H team to help replace a dangerous pedestrian bridge near Providence Missionary Baptist Church in the Independence Heights Community; that he wanted to congratulate the Thorp Family on the birth of their new grandson, Joseph Elwood, who was born last Friday, that he knew Ms. Laura Thorp, Constituent Services Director for District H was beaming with pride and would be an excellent grandmother to Joseph; that he wanted to congratulate Council Member Green on the TIRZ, that hopefully it would be very productive and successful for many years to come. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that the American Leadership Forum Community Development Class, which included folks from the Greater East End area, were climbing a mountain and doing what ALF did so well, which built leadership, that Ms. Sherry Weesner, her Chief of Staff, was there and asked that she say hello to the Mayor and City Council from Bolz Eye Peak in Colorado, and Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Katy Tipton, Department of Neighborhoods, was also with them, and Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to

salute ALF, that she wanted to thank all of them for the effort they provided and wanted to congratulate them. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending; that she wanted to wish Ms. Russell a Happy Birthday; that she wanted to thank her interns, Ms. Brianna Cotton and Mr. James Johnson for always doing such a wonderful job in the District D Office; that many of them knew of the tragedy that occurred in the District D community where there were swimming deaths and three family members were lost, that it occurred often at the local bayous, and thanked Commissioner El Franco Lee for looking into their policies, they currently had no trespassing signs but she was puzzled because they were improving their bayous and asking people to visit their bayous and she was concerned and was asking to see if they could put no swimming or no fishing signs. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to shout out to Mr. Randy Bates, National President of Kappa Alpha Psi and thank him for bringing the men of Kappa to Houston for their convention. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the Kappa event was great, not just for bringing 15,000 brothers in and contributing to the economy, that they were building a Habitat for Humanity House, in addition to conducting a number of health fairs, their goal was not to join in their conclave but to give back to the community, so they were happy to have them; that she would point out that the 80th Annual Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses was in town as well and there was some great gospel music going on in Houston this week. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to wish a Happy Birthday to Ms. Mabel Smith, who would turn 100 years old. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:36 a.m. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks 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