

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 20, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Members Dave Martin, Oliver Pennington and Melissa Noriega absent on personal business.

At 1:47 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Gonzalez for the first presentation. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez invited Ms. Yumi Kanke and the other guests from the Japan America Society of Houston to the podium and stated that the students were present as part of an annual exchange program between Johnston Middle School and Chiba Middle School, that the City of Houston and Chiba had a Sister City relationship in place since 1972, that while in Houston the students learned about American culture, stayed with local host families and attended classes at Pin Oak and Johnston Middle Schools, that they were joined by Ms. Patsy Brown, Executive Director of JASH. Council Members Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Brown stated that they were pleased that they had been able to continue the exchange relationship for over 31 years, out of the 40 years that they had been Sister Cities with Chiba, that the international exchange programs based on grassroots activities provided a very unique opportunity for those involved to share their cultures and learn about different cultures, the educational value and enrichment the experience brought was invaluable and had lasting positive influence and sighting interest in international relations, particularly US and Japan relations. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he had the privilege and honor of visit Chiba in March and it was an amazing City and Country and he really enjoyed the hospitality. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker thanked Council Member Gonzalez for helping present the certificates and stated that they had a very robust relationship with their Sister City of Chiba, but one of the things that had sustained the relationship had been the student exchanges over the years, that when she was in high school and college her family was a host family for Japanese exchange students, she found it a tremendously enriching experience, that she did not get to experience Japan, but certainly appreciated having Japan represented at their dining table and the opportunity to share information about their cultures, and offered greetings on behalf of the City of Houston, and therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, hereby proclaimed today as Chiba Sister City Exchange Program Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Yumi presented Mayor Parker with a gift from Mayor Toshihito Kumagai, Chiba City, Japan. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez presented a certificate to Ms. Yumi Kanke, Teacher Chaperone,

for the exchange students from Japan, Ms. Chinami Hirano, Ms. Rina Tamaki, Mr. Takashi Komatsubara, Mr. Daisuke Tarusawa and Hiroki Sakamoto, a Rotary exchange student from Chiba. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Burks and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Christi stated that he had been in Tokyo when he was on the State Board of Education and visited the middle school and hoped that they gave to the American students the passion for learning and hard work. Council Members Brown, Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker invited the Wolves Against Hunger of Saint Francis Episcopal Day School to the podium for the next presentation, Ms. Debbie Harris, Science Department Chair and some of her students, and stated that she found out about the program at the Saint Francis Episcopal Day School a couple of months ago and wanted the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work that they did, that the Wolves Against Hunger, Saint Francis Episcopal Day School, won the National Lead2Feed Contest, sponsored by USA Today, Young Brands and Lift a Life Foundation, with it's effort to fight global hunger and creating leadership skills for the future, that Wolves Against Hunger of Saint Francis Episcopal Day School were awarded \$25,000 and they presented the money to Kids Meals, a local Houston Charity, which provides 1,700 lunches each day to impoverished young Houstonians, that Wolves Against Hunger, Saint Francis Episcopal Day School, partnered with KLI School of Meerut, India, to work collaboratively on global hunger by collecting canned food, making lunches for impoverished children, creating gardens to give fresh produce to local food banks and sharing research and videos made by the students, and therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed August 20, 2013 as Wolves Against Hunger, Program of the Saint Francis Episcopal Day School Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Harris thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council and stated that the entire student body took on the project of researching hunger, that they were sad to find out that one in six children in Houston went hungry every day, they partnered with Kids Meals, the only meals on wheels that fed children, they did can food drives and established a garden because the food banks of Houston lacked fresh produce, they partnered a school in India and everything that they did they asked the students in India to do, they exchanged data, and at the very end they created an unbelievable video that brought tears to everyone, they entered a contest that was sponsored by USA Today and Yum! Brands Foods, that 1,500 schools around the Nation entered the contest, and this was a group of middle school students and they won first place, the prize was \$25,000, at the end of May they presented a check to Ms. Ruth Zomalt-Burrell and Kids Meals, that was 20,000 meals that children of Houston would now have, and introduced Ms. Holly Plost, Technology Instructor who was their coach and had helped them create the product, and students Mr. Taylor Bowers, Mr. Charles Moreton, Ms. Miranda Slaton and Ms. McKenna Dishongh. Council Members Davis and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Christi and Burks congratulated the Ms. Harris and the students and thanked them for all they were doing. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Mayor Parker for the next presentation. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that thanks to the great support of their corporate sponsors, the procuring and stuffing of multiple backpacks, they had been able to support not just her back to school fest, but also the work of Council Members in the community, that she wanted to thank the corporate sponsors for the 2013 Back to School Fest, that they had done it for the past three years and started at the George R. Brown Convention Center and last year it was at Reliant and this year they were at the University of Houston and hoped they had found a new permanent

home because the partnership with the University showed that they were not just preparing children for one school year, they were working to prepare them for a lifetime of education, that they could not do it without hundreds of volunteers or the dollars from their corporate underwriters who helped secure the backpacks and the supplies, that they had dozens of organizations presented to the back to school fest and did everything from immunizations to vision screenings, dental health, uniform vouchers, and on and on, but all designed to make sure that every child in Houston started that first day of school well prepared, and thanked The University of Houston and Dr. Renu Khator, Ms. Glenda Regenbaum, Executive Vice President, First Service Residential Texas, who had helped underwrite the program each year and could not be present today, Director Katy Tipton, Department of Neighborhoods, Mr. Nelson Espitia, Division Manager, Department of Neighborhoods, Mayor's Office of Special Events, Ms. Susan Christian, Kroger, and Shell Oil and Motiva Enterprises, partners in the effort.

At 2:10 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Gonzalez invited Dr. Terry Leon Preston, II, Pastor, Yale Street Baptist Church, for the invocation and Council Member Gonzalez led all in the pledge. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:12 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business.

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

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Burks for a procedural motion.

Council Member Burks moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Tomaro Bell at the top of the three minute non agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0570 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Carlos Doroteo to the three minute non agenda speakers list following Ms. Tomaro Bell, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0571 ADOPTED.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to recognize former Council Member Brenda Stardig, who had been present in the audience, but thought that she had left and wanted to say hello to his former colleague.

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.

Mr. Shannon Foshee, 13110 Indianapolis, Houston, Texas 77015 (832-907-6426) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) appeared and stated that she was present on Chapter 9, that yesterday Council Member Costello came to a super neighborhood meeting and let them know where they were on Chapter 9, that he brought up some changes they were looking at, a fee in lieu of detention, that they had a deep concern about a paragraph in Chapter 9 which said if a developer came in and built a property on an

adjacent property, next to a residence or other structure, that they could not elevate their property and cause flooding on the other side, there was nothing about enforcement, about sanctions if they did that, that it was happening in Montrose, Heights, Fourth Ward and Third Ward, there needed to be some kind of ordinance to go along with this and say what the sanctions were going to be if they violated, that someone from PWE called to see what she was going to talk about on Chapter 9, because he said that if PWE noted it and they build it they could make them tear it down, they needed to see some teeth, not just words put in an ordinance, they did not have enough staff to go around and look at everybody and make sure they did what they were supposed to do or make sure when it was finished that they did, that she was extremely disappointed and concerned about Little Audrey's Place on Southmore, that it needed to be dealt with, that she wanted to make sure that she noted that the place had federal monies waiting for it, that it was needed.

Mayor Parker stated that the Little Audrey's issue, there was federal money that was waiting, but they had to do certain things, which they had not done and did not appear capable of doing and she had shared that with the Congresswoman for the area and they were working with them, but they had not met the standards and they had to figure out what they did going forward, they recognize the need, but were not going to put money in a place that could not handle the federal requirements.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members Brown, Green and Costello, Council Member Green stated that he was hearing that there was a meeting whereby changes to Chapter 9 were discussed with the community and he asked if Council had an opportunity to look at it and Mayor Parker stated that it was going to Council Member Noriega committee at the appropriate time, and Council Member Costello stated that they would have a committee meeting long before it came before Council for adoption, that they did not get to adopt the criteria, it was a design manual, but they would have ample time for comments during the committee meeting, and Council Member Green asked if he could send it out concurrently to Council Members so when they started getting phone calls from the super neighborhoods with regard to what was going on and the recommendations so they would have an opportunity to respond other than waiting for the actual hearing, that this was the first he was hearing of this, and Council Member Costello stated that the only issue that was outstanding was the fee in lieu of for individual lots, that he would be happy to provide it to Council Member Green.

Mayor Parker stated that they did have the public hearing process, the document was publicly available, this was a request for an amendment, which the administration had not adopted, they were trying to be as transparent as they could, that they posted the document on the City's website for all to see, and Council Member Costello stated that this process had been going on for about 18 months, and the last draft was on Public Works website, they had not presented it formally to the committee and Council because there were one or two other issues they wanted to do to the draft to make sure that what they all saw was the draft.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Tomaro Bell, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0572 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that nothing had changed, that was the document as it was, this was a new issue that had come up, it had been discussed with the Super Neighborhoods and they were trying to start from the neighborhoods and bring it up rather than from the top down, that it would go to Council Member Noriega's committee, that they did not have a date, and Council Member Costello stated that they were still waiting on some responses from the neighborhood group and hoped to have something where they would give everyone about a thirty day review period before they had the committee meeting.

After further discussion by Council Members Adams and Costello, Council Member Costello moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Tomaro Bell, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Gonzalez and Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0573 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Costello and Green, Council Member Green asked if he was hearing that the manual for the most part took care of what they needed, they just did not have the resources or the manpower to actually implement or to monitor, and Council Member Costello stated that was the concern of the community, that they did a lot of development in the City of Houston and on occasions they did have those problems. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as long as Council Members understood these were meetings between a Council Member and members of the Super Neighborhood Council, just as any Council Member could have meetings, that the official City position had not changed, it was on the website, but because of neighborhood interest there were still a lot of conversations going on and if there was a concrete proposal they would share it immediately with all Council Members. Council Member Davis absent.

After further discussion by Council Member Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that she misspoke, it was a public comment period, there was a formal public comment period afterward and there was testimony given. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Tomaro Bell, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2013-0574 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Bradford and Burks, Council Member Brown moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Christina Walsh to the three minute non agenda speakers list following Mr. Carlos Doroteo, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0575 ADOPTED.

Mr. Carlos Doroteo appeared, passed out a handout and stated that he used to work for City Council and had worked at the State Legislature and was present to bring to their attention an organization that he had started, along with other citizens of Houston called "Citizens Empowered", that it was about trying to empower people and trying to perfect this thing called "democracy", that about a year ago they thought about ways they could do so they came to them today with ten policy proposals that tried to achieve that, try to maximize citizens participation and reviewed a document titled "Declaration to Perfect Our Democracy", a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's office for review. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Ms. Christina Walsh appeared and stated that at this particular time the presentations regarding Chapter 9 had been in one direction, the public had submitted comments but they had not received feedback on the comments, that they were hoping that at some time there would be an exchange, that she would tell them two top concerns, one, if they were going to build a street and put detention, while they were in there it was more economical to go ahead and put in five year service instead of two year service, second, regarding grandfathering, there was an understanding that grandfathering was going away. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Council Member Brown moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Christina Walsh, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Adams and Burks absent. MOTION 2013-0576 ADOPTED.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Green, Bradford and Costello, Mayor Parker stated that to clarify there was no public hearing requirement, they had a public comment period, and it was something that would be adopted by Public Works and she would sign off on, they were keeping the process open because there was still a fairly robust dialog, they were not trying to surprise anybody, it would come to a full Council committee for a vetting of the issues. Council Members Adams and Burks absent.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry Ln, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) appeared and reviewed a handout which he had passed out to the Council Members regarding existing storm water drainage in the subdivision and swales behind the properties, that both the Mayor and Public Works had acknowledged these drainage swales, that the only drainage ditches were the swales, that the City was using a 1970 building code to illegally acquire uniform storm water drainage in it's older neighborhoods. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Christi absent.

Council Member Laster stated that Mr. Cieslewicz had come to City Council many times and asked Mayor Parker if the City was meeting with him on this particular issue and what was the City's approach to this ongoing question about the drainage in his neighborhood, there appeared to be significant differences of opinion, and in talking with some other folks believed that there may be something to the claim. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, stated that they had responded to Mr. Cieslewicz on a number of occasions, laid out their position, and they disagreed with him, that the swale he was referring to was not a drainage easement, it was back to front drainage, curb and gutter, they had a disagreement and staff members had visited with him and communicated in writing, that he did not know what else they could do, that they felt very good about their position and disagreed with his statement that this was a drainage easement, the documents referred to a communal waste, that would seem to imply that was a sanitary issue, and Council Member Laster asked if it was possible that even though the official documentation on the swale could have actually had a drainage use possible, and Mr. Heilman stated that anything was possible, and Council Member Laster asked if the neighborhood relied on that drainage use purpose over a number of years, without it being a specific dedication, and Mr. Heilman stated that he did not know, and Council Member Laster asked if those things were possible if they changed the nature and use of the swale they might be changing the nature and use of the drainage purposes of which the neighborhood relied, was that possible, and he asked the question because this gentleman came to Council month after month and it seemed to him that there seemed to be something more than just a legal question, there seemed to be some issues in the neighborhood about drainage, and asked Mr. Cieslewicz if the City had met with him in relationship to the drainage issues from a neighborhood perspective or was it just himself. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Cieslewicz stated that it happened three years ago, he talked to a City inspector over the phone, and he said that all over the City this was happening, they were required to have back to front drainage, which the City could not prove, that he had applied for open records, if the City had proof that Oak Forest Section One was built with back to front drainage, they had no records, and Council Member Laster asked if his property was flooding now, and Mr. Cieslewicz stated no, they had not had a good rain in over three years, and the last big flood

they had was the day after Ike, and Council Member Laster asked Mr. Cieslewicz ultimately what would he like to have the City do, and Mr. Cieslewicz stated that he would like to have storm water drainage, but they could basically run an underground pipe, and Council Member Laster asked if his neighborhood was flooding because of some change that the City had made, and Mr. Cieslewicz stated that it flooded six weeks ago and he gave a flood map to everybody, and Council Member Laster asked if there were other neighbors in the neighborhood who had issues with this, and Mr. Cieslewicz stated that most of his neighbors did. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Burks and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that the first time Mr. Cieslewicz came to Council she asked for an individual briefing by Public Works with the engineers, they had sent multiple teams of staff out there, that Council Member Laster was probably correct, it may have been used for drainage at one time, whether it was developed as drainage was different, that she had not nor was she aware of any other communications from anybody else in that neighborhood, that she had not heard from anyone else, and Council Member Laster asked if the City had done something physically in that neighborhood that changed the drainage scope and if so what were they doing to fix it, and Mayor Parker stated no, but there was some new development that had occurred in the neighborhood, that if he was interested please allow her to send the Public Works folks to visit with him. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Christi absent.

Mayor Parker stated to Mr. Cieslewicz that they were going to try to bring Council Member Laster up to speed on his issue. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Christi absent.

Ms. Josephine Pierce, 1438 Alabama, Houston, Texas 77006 (no phone) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez and Christi absent.

Mr. John Mitchell, 3525 Sage Rd., Houston, Texas 77056 (713-280-9531) appeared, presented information, and stated that he wanted to do a concert, that he was a product of inner City youth, that he started to do the planning when he was in college and joined a fraternity, that once he got older he did it for profit and it turned out very well, that he reached a stage in his life where philanthropy had become big to him, that he was present because he thought the City was the best partner for this project, that they would like to give away tickets to thousands of youth. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks asked what type of support did Mr. Mitchell need from the City of Houston, and Mr. Mitchell stated that access, that he wanted the City to partner with him on this event. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green stated that there was an Arts Alliance Board that provided grants and did programming for arts so that would be an application process, if a particular department had an interest in a program or event that Mr. Mitchell was doing then that department would partner with him to do that, that they could try to point him in the right direction. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Andrew Dobbs, 3100 Richmond Ave., Houston, Texas 77098 (713-337-4196) appeared, distributed information, and stated that he was the new Director with Texas Campaign for the Environment, that he was present to talk about the One Bin For All Proposal, that the request for qualifications on this proposal came to a close on Thursday, August 22, 2013, and they had ongoing concerns about it and some suggestions on what they thought would be a better path for the sake of the environment, and reviewed the letter that he had handed out. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Christi, Mr. Dobbs stated that incineration technology was very significant, not just in terms of the air pollution problems and the fact that they reopened the loop, so they had to keep drawing new raw materials rather than closing the loop to recycling, that they could get there by extend curbside recycling to everybody and that was what they wanted. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he thought One Bin For All was separation and recycling, and Mayor Parker stated among other things, it was commoditizing the entire waste stream and instead of what they did today, which was a human being made a decision on what to separate, that it was a more of an automated process, that what she would encourage Council Members to remember was that they were in the RFP process, they did not know what the proposals would be, they did not know whether they would have a proposal come forward that they would accept, that Mr. Dobbs had raised an issue that may or may not be relevant. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time, consistent of his official national crime victim global case, and continued voicing his opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

At 3:15 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Hoang, Rodriguez and Burks absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 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., C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Members Oliver Pennington and Melissa Noriega absent on personal business.

At 8:30 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order, and stated that Council Member Noriega would be absent today, family issues, and they wished her well with that. Council Member Davis absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 28**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 and 1-1

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO (also known as the MIDTOWN ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire December 31, 2014:
  - Position Three - **ROBERT D. SELLINGSLOH**, reappointment, and to serve as Chair
  - Position Four - **PAMELA NGO TRANPARK**, reappointment
  - Position Five - **HAROLD A. ("AL") ODOM, III**, appointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent

on personal business. MOTION 2013-0577 ADOPTED.

- 1-1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire December 31, 2014:

Position Three - **ROBERT D. SELLINGSLOH**, reappointment, and to serve as Chair  
Position Four - **PAMELA NGO TRANPARK**, reappointment  
Position Five - **HAROLD A. ("AL") ODOM, III**, appointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0578 ADOPTED.

### **PROPERTY - NUMBER 2**

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department that City Council declare surplus and authorize the sealed bid sale of 2.320 acres of real property, Parcel SY11-045 in the Sylvester Murphy League, A-53, Harris County, Texas, determining a public need for a larger fire station site, and authorizing the acceptance of a larger site with certain characteristics **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0579 ADOPTED.

### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 5A**

3. **AMERICAN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING, INC** for purchase of Van equipped with a Mobile X-Ray Imaging System from General Services Administration Schedule 84 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Police Department - \$694,231.00 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0580 ADOPTED.
4. **AMEND MOTION #2009-940, 12/29/09, TO INCREASE** spending authority for Chemical, Liquid Calcium Nitrate for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES, CORP** - \$461,825.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0581 ADOPTED.
5. ORDINANCE awarding a contract to **MCLEMORE BUILDING MAINTENANCE, INC** for Janitorial Cleaning and Associated Services for the Houston Police Department managed by the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 years with two one year options \$7,916,961.62 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0739 ADOPTED.
- 5a. **MCLEMORE BUILDING MAINTENANCE, INC** for emergency spending authority for ongoing and required Janitorial Cleaning and Associated Services for Various Departments - \$831,435.00 General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0582 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had confirmed nominations for members of Reinvestment Zone Number Two and asked if any board members were present in the audience, and seeing none stated that they would proceed with the agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 6 through 28

6. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of **ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER, LLC** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a Texas State Enterprise Zone Project - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2013-0040 ADOPTED.
7. ORDINANCE authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue City of Houston, Texas Tax And Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013Q; authorizing the finance working group to proceed with all matters related to the issuance and sale of such certificates; approving or declaring other matters incidental to the issuance and sale of such certificates; making findings and provisions related thereto; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0740 ADOPTED.
8. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of City of Houston, Texas Airport System Special Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (United Airlines, Inc. Terminal E Project), Series 2013 (AMT) and providing for the security thereof; approving the form and substance of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a First Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Purchase Contract and related transaction documents; approving the use of a Preliminary Official Statement and the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the Refunding and Redemption of certain Outstanding Bonds; authorizing Engagement Letters and other related matters; making certain findings with respect to such refunding bonds; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0741 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of a U. S. Department of Transportation FY13 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance High Priority Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0742 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$315,000.00 out of Park & Recreation Dedication Fund; approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** for the Construction of Improvements to Mandell Park - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
14. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2007-821 (Approved on July 11, 2007) to increase the maximum contract amount and approving and authorizing the second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION** for Codification Services for the City Code for the Legal Department - \$100,000.00 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0743 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,400,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund for the Bayou Greenway 2020 Initiative - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0744 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,000,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Professional Services/Products Supporting the Clinical Management Information Systems Project for the City of Houston Health & Human Services Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0745 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2010-140 (Approved February 17, 2010) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INC** for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department \$238,000.00 - BARC Special Revenue Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0746 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$403,531.00 out of the Fire Consolidate Construction Fund; approving and authorizing a purchase and sale agreement between **KECH I LIMITED**, seller, and the City of Houston, Texas, purchaser, for 2.5 acres of land and an easement in Montgomery County, Texas, for the future development of a fire station - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0747 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$55,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HARRISON KORNBERG ARCHITECTS, LLC** for Gregory School Row Houses Restoration - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0748 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY** for Water Resource Investigation and Monitoring \$888,950.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0749 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 530** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0750 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 531** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0751 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 70.22 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 449**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0752 ADOPTED.

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

Council Member Green stated that they had squared Item No. 4 earlier and it was not called, and Mayor Parker stated that they needed to speak up when Ms. Russell called the list, they could always add at the last minute, they had passed the item, and asked if there was information that Council Member Green needed and Council Member Green stated that there was information that he needed from the airport, and Mayor Parker stated that they would take care of that.

9. ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Houston to enter into contracts with the State of Texas, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, for the administration of a **TEXAS HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM (“HHSP”)**; authorizing the acceptance of \$1,423,646.00 from the HHSP pursuant to the aforementioned contracts – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Adams a vote was called on Item No. 9. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0753 ADOPTED.

10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **MCKINSEY & CO., INC WASHINGTON, D.C. (“CONSULTANT”)** for Citywide Procurement and Procure-To-Pay Process Improvement Consulting Services; appropriating \$1,500,000.00 out of General Fund Fund Balance, to be advanced if necessary for payment of consulting fees which will be reimbursed by savings actually realized as a result of consultant’s services under the agreement - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0754 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,558,735.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the Construction Management at Risk Agreement between the City of Houston and **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Terminal D Phase IIB Refresh of Ramp Areas and FIDS Upgrade at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 500N; Contract No. 4600010038); providing funding for The Civic Art Program \$1,308,762.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis.
15. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2010-992 (passed by City Council on December 1, 2010) to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to agreements between the City of Houston and **A-1 PERSONNEL OF HOUSTON INC, AT WORK STAFFING, INC, SUCCESSOR TO ALSO TEMPS, INC, BERGAILA & ASSOCIATES, INC, EXECUTEAM STAFFING, L.P., LANE STAFFING, INC, SILVER & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING, INC, TOPP KNOTCH PERSONNEL, INC, OBJECTWIN TECHNOLOGY, INC, PRECISION TASK GROUP, INC, AND S&R PROFESSIONALS, L.P.** for Temporary Employee Staffing Services and Information Technology Staffing Resources \$13,200,000.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0755 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 600 block of East 19th Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0756 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1800 block of Summer Street within the City of Houston as a special building line requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0757 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1800 block of Summer Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0758 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Rehabilitation or Replacement of Windfern Road Bridge at Cole Creek - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0759 ADOPTED.

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 29

**MISCELLANEOUS**

29. RECEIVE nominations for Positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the **HOUSTON CLEAN CITY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2015 – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that if there were no objections they would move to receive nominations by position, that they could present them in writing without a second, or if they were not available in writing with a second by their colleagues.

Council Member Brown stated that she would nominate Monica Glaze for Position A of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Davis stated that he would nominate Edna Griggs for appointment to Position B of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Cohen stated that she would nominate Ben Proler for appointment to Position C of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Adams stated that she would nominate Charles Cave for appointment to Position D of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Martin stated that he would nominate Frank Weary for appointment to Position E of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Hoang stated that he would nominate Razi Asaduddin for appointment to Position F of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Costello stated that on behalf of Council Member Pennington he would nominate Nancy Rutherford for appointment to Position G of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would nominate Anna Gonzales for appointment to Position H of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would nominate Ramiro Fonseca for appointment to Position I of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Laster stated that he would nominate Charmaine LeBlanc for appointment to Position J of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Green stated that he would nominate Becky Edmondson for appointment to Position K of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Costello stated that he would nominate Jan rose for appointment to At-Large 1 Position of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Burks stated that he would nominate Juan A. Sorto for appointment to At-Large 2 Position of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that on behalf of Council Member Noriega he would nominate Steven Parker for appointment to At-Large 3 Position of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would nominate Noah Rattler for appointment to At-Large 4 Position of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would nominate Ally Smith for appointment to At-Large 5 Position of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, and Mayor Parker stated that she had received a written nomination.

Council Member Bradford moved to close nominations for Positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and At-Large Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0583 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 30 through 33

30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,206,005.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for the purchase of Various Types and Sizes of Pumps for the Department Public Works and Engineering - \$390,203.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Items 6 on Agenda of August 14, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** -

was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0760 ADOPTED.

- 30a. MOTION by Council Member Pennington/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **HAHN EQUIPMENT CO., INC** - \$457,958.00, **KSB, INC** - \$202,815.00, **JERSEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY OF HOUSTON, INC** - \$186,989.00, **GLOBE ELECTRIC CO., INC** - \$129,560.00, **HARTWELL ENVIRONMENTAL, CORP.** - \$78,400.00, **JDC FLUID EQUIPMENT LLC** - \$78,684.00, **PUMPS AND EQUIPMENT OF TEXAS, INC** - \$225,928.00 and **PUMP SOLUTIONS, INC** - \$70,250.00 for purchase of Various Types/Sizes of Pumps and Related Equipment for the Department Public Works and Engineering - \$1,596,208.00 - \$390,203.00 - Enterprise Funds – **(This was Items 6A on Agenda of August 14, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0584 ADOPTED.
31. RESOLUTION authorizing a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program) – **(This was Item 8 on Agenda of August 14, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2013-0041 ADOPTED.
32. RESOLUTION authorizing a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program) – **(This was Item 9 on Agenda of August 14, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0042 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTIONS 14-220, 14-224, and 14-229 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES**; relating to sick leave; providing for severability – **(This was Item 11 on Agenda of August 14, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0761 ADOPTED.

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

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

Council Member Christi that Hermann Park would be celebrating a hundred years next year and he and Council Member Adams cut the ribbon, helped dig the hole for the Grand Gateway, and the Houston Parks and Recreation, the Conservatory for Hermann Park and very giving citizens, that it would be a sight to behold on Main Street, coming into Hermann Park. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that he was going to speak about senior citizens, that he had, for a long time, been a proponent and supporter of senior citizens, especially those on fixed incomes and disabled, that recently he had been given some staggering numbers in one constable's precinct that foreclosures on senior citizens, inside the 610 Loop, was up 40%, people were losing their homes due to the fact of rising property taxes, they could not afford to pay them, that something needed to be done about that, that he knew the Planning Department was trying to explain to citizens about Chapter 42, but this was an important call that he was making, he was asking the citizens of Houston to pay attention and get involved in what was going on in the change of their neighborhood that would happen in 2015 for the rest of the City,

that it was important that they either opt in with their deed restrictions, if they did not have deed restrictions there was a process they could go through, that because of the situation where people thought they could be exempted and when they passed away they did not have to worry about paying taxes, that was a myth, and the people of Houston needed to know exactly, that he asked on Council how would they notify people about the changes that would happen, it was important that citizens of Houston get involved and go to the meetings and ask questions and understand, because he wanted it to be known that he was concerned and raised the voice of speaking out for them and making sure that they understand that they had to keep their home that they had worked so hard to pay for. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that for the most part in the Houston area the ISDs would resume school on Monday, August 26, 2013 and he would say to the motorists to pay attention to the school zones and stop texting, in some of the jurisdictions that was illegal anyway, but they should stop texting, get off of the cell phones and pay attention to what was going on in the school zones to help protect the students, teachers, faculty and staff who were doing the best they could do to insure the safety of their children in and around the schools, and to the law enforcement officers out there get engaged, particularly around the schools, they knew that the first two to three weeks extra law enforcement efforts were needed just to get people back in the trend, and to the school bus drivers, pay attention to what they were doing, be mindful that there were motorists out there that were not going to be attentive when they let the little boys and girls off of the school buses, so pay attention and do what they could to make sure they could kick off their school session for 2013 in a way that was safe. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to thank the owners, proprietors and hard workers at Omelet and Waffle, a little mom and pop shop on Beechnut, located between Gessner and Southwest Freeway, for the Council breakfast this morning. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker, Parks and Recreation Department and the Legal Department for their hard work that was put into reaching a settlement with the developer responsible for the devastating destruction that occurred at Woodland Park in early June, that he looked forward to joining the Friends of Woodland Park and the community in crafting a plan of action and making sure that all terms of the settlement were met; that he wanted to thank the Houston Fire Department Rescue Command Unit, D Shift, Chief Robert Branch, Senior Captain Keith Bogdat and Firefighter George Kudelka, who were extremely helpful last week when one of their staff members, out doing Council work, found themselves stuck inside a ditch while driving in the community, that fortunately it happened in front of Rescue Command's Historic Building, Old Station No. 15 and the team was able to help; that he wanted to thank the Houston Fire Department, yesterday they were dispatched to a fire in the 200 Block of Cavalcade at Charmin, District H, and upon arrival the house was heavily engulfed in fire and smoke and firefighters changed to a defensive attack on the fire within five minutes after their arrival, several residents were able to safely escape the house, however one individual was trapped and rescued by HFD, that approximately 45 firefighters responded to the incident, which was tapped out about 4:50 p.m., that he wanted to give them kudos and thanked them for serving Houston on a daily basis; that he wanted to offer a special thanks to the District B team, who last Friday helped the District H team pickup and transport over 200 backpacks donated by Mayor Parker for the back to school fair and to the District H community. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Gonzalez on the work on Woodland Park, Mr. Feldman negotiated the settlement and they thought it was a

significant settlement and should send a strong message, but Council Member Gonzalez was on the issue from the moment they found out about it and had been a champion on it, that they needed to send a strong message, whether it was a street tree or any tree on public land they wanted to act to protect the. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she also wanted to add her staff member, Ms. Risha Batey, to Council Member Gonzalez transport of the backpacks, and thanked her for getting the van so they could get the backpacks; that she wanted to thank Officer Anders and for Council Member Gonzalez for communicating with her concerning boarding houses in the community, that she knew the ordinance would be in effect in November, but they were starting to have issues with boarding houses, there was an emergency meeting last night in the Honey Circle Community concerning a boarding house, there were currently 17 residents in the boarding house on Palm Street, that it was like an overnight pop-up, that everyone jumped on the issue and she wanted to commend the Honey Circle Community, HPD and Legal for working together on this issue because the house was not up to standard to accommodate 17 people; and announced events she attended or would be attending; that they wanted to give condolences to Mr. Skipper Lee Frazier for the passing of his wife, Ms. Martha Orellia Frazier. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that HPD Officer Omar Garcia Chavez was a night shift patrol officer assigned to the South Gessner Division, he responded to a criminal mischief charge at a Valero Gas Station, when a vehicle had rammed the store in an attempt to steal the ATM, that Officer Garcia Chavez was able to locate the suspects vehicle and detained two suspects, that his good policing resulted in the apprehension of the suspects, cleared approximately 28 cases linked to smash and grab burglaries of ATM machines and identified 9 other suspects who were possibly related to the crimes, that he wanted to congratulate Office Garcia Chavez who was truly one of Houston's finest; that he had forwarded an e-blast to the Hiram Clarke/Fort Bend Houston community leaders about applying for the special minimum lot size applications, that he would forward a similar e-blast next week to the Westbury, Brayes Oaks, Willow Meadows, Willow Bend, Westwood and South Braeswood comities, that for those neighborhoods that already had the language in their deed restrictions addressing the minimum lot size and/or building line requirements, they strongly encouraged them to consult with a private attorney to ensure their restrictions were valid in all respects and provided the protections set forth therein, that it was important to understand that the District K Office simply reviewed their deed restrictions for pertinent language and was making no assurance representations regarding the actual validity of their deed restrictions, the applications and information about this program could be found online with the Planning Department or their webpage or they could contract Mr. Calvin Calvey, Planning Department, at 713-837-7701. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Christi absent.

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

Council Member Cohen stated that Ms. Cindy Zerwas, wife of State Representative John Zerwas, passed away, that she was a terrific woman and had been ill for some time. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Christi absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:53 a.m. Council Members Pennington and Noriega absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Adams, Martin, Hoang, Rodriguez and Christi 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